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Dreamers and Doers celebrate strength, culture

Pageant Director Valara Petteway with (l-r) Mr. Juneteenth Jaxon Redding, Junior Miss Juneteenth Malaiah Dodd, Miss Juneteenth Aleece Carroll and First Runner-up Jayla Lewis.

Dreamers and Doers of Bradford County Inc. celebrated the rich history and culture of African American freedom and heritage with a Juneteenth Gala and Pageant. The pageant featured talented contestants, honoring the resilience and strength of the Black community. Led by a dedicated committee including Valara Petteway (director),

Shaunte Carter, Jarvis Desue, Audrey Myers, Daisy Davis, Faitha Desue, Naudia Jones and Quetina Jones, the celebration was a joyous occasion filled with music, dance and pride, serving as a reminder of the importance of freedom, equality, and unity. Congratulations to the winners: Miss Juneteenth Aleece Carroll, First

Runner-up Jayla Lewis, Junior Miss Juneteenth Malaiah Dodd and Mr. Juneteenth Jaxon Redding. The organization also thanks its generous sponsors for their support in making this event possible. These contributions helped bring together the community to celebrate this significant occasion.

Starke budget talk includes project planning

The future of city hall and other downtown projects considered

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
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Starke city commissioners took a first look at their budget for next year, discussing cost increases as well as plans for city hall and downtown revitalization projects. Manager Drew Mullins introduced the June 16 discussion, which focused on the \$9.8 million general fund.

A future workshop will address the enterprise (utilities) fund. The preliminary budget includes a 3% cost of living increase for all general fund employees, plus funding for performance and competitive pay increases of up to 3%. Several other increases are being built into the budget, including 6% more for health insurance, 7% more for liability insurance, 5% more for retirement contributions and an additional 3% to cover increases in other expenses. The general fund includes nearly \$574,000 for salaries under other government services, more than

\$132,000 in retirement contributions, \$108,000 for life and health insurance, \$146,000 for liability insurance, plus other general operating expenses. It also includes \$2.275 million for capital outlay, \$150,000 for a potential shared recreation program with the county and more than \$3.32 million in reserve funding. Some of the reserve funding is considered contingency for unexpected expenses, while \$1.26 million is set aside to cover three months of operating expenses.

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County considering how to fund youth recreation

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
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Commissioner Danny Riddick was encouraged not to give up working for a youth recreation program even if it was unclear the county would be able to make a full financial commitment in its 2026 budget. Riddick is leading the charge for many who want to see a countywide cooperative organization for youth sports that would provide recreation and build character in young people, allow them to play with friends from their own community, and encourage tourism from other communities. Proposed is a \$150,000 commitment each from Bradford County, the city of Starke and the Tourist Development Council, for a total year one budget of \$450,000. TDC's contribution would be used to improve park infrastructure, while the city and county funding would pay for operations, including hiring a program manager and assistant. After two years, Riddick said the program should be self-sufficient. Riddick's "Bradford Sports United" presentation went over well with city commissioners. Given just an hour before the county commission was scheduled to meet, Starke commissioners voted unanimously June 17 to support a joint recreation program, committing funds they already had in their budget.

While county commissioners are fully supportive of combining forces, there is the matter of funding. Talk of a new program is moving quickly when there are issues the county commission hasn't finalized, including the special assessment for fire and reducing property taxes. Riddick showed up thinking he had surmounted this obstacle by pointing out new tax revenue from

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Bingo Night for schools

Bradford County Communities for Schools' next Bingo Night is Monday, June 30, at Downtown Grill in Starke. Doors open at 5 p.m. and games begin at 5:30. Play 10 games for \$20 cash. Last game is Blackout for \$100. All proceeds, including 20% of food and beverage sales, goes to Communities for Schools.

Church of God food distribution

Starke Church of God by Faith and Farm Share's upcoming food distribution will take place on Thursday, July 3, from 10 a.m. to noon. This is a drive-thru distribution. The church is located at 730 Old Lawtey Road in Starke. (Distribution could start early depending on delivery.)

Democratic Women will meet June 26

The Democratic Women's Club of the Lakes Area will meet on Thursday, June 26, at 7 p.m. (with doors opening at 6:30). Sadie Holzmeyer from the Digital Democracy Project will be the speaker. All Democrats are welcome. Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Melrose Center, 309 State Hwy 26, Melrose, FL 32666. For further information call 352-235-4161.

Soil and Water board meeting

Bradford Soil and Water Conservation District invites all to the next meeting Tuesday, July 1, at 4:30 p.m. at the Bradford County Extension Office, 2266 N. Temple Ave. (Highway 301) in Starke. Discussion will include conditions at the Edwards Bottomlands and potential invasive species projects. Contact Amy Morie at 323-274-8858 or email a.morie.bswcd@gmail.com for more information and the Zoom link.

Collection site closings

All Bradford County solid waste collection sites will be closed for Independence Day on Friday, July 4. They will reopen at 10 a.m. on July 5.

Market at Melrose

The Market at Melrose Farmers and Crafts Sale takes place the second Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Mossman Hall in Melrose, 310 S.R. 26. The market features local artists, homemade crafts, one-of-a-kind gifts, a farmers market, plants and animals. To become a vendor, reach out to "Grumpa Curtis" at grumpa654@gmail.com.

Starke railroad overpass wins for outstanding project


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STARKE OVERPASS

SR 100 Starke Railroad Overpass

The Starke Railroad Overpass included construction of a new railroad overpass to carry SR 100 traffic safely over the railroad crossing in downtown Starke, Florida. The existing two-lane roadway was transitioned in phases into an overpass with bisecting parallel one-way pair frontage roads, maintaining continuous access during construction, along with utility and drainage upgrades. The completed project maintains connectivity between the residential and commercial areas of downtown Starke, creating a linear park facility beneath the overpass structure, and providing hardscaping elements to echo the context of the community.

The American Council of Engineering Companies of Florida recently honored eight Florida Department of Transportation infrastructure developments with Outstanding Project Awards for transportation achievements.

Starke's Railroad Overpass took the prize for Outstanding Bridge Project. "These award-winning projects represent real solutions that enhance safety, strengthen connectivity, and improve the quality of life for Florida's

communities," said FDOT Secretary Jared W. Perdue. "Every one of these projects show what is possible when dedicated teams across FDOT and Florida's engineering firms collaborate and align behind the same mission."

Other winning projects included U.S. 27 (S.R. 25) at S.R. 60 Interchange as Outstanding Major Project, S.R. 388 from S.R. 79 to Northwest Florida Beaches International Airport—Capacity Project for Outstanding

Roadway Project and U.S. 41 over Caloosahatchee River — Pedestrian Improvements Project as Outstanding Safety Project.



Bradford and Union 4-H join forces for business

BY ANGELINA BOUDY AND
MEAGAN DANIEL
UF/IFAS

During the week of June 9, UF/IFAS Union County Extension Office hosted a three-day 4-H camp titled Young Entrepreneurs, in collaboration with UF/IFAS Bradford County Extension. The camp aimed to educate youth ages 11 and up about the key elements of starting and running a successful business, to spark interest in entrepreneurship.

Throughout the week, participants engaged in activities covering marketing and branding, supply and demand, persuasive pitch writing, and identifying personality traits common to entrepreneurs. They also heard from a variety of local business owners, gaining real-world insight into business ownership and factors to consider when developing a business plan.

The camp concluded with participants presenting their business plans to a panel of “sharks,” modeled after the TV show Shark Tank. Youth showcased the knowledge they had gained and competed for prizes based on their creativity and presentation.

To kick off the week, participants completed a short questionnaire based on the True Colors personality test. After answering a series of questions, they identified their primary and secondary personality “colors”: Green, Gold, Blue or Orange. They shared their results as a group and learned how different personality traits can affect leadership, business success and professional relationships.

The first business visit was to The Roberts Companies, where Avery Roberts shared his entrepreneurial journey. He emphasized the importance of surrounding yourself with the right people and learning from mistakes. His key message: Don’t dwell on failures. Look forward and keep growing.

Melissa McNeal, owner of Six Petals Flower Co., spoke about running her floral business and her family’s multi-generational agriculture operation, Dukes Family Farms. She stressed the importance of anticipating client needs and prioritizing customer



Latoya Hampton practiced marketing with a beautiful presentation of a charcuterie tray.

satisfaction over personal preferences. Participants also visited Dukes Family Farm to help welcome guests to the Watermelon Variety Trial event. Youth were able to witness firsthand large-scale event coordination, stakeholder networking and the value of collaboration.

Realtor Sondra Hunt of United Country Realty discussed branding and using social media presence as a marketing tool. She highlighted the importance of establishing strong relationships with clients that are based on trust. She also talked about the need for resilience since running a business, much like real estate, can encounter unpredictable challenges.

At Gather, a newer Lake Butler business, Jennifer Thomas shared her vision for her

business and led a collaborative activity where youth identified traits of entrepreneurs, such as generosity, creativity, and leadership. She encouraged youth to lead with purpose and pursue their passions.

The final business the youth visited was Belle Oaks Barn in Brooker. Owners Doug and Michelle Green shared their journey in the agritourism industry and how they’ve adapted over time to help their venue thrive. Their story inspired youth to think big and embrace learning as part of business growth.

Throughout the camp, youth developed their own business ideas, including titles, logos, taglines and marketing plans. At the end of the week, they presented their business pitches to a panel of judges, or “sharks,”



The group kicked off their business visits with a trip to see Avery Roberts at The Roberts Companies. Left to right: Indi Knox, Hayden Robinson, Ella Griffis, Paislee Shaw, Angelina Boudy, Greyson Johns, Brantley Porr, Trenton Johns, Avery Robers, Jensen Tetstone, Raylan Dyal, Latoya Hampton and Weston Daniel.

to earn hypothetical investments. The panel included Lizzie Whitehead (UF/IFAS Bradford County extension agent), Stephanie Sellers (Union County High School Assistant principal), and Ashlyn Gladding (Union County High School teacher).

All 12 participants presented impressive business ideas, including homemade sugar scrubs, wood crafts, lip balms, an automatic fishing reel, an agritourism farm and a private gym. The top three winners were: 1st place: Weston Daniel – welding business.

2nd place: Indi Knox – Mini Miles, a car seat rental business.

3rd place: Brantley Porr – electrical business.

Thanks to all the businesses and judges who contributed to the success of the Young Entrepreneurs camp. Additionally, a special thank you to Clay Electric for providing a grant that covered registration fees for this camp, making it possible for Union County 4-H to continue offering exciting opportunities for older youth in 4-H.

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Union County 4-H received an Operation Round Up grant that provided participants with a scholarship for the week. George Dyal and Jordan Wade presented the grant. Pictured left to right: George Dyal, Rylie Dison, Brantley Porr, Weston Daniel, Jensen Tetstone, Raylan Dyal, Latoya Hampton, Greyson Johns, Ella Griffis, Trenton Johns, Meagan Daniel, Indi Knox, Paislee Shaw, Hayden Robinson, Angelina Boudy and Jordan Wade.



Jennifer Thomas opened up her business to the group and even provided them with a delicious flatbread luncheon. Pictured left to right in back: Jennifer Thomas, Jensen Tetstone, Latoya Hampton, and Rylie Dixon. Middle: Greyson Johns, Indi Knox, Paislee Shaw, Brantley Porr, Weston Daniel, Ella Griffis, Hayden Robinson and Angelina Boudy. In front: Trenton Johns and Raylan Dyal.

Union County food distribution

Food is distributed in Union County at the Hal Y. Maines Community Center on the third Thursday of each month from 9–10:30 a.m. or while supplies last. The center is located at 155

NW Third St. in Lake Butler. The giveaway is sponsored by Florida Gateway Foodbank and Catholic Charities.

STEM camp at UCPL

Union County Public Library is hosting a 3-day STEM camp

for youth ages 5-10 years old from July 14-16. From 9:30 to 1 p.m. each day, students will discover, innovate and create through science, technology, engineering and math activities. The cost is \$20 per day, and advanced payment is required.



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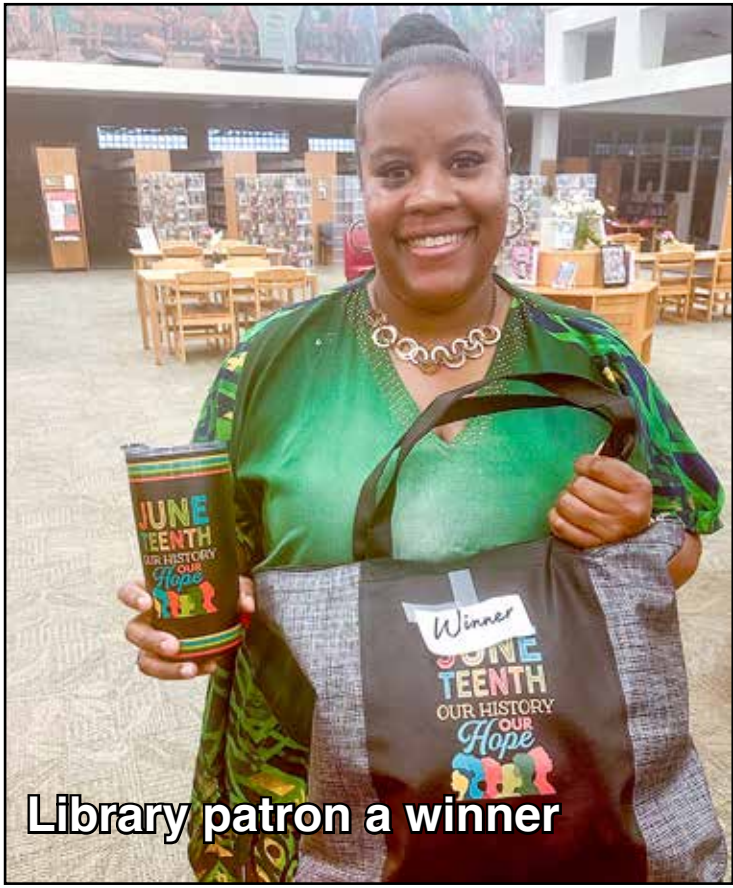
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Library patron a winner

The winner of the Friends of the Bradford County Public Library Juneteenth Giveaway, Shaunte' Carter, took home a themed bag and tumbler.

Starke-Spangled Splash Bash expands to two days at the fairgrounds

The Starke-Spangled Splash Bash returns in 2025 as a two-day event at the fairgrounds that begins with a downtown parade in honor of veterans.

Just as last year, the parade will pass the nursing homes in Starke so the residents and veterans will be able to watch the parade. This year, parade officials are proud to announce that former Rep. Bobby Payne will be the grand marshal. Payne served as a member of the Florida House of Representatives from 2016-2024 and is now a Bradford County resident.

Spectators are invited to park downtown and watch the parade from under the Madison Street railroad overpass in the shade by the Downtown Square. Viewers can also walk to Wainwright Park to watch the parade, but the parking area will be blocked off for the parade route.

During and after the parade, snow cones and ice cream will

be available along Church Street next to the Downtown Square.

The parade begins at 9 a.m. on Friday, July 4, and there are still openings for parade vehicles to participate, according to Michael Heeder, Splash Bash creator and organizer.

"Last year, we received many compliments about the parade route and the chance for the elderly residents to watch the parade, something that just doesn't normally happen in many communities," said Heeder. "We love the participation and invite everyone with Jeeps, side-by-sides and golf carts to decorate in your best patriotic display and come be a part of our latest tradition. This year, we would love to get as many horse riders involved as possible."

Motorcycles, vintage and other specialty vehicles and floats are invited, but off-road 4-wheelers, lawnmowers and dirt bikes are not permitted in the

parade. Applications and details are available by contacting starkesplashbash@gmail.com or 904-290-1010.

Parade route

The lineup for participants is on Stansbury Street next to the former Southside Elementary School. From there it will proceed north on Colley Road passing Riverwood, turning west on Laura Street. After crossing over Water Street (S.R. 100) and passing Windsor Manor, the parade turns north on Church Street. The parade will follow Church Street under the overpass and continue on Church Street, passing Young Hearts Assisted Living (formerly Parkside Assisted Living). At Wainwright Park, it will turn right on Bridges Street and proceed south down Water Street, ending at the Downtown Square.

Splash Bash fireworks and more

The parade kicks off the annual Fourth event which this year is returning to the Bradford County Fairgrounds with a different lineup of food, entertainment and activities Friday and Saturday, July 4 and 5. This includes a live performance by the band Faster Than Flash on Friday afternoon starting at 5 p.m., water slides, a Bubble Zone from a fire truck, and a special military recognition of Gold Star members after the concert, followed by the National Anthem and fireworks at 9:45 p.m.

Then on Saturday, a batting cage experience will be set up for all ages to come out and show off their Big League swings, as well as another afternoon of water slides.

Gates open at the fairgrounds at noon on both days.

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development and increasing property values, investment revenue from bank deposits, and savings on solid waste since the garbage assessment was increased and dumping from out of county was prohibited. Riddick said he couldn't find \$150,000 within the budget by cutting expenses, but according to him, but he calculated more than \$3 million in new revenue.

"As you can see from the money we've got invested, the money we got coming in next year, the county is not broke. We're not broke. I mean, we're in the black this year, we're going to be in the black next year. The county is definitely not broke,"

he said.

Sheriff Gordon Smith said with funding increases from the state and city of Starke, there may be savings for the county in his spending that could go toward recreation as well.

Chief Deputy Clerk Rachel Rhoden shared a different perspective on finances. The fire assessment, for example, will only cover about 50% of the fire department budget, which continues to grow. In addition to new firefighters and a new station approved for Brooker, commissioners have also expanded the workforce in the road department. And despite what it might look like, the solid waste department is being balanced with its reserve funding, which will be depleted within two years, she said. After

that, solid waste will have a half-million-dollar deficit.

Other expenses such as health insurance are increasing. That alone is a \$1.5 million addition to the next budget, Rhoden said. Between increases in recurring costs and new expenses the board has added, she said any new revenue has already been spent.

Commissioner Chris Dougherty said he thought the search for funding would come from budget cuts, whether its cutting services to citizens or benefits like health insurance for employees. That means getting more calls about mowing ditches, grading roads and long response times for emergency services, he said.

Riddick expressed disappointment but said he

would not beat the issue to death.

"Anyway, y'all can bring it back up again if you want. I won't bring it back up again. That's it. I'll let it go," he said.

Dougherty said not to dismiss the issue so quickly.

"Like I said, there's work to be done. We just have to do that work," Dougherty said, but Riddick was convinced if the plan wasn't approved for the next budget year, then approval would be years down the road. He said he would be willing to take another look when department budgets are submitted.

"I think that that is something that we should do," Commissioner Diane Andrews said. "I definitely don't want to take this off the agenda and never talk about it again, because I feel strongly about us being a

part of this and doing this. But I think that we need to give people an opportunity to look and see where they can cut, see what we can come up with that won't cost us anymore, but yet it will be funding for (recreation)."

"We have to change our culture and how we think," Commissioner Carolyn Spooner said. "We have to think outside of the box. And recreation is important, but we have to figure out a way to do it within our existing budget without depleting our contingency funds. And I think something could be worked out, but it's not done."

County Manager Scott Kornegay said they would look for cuts prior to the commission's budget workshop, scheduled for July 1.

Waiting list for rental assistance

Union County Housing Authority has an open waiting list for eligible low-income families, elderly individuals and persons with disabilities who need housing assistance. Eligibility is determined based on annual income, family composition, and U.S. citizenship or immigration status. Contact UCHA at 715 W. Main St. in Lake Butler, 386-496-2047, or www.uchaf1.com.



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A significant reduction in outside consulting services cut nearly \$80,000 from the budget for next year, reducing costs to around \$121,000.

After taking the commission through those figures, Finance Director James Hughes addressed the fire department, spending for which also comes out of the general fund. An increase from \$1.195 million to \$1.4 million is due to increased staffing expenses. Hughes said there would now be a third firefighter on all three shifts. Two of the shifts have been covered by just two personnel due to budget cuts.

Law enforcement expenses are increasing from \$782,000 to \$807,500. The additional

funding from the projected increase in property tax revenue will fund the sheriff's office's coverage of the city. The budget also reflects a small decrease in funding toward pensions for former police officers.

Concerns included Commissioner Danny Nugent's request to make sure that funding intended for street repairs following utility line replacements remains earmarked for that purpose.

Downtown, veterans park and city hall

There was also discussion of capital projects, including the City Walk downtown revitalization, which includes improvements at the Downtown Square, the relocation of Veterans Memorial Park and renovation of the Jarmon property, a former commercial storefront the

commission acquired last year. How the commission proceeds will determine how the capital outlay money is spent.

The city also has grants specifically for the Concerned Citizens of Bradford County's RJE Center rehabilitation and utility line replacements.

When it comes to Veterans Park, money has been included that could cover the cost of moving the existing monuments. The city may have to look for sponsors to cover the cost of adding monuments.

"It's really going to have to come down to what it's going to look like," said Mayor Andy Redding, who has been researching examples in other communities. The move has "drug on" as the city waited to see what would happen with development of the adjacent housing project. With a plan and a timeline, Redding said the project could be completed my Memorial Day 2026.

In discussing the potential for the project cost to multiply, Commissioner Bob Milner said, "We may not be able to tote this wagon by ourselves." If requests for new monuments representing additional conflicts are added, then like other communities, the city may need to rely on private funding, he said.

Commissioner Scott Roberts said the city could also accomplish the expansion over time, setting aside money over several years to make the additions.

"I think we're all trying to achieve the same goal, which is a great memorial," he said.

Redding said he would work with veterans groups on the design and bring that information back to the commission. He said the city also needs a plan for the Jarmon building.

"With us owning it, it doesn't need to sit there looking like it does for forever," he said.

Nugent also mentioned property near the overpass that Florida Department of Transportation is donating to the city with the caveat that the city develops it for a public purpose. The city needs a plan for that as well.

ADA improvements at city hall have been on the to-do list for a while but are still in question. Redding also mentioned upgrading technology in the boardroom, with Milner advocating the ability to livestream meetings. The commission is unsure about investing in the current building, however. A land swap with the school district will see the city yard move to the former Southside Elementary School campus. Redding said there is a lot of property there and a lot of potential for relocating city hall operations.

According to Milner, there was once funding set aside to carry out city hall improvements in the range of \$300,000. Staff will research whether that money is still in the account.

A priority project list will be developed with projected costs for the commission to consider as well, but the consensus was that city hall and the Jarmon property are probably number one and two.

The next budget workshop will take place a 4:30 p.m. on July 15.

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Wainwright Park is another great location to enjoy the parade. The parade route also includes all includes Riverwood Health Rehabilitation Center, Windsor Health and Rehabilitation Center, and Young Hearts Extended Assisted Living Facility • Grand Marshal- Bobby Payne

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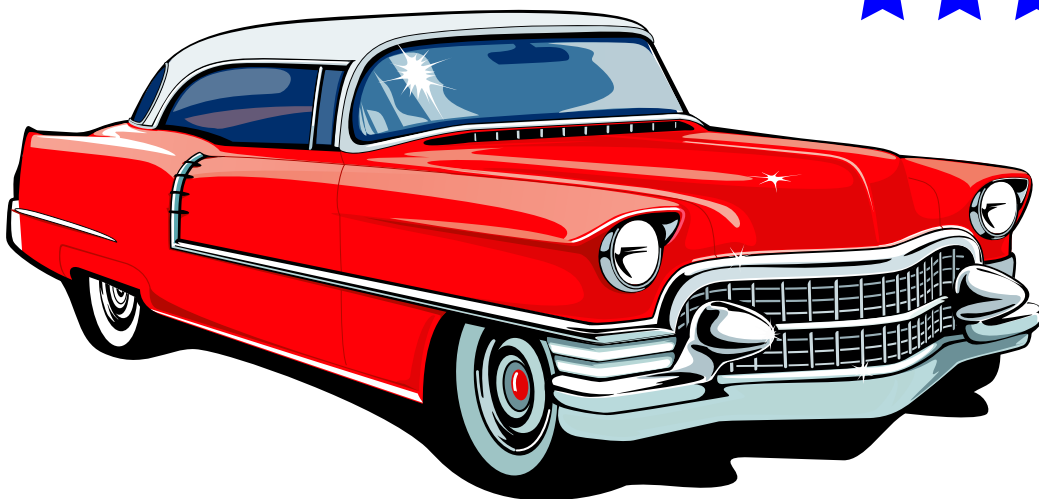
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Lee Cason shows Becky Chason how close he is to being able to shout out “Bingo!!!” and selecting a book to read this summer.



Felicia Simon shares a laugh with Melanie Jackson, Presley Acree, and Tonya Mitchell after winning a game of Book Bingo with her child.

On second thought: Proposed pavilion moved to opposite corner

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
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Starke commissioners have amended their plan for a new pavilion at the Downtown Square by moving it to the opposite corner.

In response to concerns about a new entertainment stage facing toward existing and future residential development, the plan now calls for building the stage in the southeast corner of the property.

“There’s been a number of people who have voiced a concern about the orientation of that building, and with the future development that is going to happen along the east side that pavilion, (it) would basically be directly influencing or affecting those residents, future residents,” architect Paul Stressing said.

The existing stage — which was to be preserved for other uses — will be torn down. Engineering documents for the structure could not be located, and there was fear that it would not support the weight of any additional load.

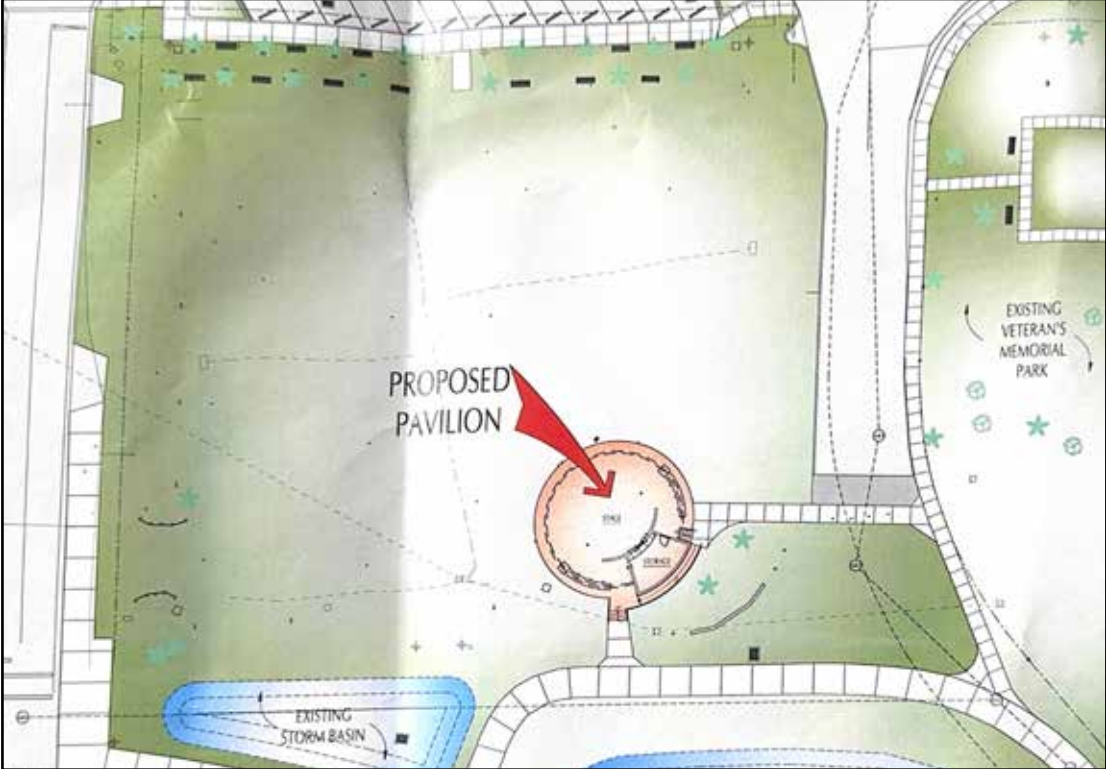
The new stage was based on one in the town of Tioga but is 25% larger. It has a storage area behind the stage, support for theatrical lighting and a screen that can be lowered for movie projections.

The northwest corner was originally chosen so Church Street could be closed during events for staging and parking food trucks. That could now take place on the remaining portion of South Water Street, which has been closed since the construction of the railroad overpass.

The city has an \$800,000 grant to cover construction costs and found the remaining \$142,347 in line items for grant matching funds and park improvements. The construction contract was awarded to Scherer Construction in April. The change in plans is not expected to impact construction costs.

Commissioner Bob Milner said the new stage would be located where it belonged all along. Additionally, the squared doesn’t need two stages, he said. The room is needed for spectators and other activities.

Mayor Andy Redding mentioned adding a small stage to the storage area behind the pavilion since it will face the new Veterans Memorial Park and could possibly be used to set up a podium during ceremonies.



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NOTICE OF ELECTION TOWN OF WORTHINGTON SPRINGS

NOTICE is hereby given as provided by the Charter of the Town of Worthington Springs, Florida, that a municipal election will be held in the said Town of Worthington Springs on the third (3rd) Tuesday in July 2025 the same being July 15, 2025, for the purpose of electing the following officers of the said Town of Worthington Springs to serve for the term as hereinafter stated, to wit:

Seat One for a term of four (4) years
Pam Williams (Incumbent)
Danny Guyer

Seat Three for a term of four (4) years
Nita Elixson (Incumbent)
Leslie Sasser

Election will be held at the City Hall located at 11933 SW 36 DR and State Road 121 in Worthington Springs, Florida on Tuesday, July 15, 2025 and the polls will be open at 7:00 am and close at 7:00 pm.

To vote by mail contact Supervisor of Elections at 386-496-2236. Last day to request a Vote by mail is Thursday, July 3rd, 2025. Ballot must be returned to Supervisor of Elections office by July 15th.

Clerk of Election: Ramona Dewees
Asst. Clerk: Patricia Lynch
Deputy: Chick Dewees
Pat Harrell, Clerk
Town Worthington Springs

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

Tyrell Banks, 34, of Orlando, was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 20 for lewd and lascivious behavior.

101 mph on motorcycle

Naketa Barnes, 34, of Palm Bay, was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 19 for resisting an officer, driving with a suspended or revoked license, possession of drugs, possession of drug equipment, and reckless driving.

According to an arrest report, Deputy T. Lovell saw a southbound green motorcycle passing cars at a high rate of speed on U.S. 301 north of the bypass. The deputy clocked the two-wheeler at 101 mph in a 65-mph zone.

"I made a U-turn in an attempt to conduct a traffic stop, at which point the motorcycle accelerated at a high rate of speed, continuing south," the officer wrote. "I notified Trooper Palmer with the Florida Highway Patrol of the situation. Trooper Palmer was in front of the motorcycle."

Lovell added that when Barnes tried to pass the trooper, Palmer stopped the motorcycle.

Lovell added that as he approached the bike, he saw a plastic baggie inside the rider's helmet near her mouth. The substance inside the plastic tested positive for methamphetamine.

A check with dispatch revealed the driver did not possess a valid license.

"I asked Naketa why she ran, and she advised 'she was scared,'" reported Lovell. "I inquired

about the methamphetamine and Naketa advised she has been addicted for ten years."

Text message: 'You will die.'

Matthew Barnhardt, 37, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 19 for intimidation.

According to an arrest report, the victim told deputies she received several threatening text messages from her ex-boyfriend and the father of her children.

She showed deputies multiple threatening messages, including one that read "You will die."

Deputy David Hall wrote in the report that when he interviewed the defendant, "Matthew stated he would never cause harm to (the victim) but agreed that the text messages would lead a reasonable person to believe he wanted to cause severe harm to them."

A'niyah Carroll, 21, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 19 for a probation violation.

Sharon Fussel, 60, of Brooker, was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 17 for possession of drug equipment and possession of drugs.

Jena Gentry, 39, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 18 for an out-of-county warrant.

Thomas Golsner, 30, of Gainesville, was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 15 for DUI and driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Steven Hall, 63, of Starke, was arrested by Lawtey police on June 18 for driving with a suspended or revoked license, possession of drug equipment, and possession of drugs.

Tabitha Hopkins, 46, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 19 for a probation violation.

Thomas Igoe, 21, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 17 for battery.

Devonte Jackson, 31, of Jacksonville, was arrested by

Lawtey police on June 20 for driving with a suspended or revoked license, possession of drug equipment, and possession of drugs.

Antwan Johnson, 35, of Gainesville, was arrested by Lawtey police on June 18 for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Meth found during speeding stop

Marie Meating Pendergrass, 61, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 17 for possession of drugs. According to a sworn complaint, deputies stopped the defendant's Jeep on May 8 in the area of Starke's Brownlee and Clark Streets for going 40 mph in a 30-mph zone. After gaining consent to search the vehicle, officers found a glass pipe with methamphetamine residue within the 61-year-old's purse. On June 19, the defendant pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and was sentenced to 18 months' drug offender probation.

Ransom Norman, 24, of Lawtey, was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 17 for possession of drugs, selling drugs, and possession of drug equipment.

Lori Reid, 53, of Brooker, was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 16 for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Donald Stewart, 62, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 19 for failure to appear.

Donald Stokes, 48, of Daytona, was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 20 for failure to appear.

Hit woman with frozen chicken

Steven Thornton, 53, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 14 for battery.

According to an arrest report, after arriving on scene, deputies observed that both the victim and the defendant were intoxicated. According to the victim, the

pair got into an argument, with Thornton following the victim into a bedroom where he sat on top of her and grabbed her hands, causing injuries.

"(The victim) was able to get Steven off, at which time they entered the living room area," wrote Deputy Paul King in the report. "Steven removed a bag of frozen chicken from the deep freezer in the living room and hit (the victim) in the upper lip."

King added that the defendant denied striking the woman and claimed that she attacked him.

Trespassing victim arrested for probation violation

Regina Tisdale, 50, of Lawtey, was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 16 for a probation violation.

According to an arrest report, the defendant called 911 after a man knocked on her door holding a brick. After arresting Terriano Tisdale for trespassing on the woman's property, deputies discovered she had an outstanding warrant and took her into custody.

Rang doorbell holding brick

Terriano Tisdale, 35, was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 17 for trespassing.

According to an arrest report, a Lawtey woman reported that a man was at her front door, knocking and ringing the doorbell.

"(The victim) advised that Terriano had a brick in his hand, and she was concerned that he might try to break the window," wrote Deputy K. Mazingo in the report.

Lawtey police later located the defendant on the corner of Lake Street and First Street.

While being arrested, Tisdale protested that he didn't do any harm to the property and was just knocking on the door and ringing the doorbell in order to speak with his family.

Randy Williams, 67, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 20 for trespassing.

Tyler Zakowski, 33, of Jacksonville, was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 14 for possession of marijuana

Union

Cleaning lady accused of theft

Samantha Dover, 26, of Lake City, was arrested by Union deputies on June 17 for grand theft.

According to an April 8 complaint, the owner of a cleaning service met Deputy Charles Townsend about Dover, her employee, possibly stealing jewelry from a customer.

Townsend consulted an online database and discovered the defendant had four transactions at a Lake City pawn shop from January through March. Another woman, who had the same address as the defendant, had four additional transactions between March and April.

Two of the rings pawned by the roommate matched the descriptions of the missing jewelry.

According to Townsend, further investigation revealed that on six occasions, when a customer realized jewelry was missing, the defendant or the roommate pawned jewelry at the Lake City pawn shop the following day.

Townsend located additional victims, who then filed theft reports with the sheriff's office.

The deputy obtained photographs of the pawned merchandise, and the victims identified the jewelry as their property.

Michael Findley, 45, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Union deputies on June 17 for an out-of-county warrant.

Jeffrey Garven, 43, of Summerfield, was arrested by Union deputies on June 24 for an out-of-county warrant.

Jason Keenan, 43, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Union deputies on June 18 for lewd and lascivious behavior.

Text: 'We both know I can break you in half'

Thomas Lindboe, 42, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Union deputies on June 16 for intimidation.

According to an arrest report, the victim told deputies that Lindboe had grown increasingly frustrated by her refusal to meet with him at a Worthington

Springs convenience store for a child custody visit.

"(The victim) advised that she had been meeting Thomas at the designated Safe Custody Exchange location at the sheriff's office, but Thomas did not like going there," wrote Deputy Samuel Murphy in the report. "As Thomas continued to message her, his messages became more hostile in nature. He began to make statements like, 'We both know I can break you in half with one hand with very little effort'".

After one exchange in which the defendant became angry over the victim not having the child call Lindboe, the defendant messaged, "I've already been to jail once over her, I'll gladly go again if you aren't at the store at 6."

Doris Rewis, 50, of Raiford, was arrested by Union deputies on June 17 for a probation violation.

Dylan Shuler, 33, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Union deputies on June 17 for a probation violation.

Ronda Stringer, 57, of Jacksonville, was arrested by Union deputies on June 20 for possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and possession of drug equipment.

Clay

Wrestled over iPhone

Jacob Duncan, 21, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Clay deputies on June 14 for domestic battery.

According to an arrest report, the victim told deputies that her boyfriend of four years was intoxicated and began an argument with her.

"The victim stated (that) as the argument escalated, she took a bottle of liquor, which she believed the defendant had been consuming, and poured it out," wrote Deputy B.A. Jones in the report. "She said this enraged the defendant, so she retrieved her iPhone to attempt to record the argument, fearing the defendant would become violent."

The victim added that Duncan tried to snatch the phone from her hands, and the two wrestled over the device.

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Advertisement:

Celebrating 100 years of Keystone Heights history

Keystone's founder was man of business, faith

John J. Lawrence, the founder of Keystone Heights, was born in June 1870 in the Summerhill Township of Erie County, Pennsylvania, to parents, Hiram Lawrence of Pennsylvania and Julia Walrath Lawrence of New York.

Lawrence's wife, Agnes Ellen Boyd, was born on March 7, 1891, in Somerset County, Pennsylvania, and they were married on December 16, 1916, in Pittsburgh.

Lawrence was an ordained minister and is memorable for his participation in religious causes and organizations, as well as his land development. His theology has been described as interdenominational in scope, reflecting the four-fold gospel of salvation, sanctification, healing, and the second coming of Christ.

From Lake Brooklyn to Lake Geneva



During the opening years of this century, many land speculators and developers came from the north, either to invest in or develop land in Florida. Shortly after World War I, Lawrence, like most of the others, headed first for the south of the state, toward Miami.

There, he investigated the possibility of acquiring and developing some land, but because he was dissatisfied with the high prices in southern Florida, he began traveling along the Trail Ridge, searching for an ideal town site where the land prices were reasonable.

Apparently, while Lawrence was still residing in Pennsylvania, George Sebring had asked him to come to Florida to assist him in a development project he was undertaking. The city they developed together is now the city of Sebring.

While in Sebring, Lawrence met J. B. Zell, who owned several thousand acres around Brooklyn Lake, formally

located where Park of The Palms is today. Lawrence visited the area, decided it was suitable for his plans, and purchased the land.

He invited his brothers, Jess, Joe, and Claude, to invest in and develop the land with him, and in 1919, they founded

the Lawrence Development Company, which they headquartered in the Brooklyn Hotel, a two-story frame building.



The Lawrence Family consisted of John Sr. (seated) and (l-r standing) Agnes, John Jr. and Jess. This photo was taken around 1924.

John Lawrence quickly became dissatisfied with Brooklyn's platting. Agnes took him to the shore of the lake she had found while on a walk, and they agreed to move the town site to Lake Geneva.

The new town, Keystone Heights, would be an investment opportunity for entrepreneurial northerners. The Lawrence Brothers envisioned a community supported

economically by pecan orchards and orange groves. They began clearing the land themselves with the assistance of a few local residents.



The Lawrence Family consisted of John Sr. (seated) and (l-r standing) Agnes, John Jr. and Jess. This photo was taken around 1924.

Revivals, schools and churches

Besides his real estate activities in Sebring and Keystone Heights, Lawrence was interested in promoting religious organizations. He and his wife frequently entertained the Rev. Dr. W. T. Watson, and Dr. John Minder, who traveled through this section of Florida

to conduct services in homes, schoolhouses, and churches.

In 1924 when Rev. Watson went to St. Petersburg to begin

eventually grew even larger and has since changed its name to Trinity College.

Lawrence also helped to form the Gospel Tabernacle of Melrose, an organization affiliated with the Christian and Missionary Alliance, whose charter lists its objective as to promote the cause of the Christian religion. Lawrence served on its board of trustees for three years.

John Lawrence is also remembered locally for having started the first church in Keystone Heights, Community Christian Church, which met in his house, located on the hill at the corner of Lawrence Boulevard and Jasmine Avenue, until other facilities were available.

Estate liquidated

John Lawrence died of colon cancer at 6 a.m., March 25, 1929, at St. Luke's Hospital in Jacksonville. Just prior to his death, he was reported to have felt ill but still able to get around town. He went to Jacksonville simply for treatment. His death was unexpected.

Agnes Lawrence lived until 1968. They had no children, and Agnes rationalized that since all their relatives were already self-sufficient, the Lawrence estate should be liquidated into cash and donated in John Lawrence's name to any Christian cause to be chosen at the discretion of the executor. Agnes suggested a scholarship fund for ministerial students at Trinity College.

UNION COUNTY

Golfing for a good cause

Union County Pop Warner hosts scramble

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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Sixty golfers hit the links at Quail Heights Country Club in Lake City on Saturday, June 21, to support Union County’s Pop Warner youth football program. League President and Union County Commissioner Mac Johns organized the event. During a board of county commissioners meeting last week, he told his fellow commissioners that fundraising for the league allowed him to purchase \$9,000 in new equipment for the youth football organization. During the shotgun-start scramble, Johns said he decided to step in and lead the league after it had dwindled to one team with no cheerleaders.

So far this year, enough players for three teams have signed up for the upcoming season. Johns said fundraising fills the gap between what most parents can afford to pay and the program’s costs. He added that his league charges parents around \$150 per player, which only covers the price of a uniform and equipment. Pop Warner registration fees and insurance add \$40 to the cost. Team Crawford, consisting of Taylor Crawford, Tammy Carter, Ryan Crawford, and Karlee Gainey, took first place in the scramble with a score of 49. Team Thompson, consisting of Wyatt Thomas, David Thomas, Nolan Julius, and Walker Thompson, came in second. The foursome donated their \$300 prize to Union County Pop Warner. They scored 51.



Brian Dicks won closest to the pin on Number 11.



Team Crawford took first place with a score of 49. (L-r) Taylor Crawford, Tammy Carter and Ryan Crawford. Not pictured Karlee Gainey.



Runners up, Team Thompson with (l-r) Wyatt Thomas, David Thomas, Nolan Julius and Walker Thompson. The foursome donated their \$300 prize to Union County Pop Warner.



Marla Williams won the \$100 award for the best dressed female golfer.



Event organizers Vicky and Mac Johns welcome golfers off the course.



David Tew won the award for best-dressed male golfer. He also won closest to the pin for the 15th hole.



Trevor Holtzendorf shot the longest drive.



The Florida Septic Services Team after finishing the seventh hole. (L-r) Wyatt Waldron, Jerry Keller, Steven Waldron, and Dalton Waldron.



Mike Tew was closest to the pin on the fifth hole.



Taylor Crawford won closest to the pin for the 17th hole.

Union County organizer speaks to Keystone Heights group

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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ACORN Clinic Executive Director Tina Lloyd spoke to the Keystone Heights Rotary Club on June 11, telling the Lake Region civic group how her nonprofit delivers dental care to underprivileged residents. Lloyd also described her role in leading other Union County community groups, including United for a Cure, the Union County Impact Initiative, and the Lake Butler Rotary Club.

Loses \$83 on each patient

Lloyd said that when she was hired to lead the Brooker-based dental clinic in May 2024, the board told her the nonprofit needed money, and it was her job to find it. The new hire responded that since the clinic was approaching its 50th anniversary, a celebration fundraiser would be her first major project. She said the nonprofit set a goal of raising \$50,000 for the night, and the event netted \$56,000. “When I do a dinner,” she told the Rotarians, “I’m going to think strategically. I don’t just go

out and sell tables for whatever amount. We got a big poster board and wrote how many tables there would be at the event.” Lloyd added that she and her team then set financial goals for each segment of the fundraiser. She also said the group’s total cost for the event was \$1,700. “Belle Oaks Barn in Brooker offered the venue space for free,” she said. “I went to Piesanos in Gainesville, and Piesanos provided the meal for 200 people for free, and they even offered to do it annually.” Lloyd said fundraising is critical to the clinic’s mission because it loses \$83 every time a patient walks into its facility. The program is staffed by fourth-year dental students from the University of Florida’s College of Dentistry and Santa Fe College dental hygiene students. One staff dentist oversees the work of the students. The executive director said availability is one reason her clinic draws from such a wide area. While there are other free dental clinics in North Central Florida, few have appointments available. The ACORN Clinic schedules appointments around its volunteer students’ schedules before each semester. “I mean, a lot of these dental



Union County leader Tina Lloyd spoke to the Keystone Heights Rotary Club on June 11.

offices are (booked) out like a year,” she said. “We book for one quarter after we get the student schedule. So, right now, we’re booked up until August. When we get the new schedule, people start calling in August, and we fill the schedule with people that are on the waiting list.” Lloyd said grant writing has been another funding avenue. She recently received a \$6,000 award from Wawa, a \$25,000 grant from the Jacarlene Foundation, and a \$20,000 grant from the Clay Electric Foundation. “I’m applying everywhere,”

she said.

Making an impact

Lloyd told the Rotarians she is an Alachua County Safety Net member and thought Union County should organize a similar effort. She added that the Alachua group is centered around healthcare and felt that a parallel organization in her home county should expand beyond that focus. “So, my vision for the Union County Impact Initiative was to have a space where people can come and network and collaborate, all the different businesses, and then also to use it as an opportunity for us to talk about the needs in the county, whether it’s healthcare, food, economical, whatever, disparities that we could talk about as a group and identify those and then collaborate with how to change it.” Lloyd said representatives from 85 organizations attended the inaugural meeting of the Union County Impact Initiative. “When you look around, you drive through Union County,” she told the civic group, “You say, oh, we might have 20 businesses. It was amazing. We had people come from the Bradford Health Department, and we had trucking companies and insurance companies.” Lloyd said one attendee from a Jacksonville-based managed care plan wrote a \$2,500 check on the spot and promised to be at all future initiative meetings. “So, that’s how powerful that was,” she added. Lloyd said that since the initiative is still in its early stages and not yet legally formed, the Lake Butler Rotary Club is officially running the operation. The organizer said that as part of the effort, she applied for a \$350,000 Healthy Communities grant from Florida Blue, listing

ACORN Clinic and the Union County Impact Initiative as participants. “Union County is the smallest county in the state, and we’re known to be the most unhealthy,” she said. So, we want to change that.” United for a Cure Lloyd next talked about a cancer support organization she and three other Union County women launched four years ago: United for a Cure. She said that the foursome turned over proceeds to the American Cancer Society after the group’s first fundraiser. “The following year, we decided let’s do something different,” Lloyd recalled. “Let’s make it our own. Let’s keep the funds in the county and support the residents of Union County. So, with that, we started the second year, and since then, we have raised close to \$180,000.” Lloyd said United for a Cure pays for any cancer screenings. “The second thing that we do is we provide financial assistance,” she said. “We give \$3,000 to anyone that’s in active treatment. They can use it however they choose. They can use it for rent, mortgage, they can use it for gas, they can use it for phone bills, medical co-pay, or whatever it may be. Because anybody who gets diagnosed with cancer, it is not something you expect.” Lloyd said the group’s primary event is a fundraising walk on the last Saturday in September. She added that the organization receives a lot of support from Bradford County.

treasurer. She said that when she joined the club three years ago, there were some negative impressions of the group in the community. “And I think a lot of it was because they thought that Rotary was just a place to go sit down and have a free meal with chicken and a lot of old men talking,” she said. Lloyd said the club began overcoming that negative impression by recruiting new members. “We have a lot of young, spirited people who are ready to get going,” she said. “It actually encouraged the other members who have been members for years to really get involved.” “I’m a firm believer that if you’re sitting in the chair, there’s something you can do,” the club treasurer continued. “You can register somebody, you can make a call, you can go drop off a flyer, whatever it is, you can do it.” Lloyd added that the club’s cash reserves have quadrupled over the three years since she has been in the club. “And that’s after paying \$15,000 for our fireworks,” she said. “We were able to hand out 20 scholarships, including eight to Union County High School students.”

It’s about the ask

Lloyd then talked about the club’s annual fundraiser, which netted over \$80,000 in one night. She said she and club President Alexandra Pritchett modeled the event on the successful ACORN Clinic 50th Anniversary celebration. “We have worked together,” she recalled, “and it’s about the ask. If you don’t ask, they can’t support it. Union County has a lot of giving people. I am just amazed at the money that gets

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Court of Appeal hears arguments in Starke

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Florida's First District Court of Appeal heard oral arguments

in three cases in Starke on June 18.

The Tallahassee-based court ordinarily hears cases in the state capital but also hears cases throughout the First District, which consists of the First, Second, Third, Eighth, and Fourteenth circuits. Florida's Eighth Judicial

Circuit is based in Gainesville and includes Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Levy, Gilchrist, and Union Counties.

On June 18, a three-judge panel of L. Clayton Roberts, Stephanie W. Ray, and Adam S. Tanenbaum heard oral arguments at the Bradford County Courthouse.

The first case, the Estate of Kyle Robert Volp vs. the Florida Sheriff's Risk Management Fund and Andrew William Sasser, involved a Nassau County correctional deputy who used force on a pretrial detainee, resulting in the deputy's termination and battery charges being filed against him.

A lawyer for the estate sought to reverse a lower court's ruling that the risk management fund's policy covering the sheriff's office did not cover the use of force incident because the policy excluded criminal acts. However, the same policy expressly stated that it did cover battery.

In the second case, Kenneth Lakatis vs. the Citrus County Sheriff's Office and the Sheriff's Risk Management Fund, lawyers for the appellant, Lakatis, sought to reverse a judge of compensation claims order that denied workers' compensation benefits to the Citrus County Sheriff's sergeant.

In 2023, Sergeant Lakatis was diagnosed with cardiovascular disease. He was a 20-year smoker and had a history of cholesterol problems.

During an April 2024 administrative hearing, a court-appointed expert medical advisor testified that the claimant's non-occupational risk factors were the major factors that led to the deputy's accelerated cardiovascular disease. The judge subsequently denied benefits to the officer.

The third case, Joseph Durden vs. St. Johns County Fire Rescue/Preferred Governmental Claims

Solutions, was also a workers' compensation appeal. This case centered around the definition of heart disease and whether atrial fibrillation constitutes heart disease under Florida's workers' compensation rules.

LLOYD

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put into Union County."

Lloyd wrapped up her talk by recounting a phone call she had made earlier in the morning.

She said the City of Lake Butler needed beach sand to replenish Lakeside Park and was seeking a \$2,500 monetary donation from the Rotary Club to fund the effort.

Lloyd instead called Vulcan Materials in Keystone Heights, which offered to provide the city with seven truckloads of sand valued at over \$5,000.

"So again," she told the Lake Region group, "If you don't ask, they can't support it."

CRIME

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"While trying to regain control of the phone," Jones wrote, "the defendant shoved her in the chest with his hand, causing her to fall backward. The victim said the defendant then took her phone and smashed it on the ground."

Duncan then left the home in the area of Little Rain Lake Road.

The officer reported severe damage to the phone, adding that it was nonfunctional.

While Jones was investigating the incident, another deputy saw

the defendant's vehicle traveling on State Road 21. The officer conducted a traffic stop. Jones relocated to the traffic stop and arrested Duncan.

Meth concealed in flashlight

Jonathan Letchworth, 73, of Starke, was arrested by Clay deputies on June 16 for trafficking in methamphetamine and possession of drug equipment.

According to an arrest report, a Clay County deputy reported that just before midnight, he was traveling on State Road 16 in the area of Camp Blanding.

"(The officer) observed a gold in color Chevrolet pickup truck... (The officer) observed the front seat driver not wearing a safety belt, as well as the vehicle traveling with its high beams activated."

The deputy performed a traffic stop, and a dog later alerted officers to the presence of drugs in the Chevrolet.

"D/S McCrea conducted a meticulous search of the vehicle which, revealed the following... located a small plastic baggie containing a crystal-like substance that resembled methamphetamine in the driver's side door panel pocket," wrote the reporting officer. "(A

deputy) located a blue in color flashlight on the driver's side, contained inside of the exterior toolbox. opened the flashlight and revealed a larger baggie of a crystal-like substance that resembled methamphetamine."

The 2.3 grams found in the door panel and the 23 grams recovered from the flashlight tested positive for methamphetamine.

Struggled over defendant's diary

Jennifer Streetz, 43, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Clay deputies on June 15 for

domestic battery.

According to an arrest report, the victim and defendant said they were on the front porch of a Shilah Avenue home, arguing and struggling over the defendant's diary.

Deputy Matthew Johns wrote that he reviewed video of the encounter.

"The video shows both parties on the front porch, with the defendant on the victim's back," wrote the officer. "Both are screaming frantically while struggling over possession of the defendant's diary. The victim is heard saying, 'Let me go,' while the defendant responds, 'You give me my property back.' The

video shows the defendant falling to the ground and pulling the victim down with her, causing him to fall on top of her. While on the ground, the victim is heard saying, 'I've been assaulted.'"

The deputy added that based on the totality of circumstances, including statements and video footage, probable cause was established for domestic battery.

John Williams, 53, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Clay deputies on June 19 for indecent exposure.



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BRADFORD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
Ron Denmark Mini Storage will hold a public auction on Thursday July 10th, 2025 at 10:00am at 2117 N. Temple Ave. Starke, FL on the following units containing personal items:
Unit 32 - Belonging to D. Knowles
Unit 39 - Belonging to M. McDuffie
Unit 23 - Belonging to T. Stephenson
Unit 50 - Belonging to L. Brugal
Units 81 & 158 - Belonging to J. Burton
Unit 16 - Belonging to J. Grifffis
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COMMISSION MEETING
THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED

that the Bradford County Board of County Commissioners will have a board meeting on July 1, 2025, at 9:30 AM inside the county commission meeting room, located in the north wing section of the Bradford County Courthouse, 945 N. Temple, Avenue, Starke, FL. A copy of the meeting agenda may be obtained from the Bradford County website: www.bradfordcountyfl.gov. Said meeting location is secured - no firearms or weapons are permitted.
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Notice is hereby given that MIKON FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC. AND OCEAN BANK 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: 1086
Year of Issuance: 2022
Parcel Number: 06203-A-04100
Case Number: 04-2025-TD-004
Description of Property: Lot 41, GENEVA LAKE ESTATES, according t plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 36A and 36B of the Public Records of Bradford County, Florida, Name in Which Assessed: DENNIS MAHONEY
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 09/17/2025, 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. ENG:
DATED: June 3, 2025
DATE OF PUBLICATION: JUNE 5, 2025; JUNE 12, 2025; JUNE 19, 2025; JUNE 26, 2025
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OCEAN BANK 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: 679
Year of Issuance: 2022
Parcel Number: 02949-0-00310
Case Number: 04-2025-TD-001
Description of Property: Lots 10 and 11 of Block C in Blanding S/D and Lot 12 Except West 150' of S 1/2, also described in Official Records Book 113-043-3000- 2/26/73
Name in Which Assessed: HERMINIGILDA B DEKEYZER
Name on last tax roll, if different: HILDA DEKEYZER (DAUGHTER) %MELY CLARKE
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 08/20/2025, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.
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Bradford County, Florida
BY: KANETRA JENKINS, Deputy Clerk
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Legals for the week of June 26, 2025

BRADFORD

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Notice is hereby given that MIKON FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC. AND OCEAN BANK 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: 64 Year of Issuance: 2022 Parcel Number: 00544-0-00103 Case Number: 04-2025-TD-002 Description of Property: A parcel of land lying in the NW 1/4 of Section 33, Township 5 South, Range 21 East, Bradford County, Florida; said parcel being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at a concrete monument found at the Northwest corner of said NW 1/4 and run North 89° 41' 35" East along the Northerly boundary thereof, 1639.47 feet to a concrete monument found on the Westerly boundary of the right of way of County Road 229; thence South 37° 51' 01" East along said Westerly boundary, 1188.41 feet to a set iron rod for the Point of Beginning. From the Point of Beginning thus described, continue South 37° 51' 01" along said Westerly boundary, 473.00 feet to a found iron rod; thence run South 00° 15' 53" East, 13.47 feet to a concrete monument found at the Southeast corner of the N 1/2 of said NW 1/4; thence run South 89° 44' 28" West along the Southerly boundary of said N 1/2 of NW 1/4, a distance of 1112.21 feet to a set iron rod; thence run North 64° 30' 08" East, 910.59 feet to the Point of Beginning. Name in Which Assessed: AMY ANDRE; MONTELUIS PIERRE NEWTON; GLADYS FENELON Name on last tax roll, if different: AMY ANDRE ET AL

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 08/20/2025, 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: June 3, 2025
DATE OF PUBLICATION: JUNE 5, 2025; JUNE 12, 2025; JUNE 19, 2025; JUNE 26, 2025

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Commence at a concrete monument found at the Southeast corner of said Section 19 and run North 01 degree 21 minutes 56 seconds East, along the Easterly boundary thereof, 2664.18 feet to an iron rod found at the Northeast corner of Lot 33, thence South 89 degrees 32 minutes 33 seconds West, along the Northerly boundary thereof, 349.34 feet to an iron rod found at the Northeast corner of the W 1/2 of said Lot 33; thence South 01 degree 30 minutes 46 seconds West, along the Easterly boundary thereof, 660.27 feet to an iron rod found at the Southeast corner thereof; thence North 89 degrees 41 minutes 49 seconds West, along the Southerly boundary of said West 1/2 and along the Southerly boundaries of Lots 34 and 35, a distance of 1690.33 feet to an iron rod found at the Northeast corner of said Lot 45 for the Point of Beginning. From Point of Beginning thus described, run South 00 degrees 49 minutes 42 seconds East, along the Easterly boundary thereof and along the Easterly boundary of Lot 52, a distance of 819.93 feet to an iron rod set on the Northerly boundary of the right of way of County Road 225, said Northerly boundary being on a curve, concave to the Southeast and having a radius of 7689.49 feet; thence Southwesterly, along said Northerly boundary and along to arc of said curve, 630.24 feet as measured along a chord having a bearing of South 71 degrees 46 minutes 08 seconds West to an iron rod set at the beginning of a curve, concave to the Northeast and having a radius of 50.00 feet; thence Northwesterly, along the arc

of said curve, 82.24 feet as measured along a chord having a bearing of North 49 degrees 46 minutes 14 seconds West to an iron rod set on the Easterly boundary of the right of way of County Road 225-A; thence North 05 degrees 33 minutes 18 seconds East, along said Easterly boundary, 971.40 feet to an iron rod set on the Northerly boundary of said Lot 45; thence South 89 degrees 41 minutes 49 seconds East, along said Northerly boundary 555.52 feet to the Point of Beginning. Name in Which Assessed: WILLIAMSON LAND DEVELOPMENT INC Name on last tax roll, if different: WILLIAMSON LAND DEVELOPMENT 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 08/20/2025, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.

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Bradford County, Florida
BY: KANETRA JENKINS, Deputy Clerk
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Bradford County, Florida
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

FILE NO.: 04-2025-CP-000037
In re: DARLA FRANCES HOLLIFIELD, also known as DARLA F. HOLLIFIELD and DARLA HOLLIFIELD, Deceased.

NOTICE OF ACTION
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a Petition for Summary Administration has been filed

in the above-referenced court, with the above-referenced case style and caption, and you are required to serve any objections on the undersigned, whose address is 420 S. Lawrence Boulevard, Keystone Heights, Florida 32656, within 28 days of the first publication of this notice of action, and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on the undersigned or immediately thereafter; otherwise the Court in this action will consider and may grant the relief requested in the above-identified petition.
Dated on June 12, 2025.
DENNY THOMPSON
Clerk of the Court
BY: TASHER ALLEN
Deputy Clerk

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

CASE NO.: 24000204CAAXMX
SERVIS ONE, INC. DBA BSI FINANCIAL SERVICES, Plaintiff,
V.
NICHOLAS R. HAHTO: UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF NICHOLAS R. HAHTO; ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY

HEREIN DESCRIBED, Defendant(s),
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment dated April 28, 2025 entered in Civil Case No. 24000204CAAXMX in the Circuit Court of the 8th Judicial Circuit in and for County, Florida, wherein SERVIS ONE, INC. DBA BSI FINANCIAL SERVICES, Plaintiff and NICHOLAS R. HAHTO: UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF NICHOLAS R. HAHTO are defendants, Denny Thompson, Clerk of Court, will sell the property at public sale at the Bradford County Courthouse, 945 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, FL 32091 beginning at on July 24, 2025 the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:
LOT 2 OF "ELI MANOR" (AMENDED PLAT), ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE(S) 8, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA.
TOGETHER WITH THAT 2021 MANUFACTURED HOME, ID NO. SBHGA22002423A AND SBHGA22002423B
Property Address: 17360 NW 55th Ave, Starke, FL 32091
ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM BEFORE THE CLERK REPORTS THE SURPLUS AS UNCLAIMED.
THE COURT, IN ITS DISCRETION, MAY ENLARGE THE TIME OF THE SALE. NOTICE OF THE CHANGED TIME OF SALE SHALL BE PUBLISHED AS PROVIDED HEREIN.

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/s/ Tajl. S. Foreman
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

To satisfy the owner's storage lien, KO Storage LLC will sell at public lien sale on July 15, 2025. The personal property in the below-listed units, which may include but are not limited to: Household goods, boxes/boxes/bags, clothing, bedding, tools and toys. The public sale of these items will begin at 10AM on July 08, 2025 and end at 10AM on July 15, 2025. The public sale will take place on www.storage-treasures.com. KO Storage of Starke - S Walnut St, 1650 South Walnut Street, Starke FL 32091, (952)-491-6837
Time: 10:00AM CST
A39, Bradley, Cathy, A48, Wallace, Marisa, B20, Davis, Jymeece, B31, Denman, Ashley, B66, Robinson, Pertema
Public sale terms, rules, and regulations will be made available on www.storage-treasures.com. All sales are subject to cancellation. We reserve the right to refuse any bid. Payment must be by credit/debit card, we do not accept checks or cash. Buyers must secure the units with their own personal locks. To claim tax-exempt status, original RESALE certificates for each space purchased is required. By KO Storage LLC, 10301 Wayzata Blvd, Minnetonka, MN 55305. (952)-491-6837.

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LEGAL NOTICE BRADFORD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD BUSINESS MEETING

The **North Central Florida Regional Planning Council** announces a business meeting to which all persons are invited.
DATE AND TIME: July 8, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.
PLACE: Bradford County Emergency Operations Center Board Room located at 945 N Temple Ave # B, Starke, Florida
DIAL IN NUMBER: Toll free 1.888.585.9008
CONFERENCE CODE: 864 183 272
GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: **To conduct the regular business of the Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.**

For additional information or to obtain a copy of the agenda interested persons may contact: North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, 2009 NW 67th Place, Gainesville, Florida 32653-1603; godfrey@ncfrpc.org or 352.955.2200.

Any person may submit written or other physical evidence which he or she intends to offer into evidence during the business meeting to Lynn Franson, Senior Planner, at North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, 2009 NW 67th Place, Gainesville, Florida 32653-1603; or godfrey@ncfrpc.org. Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting is asked to advise the agency at least **2 business days** before the meeting by contacting **352.955.2200**. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1.800. 955.8771 (TDD) or

1.800. 955.8770 (Voice). If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.
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TOWN OF BROOKER

This notice is to inform anyone that may not receive a monthly water bill from the Town of Brooker, but consumes water from the system. The Annual 2024 Drinking Water Quality Report is available to anyone who may have a need for a copy. A copy may be picked up at the Town Hall during regular office hours. Office hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00a.m. until 1:00p.m. The report will be available for pickup on/after Friday, June 27th.

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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 June 18, 2025: The Doran Jason Group of Florida, Inc., 3155 NW 82nd Ave, Ste 102, Doral, FL 33122-1056 has submitted an Environmental Resource Permit (ERP) application number ERP-007-251887-1. The project is located in Bradford County, Section 28, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, and includes 2.37 acres of impervious area on a total project area of 5.13 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.
PUBLISH: no later than June 26, 2025 /tm

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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 June 16, 2025: InVictus Development, LLC, 600 S Magnolia Ave, Ste 390, Tampa, FL 33606-2754 has submitted an Environmental Resource Permit (ERP) application number ERP-007-251867-1. The project is located in Bradford County, Section 28, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, and includes 2.28 acres of impervious area on a total project area of 27.09 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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BUDGET WORKSHOP THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED

that the Bradford County Board of County Commissioners will hold a workshop to discuss the 25-26 Fiscal Year budget on July 1, 2025, at 10:30 AM, or immediately following the regular BOCC meeting, inside the county commission meeting room, located in the north wing section of the Bradford County Courthouse, 945 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, FL. A copy of the meeting agenda may be obtained from the Bradford County website: www.bradfordcountyfl.gov. Said meeting location is secured – no firearms or weapons are permitted.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

FILE NO.: 2025-CP-000060
In re: THE ESTATE OF CURTIS GIBSON, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of Curtis Gibson, whose date of death was March 22, 2025, and whose Social Security Number is ****-**-7957, is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Bradford County Courthouse, 945 N Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida 32091. The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate 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 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 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 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 the first publication of this Notice is June 26, 2025.

Personal Representative: Carolyn Sue Cragg 8278 SW 155th Way Starke, Florida 32091
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 2025-CP-0001

IN RE: ESTATE OF JOHN ANTONIUS TABAH, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the Estate of JOHN ANTONIUS TABAH, deceased, whose date of death was May 30, 2024, 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 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. The personal representative has no duty to discover whether any property held at the time of the decedent's death by the decedent or the decedent's surviving spouse is property to which the Florida Uniform Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death Act as described in ss. 732.216-732.228, Florida Statutes, applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is made by a creditor as specified under s. 732.2211, Florida Statutes.

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

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

The date of first publication of this notice is June 12, 2025. Attorney for Personal Representative: s/ Marilyn A. Cangro Belo Marilyn A. Cangro Belo Attorney Charles Tabah Florida Bar Number: 22390 5745 SW 75th Street #363 Gainesville, Florida 32608 Telephone: (352) 448-4500 Fax: (352) 448-4510 E-Mail: lyan@mcbelolaw.com Secondary E-Mail: eservice@mcbelolaw.com

Personal Representative: CHARLES TABAH 17527 NW 240th Terrace High Springs, Florida 32643
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NUMBER: 63-2025-CP-000016-CPAM Estate Division

IN RE: The Estate of ROSCOE SEAY, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of Roscoe Seay, deceased, whose date of death was March 26, 2025, File Number 63-2025-CP-000016-CPAM, is pending in the Circuit Court for Union County, Probate Division, the address of which is 55 West Main St., Lake Butler, Florida 32054. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

The personal representative has no duty to discover whether any property held at the time of the decedent's death by the decedent or the decedent's surviving spouse is property to which the Florida Uniform Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death Act as described in ss. 732.216-732.228, applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is made by a creditor as specified under s. 732.2211, Florida Statutes.

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THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE IS June 19, 2025.

Attorney for Personal Representative: Gary D. Grunder Grunder & Petteway, P.A. 23349 Northwest CR 236, Suite 10 High Springs, Florida 32643 (386) 454-1298 Florida Bar I.D. 199486 garygrunder@grunder-petteway.com amykenner@grunder-petteway.com Personal Representative: Paula Seay 3652 SW 122nd Place Lake Butler, FL 32054

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LEGAL NOTICE UNION COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD BUSINESS MEETING

The **North Central Florida Regional Planning Council** announces a business meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: July 8, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

PLACE: Union County Transportation Facility located at 255 SW 9th Avenue, Lake Butler, Florida
DIAL IN NUMBER: Toll free 1.888.585.9008
CONFERENCE CODE: 864 183 272
GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: To conduct the regular business of the Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.

For additional information or to obtain a copy of the agenda interested persons may contact: North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, 2009 NW 67th Place, Gainesville, Florida 32653-1603; godfrey@ncfrpc.org or 352.955.2200.

Any person may submit written or other physical evidence which he or she intends to offer into evidence during the meeting to Lynn Franson, Senior Planner, at North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, 2009 NW 67th Place, Gainesville, Florida 32653-1603; or godfrey@ncfrpc.org.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting is asked to advise the agency at least **2 business days** before the meeting by contacting **352.955.2200**. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1.800. 955.8771 (TDD) or 1.800. 955.8770 (Voice).

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.
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Obituaries

Gerald Dallimore

Gerald Dallimore, 98, died Wednesday, June 18, 2025. He was born Feb. 22, 1927, in Plymouth, England to the late Herbert Ernest Dallimore and Alice Rogers Dallimore. He was preceded in death by two wives, Betty Jane and Esther.

Survivors are nephews, John Osborne of Cape Town, South Africa and Gerry Osborne of Welwyn Garden City, England.

A graveside service was held Monday, June 23, at Keystone Cemetery with Pastor Scott W. Shepard officiating. A memorial service followed for the residents and staff of Park of the Palms, Keystone.

Arrangements were by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Keystone Heights. 352-473-3176 www.jonesgallagherfh.com.

Mrs. Iva Harrelson

Mrs. Iva Southerland Harrelson, 85, of Florahome died Friday, June 20, 2025, at Haven Hospice Roberts Care Center in Palatka. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, James “Buddy” Harrelson; and their sons, Steven Harrelson and Leonard Harrelson.

Survivors are children, Marie Eubanks, Michael (Debra) Harrelson, and Richard (Rebecca) Harrelson; siblings, Hazel Varnes and Bruce (Pamela) Southerland; 10 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson.

The viewing was Tuesday, June 24, at Paran Cemetery. Graveside services followed with Rev. Danny Fouraker officiating.

Arrangements were by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 340 E. Walker Drive, Keystone Heights 32656. 352-473-3176. www.jonesgallagherfh.com

James R. Mann

James (Jimmy) Robert Mann passed away Friday, May 30, 2025, at the VA Hospital in Gainesville. He was born May 12, 1962, in Lake Butler to the late A.I. and Nona Mann of Brooker. He graduated from Bradford High School and immediately went into the US Army. He did a second tour in the Army from 1988-1991, where he was in Panama involved in “Operation Just Cause.” He also completed ranger paratrooper training. He was of the Protestant religion. He grew up attending Dedan Baptist Church. Then later, when he lived in Lake Park, Georgia, he was a member of Sardis Baptist Church in Lake Park. He was predeceased by his sisters, Ethel Underhill, Ruth Babcock and Merle Smith; and brother, Marvin P Mann Sr.

He is survived by Joel (Natalie) Griffin, Harmon Underhill, Sandy (Bart) Lee, Jane Lynn, Elese Guerrin, Naomi Hines, T.J. (Nell) Mann; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Services to celebrate his life will be held at Belle Oaks Barn July 11 at 11 a.m. with J.G. Broome, pastor of Dedan Baptist Church, officiating.

Archer-Milton Funeral Home is honored to serve the Mann family during this time. 386-496-2008 www.archerfuneralhome.com



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Teresa McCollough

Teresa Cantrell McCollough, 54, passed away peacefully Saturday, June 21, 2025, at North Florida Regional Medical Center in Gainesville after a long and courageous battle with lung cancer. She was born Sept. 28, 1970, in Yazoo City, Mississippi, where her roots took hold, and her spirit blossomed in the heart of Mississippi. In 2015, she made the move to Florida, embracing new horizons alongside her husband, Ty McCollough, with whom she shared 20 beautiful years of life. Throughout her life, she brought a sense of happiness and wit that was palpable to all who knew her. Her subtle humor lit up the lives of many, making ordinary moments feel extraordinary. She worked in accounts payable for Pritchett Trucking from 2016 until illness forced her to retire at the beginning of the year, demonstrating her unwavering dedication and commitment to her responsibilities. Though she faced her illness with a strength that inspired those around her, it was her role as “Mimi” to her cherished grandchildren that brought her the most pride and joy. She adored Grayсен, Kaiden, Colson, Annalise and Augustus and looked forward to the arrival of her newest grandchild, Sinclair. They were her heartbeats, the very essence of her being, and the source of countless treasured memories. She was preceded in death by her parents, Olan Cantrell and Shelby Jean Littlejohn.

Her love extended beyond her grandchildren. She is survived by her adoring children, Chesley, Sterling, Kayla, and Kyle; and siblings, Blue Cantrell, Trish Alridge, and Tony White.

In honoring her spirit, a Celebration of Life will take place at her home in Starke on Saturday, June 28, beginning at noon. Here, friends and family will gather to share stories and reminisce about a remarkable woman whose life, though far too brief, was woven with laughter, love, and cherished moments.

Archer-Milton Funeral Home is honored to serve Teresa’s family during this difficult time. 386-496-2008 www.archerfuneralhome.com



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Marjorie McCollum

Mrs. Marjorie Ann McCollum, 87, of Keystone Heights died Saturday, June 21, 2025, at Shands Hospital in Gainesville. She was a retired bookkeeper and longtime member of Keystone Community Church.

Survivors are her husband of 43 years, Ovila C. McCollum Jr.; sons, Frank Claude McCollum Thomas Raymond McCollum and Mark C. McCollum; four grandchildren and great- grandchildren.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m., Monday, June 30.

Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 340 E. Walker Drive, Keystone Heights 32656. 352-473-3176. www.jonesgallagherfh.com

Bill Rhoden Sr.

In Loving Memory of William Kelly “Bill” Rhoden Sr., Aug. 29, 1961–June 9, 2025. It is with heavy hearts, we announce the passing of William Kelly (Bill) Rhoden Sr., who went home to be with our Lord on Monday, June 9, 2025, at the age of 63. He was a gentle soul who loved to laugh, even if it was at himself, and he shared his humor with everyone around him. He had a warm heart, a deep love for his family and laughter was his love language. He could turn almost anything into a reason to laugh. He had a unique ability to bring joy to the room in that way. Whether it was a clever joke or a memorable story from his colorful past, he had a knack for turning even the most mundane moments into cherished memories by making a joke. Born in Starke and raised in Hampton, his life came full circle as he grew up, married Rose, the love of his life, and moved away from his hometown up to Tennessee to start his family. He eventually came back home to nearby Keystone Heights to live out the rest of his life. He worked over 30 years as a carpenter. He loved football (Go Gators), country music (Go Merle Haggard), quiet evenings on the back porch, diving into a good dish of shrimp with lemon and “talking” about fishing. Most of all, he loved seeing his family and, any time they showed up at his home, to spend time with him, it was pure joy. He was a master storyteller (some true, some not) and lived his life on his own terms and never let anyone impede his choices. He was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Peggy Rhoden; sister, Cindy Willoughby; and brother, Mark Rhoden

He is survived by his children, William Kelly “Will” (Erica) Rhoden Jr. of Dade City, Bridgett (Justin) McCarthy of Warsaw, Indiana, Christopher Rhoden of Dade City and Sandy (Josh) Canady of Brooksville; grandchildren, Kaliegh, Kyndal, Peyton, James (Jr), Josiah, Seth and Jordynn; his companion of 10 years, Lorrie Croussore of Keystone Heights; brother, Wayne Rhoden of Keystone Heights; sister, Dianne (Thomas) Davis-Nogueira of Troutman, North Carolina; many beloved nieces and nephews and neighbors who became extended family to him. and his son, Jimmy Rhoden.

A private memorial of his life will be held at a later date, after which he will be laid to rest in the family lot at Hope Baptist Church Cemetery in Therssa. Cheers to you, Bill, for living life your way.

Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke 904-964-6200



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Diane Walker

Diane King Walker, born on Sept. 4, 1946, in Lawtey, departed this world on Monday, June 23, 2025, at her sister’s home in Jacksonville. She was known for her unwavering spirit and a stubborn streak that kept her loved ones on their toes. She dedicated an impressive 35 years of her life working at Sonny’s, where she took great pride in preparing the salad bar and whipping up some delicious soups, much to the delight of many satisfied patrons. Her heart beat strongest for her family. She raised two sons, Robert Box and Michael-Box, who-together filled her life-with joy. Her legacy continues through her beloved grandchildren, Autumn Box, Megan Hahn, and Raymond Starling. Oh, how she beamed with pride for each of them, and their children brought her such happiness, her great-grandchildren, Lillian Schlichting, Kingston Hahn, Grayson Hahn, Khaleesi Hahn, Grace Morris, Justin Starling, Ryan Starling, Ashley Starling, Kaitlyn Starling, and Remington Starling; and great-great-granddaughter, Oaklyn Rose were her pride and joy, and she always expressed her gratitude for the family she had built. She was a woman of simple pleasures; she found joy in shopping, oh, how she loved to shop! Whether it was rifling through thrift store treasures or paging through catalogs, she embraced the hunt with a zest for life that left her family and friends favorably amused.

She leaves behind a robust and loving family whose fond memories will forever echo in their hearts. She is survived by her sons, Robert Box and Michael (Heidi) Box; along with her cherished grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She is also survived by brothers, Spunkie (Susie) King and Tommy (Jane) King; and sisters, Helen Howard, Judy King, Phyllis Rewis, Shirley King, and Cleo Sapp. Special nieces, Theresa Barron and Lacy Barron, also hold a dear place in their hearts for Diane; along with a host of nieces and nephews.

Diane joins her beloved parents, Floyd and Annie Mae King; late husband, Autis Walker; and precious daughter, Dana Marie, who await her with open arms.

Visitation will be on Friday, June 27, beginning at 11 a.m., followed by a funeral service at 12 p.m., all held at Archer-Milton Funeral Home in Lake Butler. She will be laid to rest immediately following the service at Dyal Cemetery.

Archer-Milton Funeral Home is honored to serve Diane’s family during this time. 386-496-2008 www.archerfuneralhome.com



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Frances Waters

Frances Marie Mathis Waters enriched our lives with her presence from Nov. 3, 1944, born in Taylor County, until she joined her soulmate, Earl, in heaven on Monday, June 23, 2025, while surrounded by loved ones in her home located in Lake Butler. She met Earl at a dance in White Springs, who then went on to share a deep and everlasting love that served as an inspiration to everyone around them. Their marriage of 48.5 years was a testament to the power of devotion and partnership they gave to one another. Earl was the center of her entire world and not a day went by when she didn’t share stories of their time together or how much she missed him. She dedicated a significant portion of her life to the Department of Corrections as a skilled Licensed Practical Nurse, where she demonstrated an unwavering commitment to care and compassion for anyone fortunate to cross her path. As a devout member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, her faith was a guiding force in her life. She found joy in supporting her church, sharing her testimony, and its fellow church members. She frequently hosted missionaries, providing them with meals and a welcoming home, embodying the spirit of service and outreach. She was a woman with a multitude of interests which showed just how much she appreciated the world around her. She found pleasure in reading a good book or delighting in the challenge of a crossword puzzle. She shared a great fondness for preserving the bounties of her garden through canning. Her evenings were often spent indulging in her love for old western movies or TV shows. But perhaps her greatest impact was felt within the walls of her own home. Her home was always a hub of activity, filled with the joyful sounds of her many grandchildren. Her house was a haven for everyone, a place where all were welcome and treated like family. Whether it was a warm meal, a listening ear, or a place to stay, her door was always open and her heart ready to embrace those in need. She will be remembered as the “granny to everyone” whose home was filled with love, laughter, and lasting memories. She now joins her beloved husband of 48.5 years, Earl Waters, who preceded her in death; alongside her parents, Ruben and Thelma Lee Mathis; siblings, Robert Davis, Barney Mathis, Willie Mathis, Ellis Mathis, and George Mathis; and grandchildren, Celena Taylor and Benjamin Taylor.

Frances leaves behind a legacy that will live on in the hearts of her children, Beverly Taylor, Mitchell (Doreen) Waters, Richard (Elizabeth) Waters, Deborah (Dave) Marszalek, and Martha Waters (Ran Jackson). Her grandchildren, a bright constellation that enriched her days, include Krystal (Adam) Janasiewicz, Rheanne Taylor, Mariah Taylor, Amanda Waters, Richard Waters, Joshua Waters, Nicholas Svir, Jessica Swartz, Jennifer (Aram) Petit, Joshua (Ashley) Davis, Joey (Kacie) Jackson, Justin Waters, and Jordan (Baleigh) Cazee. Furthermore, she was blessed with great-grandchildren, whose laughter and smiles filled her life with warmth, Liam Taylor, Cora Janasiewicz, Robert Janasiewicz, Nathan Waters, Abigail Waters, Eli Waters, Breanna Melton, David Swartz, Lincoln Melton, Cash Svir, Taygen Pennella, Ayden Petit, Grayson Petit, Jaye Davis, Allie Salanci, C.J. Salanci, Korbin Davis, Madison Jackson, Joseph “Trip” Jackson III, Asher Cazee, and Callie Cazee. Frances proudly embraced the title of great-great-grandmother to Elaine Rivera. She also shared a lifelong bond with her sisters, Josephine Ward and Mattie Lou Anderson.

A visitation to honor her will be on Friday, June 27, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Lake Butler, beginning at 1 p.m., followed by a funeral service at 2 p.m. She will be laid to rest immediately following the service at Oak Grove Cemetery.

Archer-Milton Funeral Home is honored to serve the Waters family during this time. 386-496-2008 www.archerfuneralhome.com



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Bears in unexpected areas

Spring and early summer mark a general increase in activity for Florida’s black bears after limited movements in winter. During this time, juvenile bears could be spotted in unexpected areas as they leave their mothers’ home ranges.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission shares this annual reminder that the best thing to do if you see a bear — whether in an unusual spot or not — is to give it plenty of space and never approach or feed it.

“Juvenile or yearling bears (between the ages of 1.5 and 2.5) disperse from their mothers’ home ranges in spring and summer,” said FWC Bear Management Program Coordinator Mike Orlando. “Yearlings can sometimes temporarily find themselves in places people wouldn’t expect to see bears as they pass through in search of new areas of their own to settle down. As long as people keep their distance, these bears typically move along on their own.”

Bear sightings tend to increase this time of year in suburban and urban areas, including in cities like Jacksonville, Orlando, Tampa and other more-highly populated areas around the state.

Seeing a bear in a neighborhood is not necessarily cause for alarm, but it is important that people give it space and secure food attractants so that bears do not linger in the area. Feeding bears can make them lose their natural fear of people. It is illegal in Florida to intentionally feed bears or leave out food or garbage that will attract bears.

Black bears are not generally aggressive, but like any wild animal, if they feel threatened, they can become defensive. Dogs have been involved in over half of the incidents of people getting injured by bears in Florida. When walking dogs, keep them close to you — ideally on a non-retractable leash — and be aware of your surroundings, which is good practice for preventing conflicts with any wildlife. Before letting your dog out at night in your yard, flip lights on and off and bang on the door to give bears and other wildlife a chance to leave the area.

As bears become more active this time of year, they cross more roadways. For your own safety and to avoid hitting bears and other wildlife, remember to slow down when driving, particularly on rural highways at dawn or dusk. Watch for road signs identifying bear crossing areas. Each year in Florida, an average of 300 bears are killed after being hit by vehicles.

If you have bears in your area, follow these basics to help prevent conflicts with bears:

- Secure food and garbage. Store garbage in a sturdy shed or garage and then put it out on the morning of pickup rather than the night before. If not stored in a secured building, use a bear-resistant container. Secure commercial garbage in bear-resistant dumpsters. Protect gardens, beehives, compost and livestock with electric fencing. Pick ripe fruit from trees and bushes and remove fallen fruit from the ground.
- Remove or secure bird and wildlife feeders. If wildlife feeders are left up, only put enough food out for wildlife to finish eating before dark and make feeders bear-resistant.
- Never leave pet food outdoors. Feed pets indoors. If feeding pets outdoors, only put food outside for short time periods and bring in leftover food and dishes after each feeding.
- Clean and store grills. Clean and degrease grills and smokers after each use. If mobile, store them in a secure shed or garage.
- Alert neighbors to bear activity. If you see a bear, let your neighbors know. Share tips on how to avoid conflicts with bears. Encourage your homeowner’s association or local government to institute bylaws or ordinances to require trash be kept secure.

Having conflicts with bears? FWC staff are here to help. Call the North Central Region office in Lake City at 386-758-0525.

If you spot an injured, orphaned or dead bear, feel threatened by a bear or want to report someone who is either harming bears or intentionally feeding them, call the FWC Wildlife Alert Hotline at 888-404-3922.

More information is available at MyFWC.com/Bear, where you can access the “Guide to Living in Bear Country” brochure. Find additional ways to avoid conflicts at BearWise.org. Florida and 43 other states support BearWise, an innovative program that helps people learn ways to responsibly live around bears.

Clover Awards, Outstanding 4-H'ers highlight BC awards event

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Cassidy Brown, Luke Sapp

and Ansley Ward were named Outstanding 4-H'ers of the Year at the Bradford County E. Johns Conference Center in

4-H awards banquet, which was held June 3 at the Gov. Charley E. Johns Conference Center in

Starke. Brown and Ward were the junior and intermediate honorees, respectively, while Sapp was the senior honoree.

Amber Sapp of the Endeavor Club was presented with the Club Leader of the Year Award.

The Endeavor Club earned an Emerald Clover Award — the highest honor a club can achieve regarding performance standards.

Two clubs received Gold Clover Awards for performance standards: Green Acres and Leadership.

The Crawford Swine and Homies clubs earned Silver Clover Awards.

Clover Awards were also earned by individual members. Intermediate member Ward was the only 4-H'er to receive an Emerald Award.

Sapp was one of four senior members to earn Gold Clover Awards, joining Michael Brown, Kelsey Reddish and Elijah Sapp.

Intermediate members receiving Gold Clover Awards were Destin Brown, Dylan Brown, Sophie Elkins, Nicholas Ward and Avery Wulff-Vanderpuije.

Brown added to her Outstanding Junior 4-H'er of the Year Award by earning a Gold Clover Award.

Shawn Ward also received a Gold Clover Award in the junior division.

Four members earned Silver Clover Awards: Jake Markham in the senior division, Addyson Hall and Jaden Hendrieth in the intermediate division and Bret Polk in the junior division.

Two senior members received Bronze Clover Awards: Regan Broome and Rylee Dixon.

Intermediate member Wyatt Jackson and junior members Jaxson Hanson and Zion Tyson also earned Bronze Clover Awards.

Cloverbuds (ages 5-7) who earned Green Clover Awards

were Kingsley Best and Noah Morris.

The banquet also included the presentation of Community Supporter awards to Tony Arnette, Benji Bennett and Lisa Holtzendorf.



The Crawford Swine Club earned a Silver Clover Award. Pictured are: (front, l-r) Kessler Bradley, Paxton Noegel, Rylan Noegel, (back, l-r) Phillip Crawford (club leader), Roxann Crawford (club co-leader), Kaleb Dyal, Jett Crawford, Gage Fischer, Klayton Knipp and Cade Caines.



The Leadership Club earned a Gold Clover Award. Pictured (l-r) are Addasyn Hall, Edrick Hamilton (club leader), Riley Dixon, Zion Tyson, Jaden Hendrieth, Avery Wulff- Vanderpuije, Tymberly Redding and Shnec Bullard (club co-leader).



The Endeavor Club earned an Emerald Clover Award. Pictured (l-r) are Malek Peterson, Amber Sapp (club leader), Luke Sapp, Michael Brown, Dylan Brown, Cassidy Brown, Destin Brown, Elijah Sapp, Sophie Elkins, Laura Elkins (club co-leader) and Ayana Peterson. Amber Sapp was also recognized as Bradford's 4-H Club Leader of the Year.



The Green Acres Club earned a Gold Clover Award. Pictured are: (front, l-r) Kingsley Best, Jaxson Hanson, (back, l-r) Bailea Scarbrough (club leader and Bradford 4-H agent), Lucas Grider, Dylan Brown, Cassidy Brown, Michael Brown, Jake Markham, Kelsey Reddish, Koen Reddish, Regan Broome, Lisa Holtzendorf (club project leader), Ethan Jerrels and Teresa Jerrels (club project leader).



ABOVE LEFT: Outstanding Senior 4-H'er of the Year Luke Sapp. ABOVE: Outstanding Junior 4-H'er of the Year Cassidy Brown. LEFT: Outstanding Intermediate 4-H'er of the Year Ansley Ward.



The Homies Club earned a Silver Clover Award. Pictured (l-r) are Shannon Morris, Bret Polk, Noah Morris and Amy Polk (club leader).

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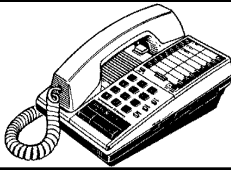
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Kalb: 4-H youth now a 4-H program assistant in Duval

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It was always going to be a part of her life because of the skills she learned, but 4-H has also become a job for Tara Kalb, who is currently a 4-H program assistant at the UF/IFAS Extension Office in Duval County.

Kalb, a 2019 Union County High School graduate and daughter of Alan and Lisa Holtzendorf, said a career in 4-H “just kind of happened,” beginning with a stint as a 4-H program assistant in Charlotte County, but she has enjoyed it and loves being a part of the Duval County Extension team. “The office culture is so awesome. I’ve never worked in a healthier work environment than I have with those people,” Kalb said, adding, “They’re always ready to jump in and help at any time.”

Though she was involved in 4-H at the earliest level as a Cloverbud (ages 5-7), Kalb never envisioned working in 4-H or for UF/IFAS Extension in any capacity. She did, however, seek out an opportunity to be part of a 4-H camp staff one summer after graduating from high school. She applied for camps in Florida, Kentucky and Texas. A Texas camp located in Brentwood was the first to contact her.

The camp director told Kalb one more high-ropes instructor was needed. Kalb said her thought was, “I don’t know what that is, but sure, I’ll do it.”

It was a little disconcerting to discover what a high-ropes instructor was for someone who admits she’s terrified of heights.

“I had to jump off a telephone pole,” Kalb said. “Obviously, I had a harness and stuff on. We had to do all the activities we had our kids do.”

One of those activities included zip-lining.

“That made me cry,” Kalb said. “I was not OK with that.”

She was certainly taken out of her comfort zone, but she did get to try something new — something she has encouraged the teenagers she’s interacted with as a 4-H program assistant to do.

“I’m grateful for my experiences,” Kalb said.

4-H journey takes her to Charlotte Co.

Kalb became aware of a 4-H program assistant opening at the UF/IFAS Extension Office in Charlotte County, which was where she was planning to move to because of her fiancé (now husband), Zachary. She applied and interviewed for the position.

“Five people were at a table interviewing me,” Kalb said. “It was very weird. I had never been in an interview like that before.”

It turned out to be an eventful day, which also included shopping for a wedding dress with her now mother-in-law.

“That same day, they offered me the job,” Kalb said.

Just as being a high-ropes course instructor took her out of her comfort zone, so, too, did adjusting to life in a different county. At first, it was the typical outsider trying to fit in.

“That’s how I felt in Charlotte



Tara Holtzendorf Kalb

County until I started getting to know and spend time with the volunteers, 4-H families and 4-H’ers,” Kalb said.

The biggest adjustment was working within the policies of the University of Florida, Charlotte County government and Charlotte County 4-H when it came to implementing programs.

“There’s a lot of red tape,” Kalb said. “You have to make sure that everybody is happy.”

What made Kalb happy was working with youth. She found that it was a natural fit for her and enjoyed her experience leading the Teen Leaders club.

“I grew it from five kids to 18,” Kalb said. “I was very proud of them. I love each and every one of them.”

Kalb had the chance to see a couple of the teens she worked with in Charlotte County when she attended a recent state 4-H event. One was serving on the executive board.

“I’m so proud of them,” Kalb said. “They were both really shy in the beginning.”

Besides growing the Teen Leaders club, Kalb also helped grow Charlotte County 4-H’s county events. For example, when she arrived, 10-11 youth were participating in public-speaking county events. That number increased to 21.

“It was very exciting to see how much it grew,” Kalb said. “County events have always been super important to me. Public speaking is one of my major 4-H passions. I thought it was just awesome to see kids come out of their shells.”

They not only came out of their shells; they progressed to where they were writing their own speeches for public-speaking events.

Kalb worked alongside one of her colleagues to revamp the Charlotte County 4-H record-book system in an effort “to make it more cohesive and to hopefully get more turn-ins.”

In Kalb’s first year in

Charlotte, she graded 65 record books. The number of record-book participants eventually grew to more than 130.

“It was really awesome to see that many kids do it,” Kalb said.

Kalb said fundraising was an “untapped thing” in Charlotte County, but it turned out to be quite the success when she was there, thanks to simply talking to people in the community and getting the word out about 4-H. For example, some of the youth spent three to four hours outside Winn-Dixie on a weekend and raised more than \$1,200.

“So many of the teens had a really good time doing it because they got to talk about their projects and what they were doing in 4-H,” Kalb said. “So many older people who lived in the community went, ‘Oh, I was in 4-H in Illinois,’ or, ‘I was in 4-H in Ohio.’ They moved (to Charlotte County) when they retired, and they didn’t know we had a 4-H program there.”

Closer to home

Kalb became aware of a couple of positions that had opened up in the Bradford County Extension Office, but she said something just told her the timing was not right to apply.

“You’ve got to listen to the little voice inside your brain that says, ‘OK. Wait a minute. Think about it.’ It will tell you when it is right,” Kalb said.

She did, however, apply for a 4-H program assistant at the Duval County Extension Office. She applied a couple of hours before the deadline and admitted she didn’t think she’d actually get the opportunity to interview for the position.

Yet she got a phone call informing her that she did get that chance. Then, she began to think that she wouldn’t actually get hired. That thought didn’t change after her virtual interview, in which she said she botched answering question regarding her familiarity with Microsoft programs.

“I don’t know what was happening in my head,” Kalb said, adding, “I answered a completely different question. It was probably because there were five people, and it was a Zoom interview.”

Kalb said part of the interview included her having to teach a lesson.

“There aren’t a lot of lessons I can do virtually, so we did chair exercises for five minutes,” she

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Bradford Head Coach John Staples (left) and Nichelle Brown are pictured after Staples informed Brown her jersey would be retired at BHS. Brown was the Gainesville Sun and All-First Coast Player of the Year, while Staples earned the Coach of the Year honor from the Sun.

Brown, Staples earn papers’ top honors

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Recent Bradford High School graduate Nichelle Brown was named the top flag football player in the area by both the Gainesville Sun and the Florida Times-Union, which shouldn’t be surprising. If there was a Heisman Trophy awarded in high school flag football, she may have won that as well.

Brown, the first ever BHS athlete to be named a Times-Union All-First Coast Player of the Year, was more than just the best receiver in the area. She was tops in the entire state regardless of classification and had the most receiving yards nationally based on statistics uploaded to MaxPreps.

Bradford Head Coach John Staples, who was named the Gainesville Sun’s Coach of the Year, compared her to a dynamic player who starred for the University of Florida football team — Percy Harvin. The Tornadoes tried to get the ball in Brown’s hands any way possible, just as the Gators tried to do with Harvin.

“It was about creating ways to get her the ball,” Staples said. “That was our offense.”

Brown, who will continue her playing career for three-time national champion Florida Gateway College in Lake City, had 2,220-plus receiving yards, 44 touchdowns (receiving and rushing) and 266 points (receiving and rushing) this past season. She had approximately

800 receiving yards more than Spruce Creek rising senior Chloe Waldo and scored 24 more points than Haines City rising senior Zebrielle Canaday.

It was also Brown and Canaday in the top two spots in the state for total touchdowns, with Brown scoring five more than Canaday.

Of Brown’s 44 touchdowns, 34 came off pass receptions. That was three more than Robinson rising junior Sarah Williams.

Nationally, Brown had approximately 500 more receiving yards than Madysen Fizer, a recent graduate of Eastridge in Rochester, New York.

Brown was second in the nation in both touchdowns and points scored. Lauren Clark, a rising junior at Crossville, Tennessee’s Stone Memorial High School, had six more touchdowns and 77 more points.

The Tornado great, who also rushed for more than 560 yards this past season, scored a total of 144 touchdowns in her four years of playing at BHS and had her number-five jersey retired.

As to what made her so productive on the field, Brown said it was due to “hard work and dedication.”

Staples was recognized as the Gainesville Sun’s top coach in the area after guiding the Tornadoes to a 14-3 record. The Tornadoes won their first-ever playoff game this year and advanced to the Region 1 championship game before losing to Florida High.

BHS, KHHS flag players receive Sun, Times-Union recognition

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Bradford and Keystone Heights high schools each had three players earn first-team honors with the release of the Gainesville Sun’s All-Area and the Florida Times-Union All-First Coast flag football teams.

The Tornadoes’ Nichelle Brown, a recent graduate, was named the Player of the Year by both newspapers (see related story).

Rising Bradford senior Ar’Nayshia Griffin was a first-team Sun All-Area selection and a first-team All-First Coast defensive pick. She had 25 interceptions, which led Class 1A and tied her for second overall in the state regardless of classification.

Griffin, who played quarterback on offense, had approximately 3,300 yards passing, which ranked fourth in Class 1A. She had 33 touchdown passes, which ranked sixth in 1A and rushed for more than 630 yards. Her 17 total touchdowns ranked her eighth in 1A, while her 3,935 total yards were the third most in 1A.

Keystone quarterback Aleec Horton, a rising junior, made the Gainesville Sun’s first team after passing for 2,328 yards — the eighth most in 1A. She was third in 1A and 10th in the state overall in rushing yards with 1,109. Horton had eight rushing touchdowns and 26 passing touchdowns, with the passing number ranking eighth in Class 1A. She compiled 3,515 total yards, which were the fifth most in 1A.

Horton received All-First Coast honorable mention.

Riley Shuford, a rising junior at Keystone, was a first-team All-First Coast selection on offense after catching 51 passes for 1,281 yards and 12 touchdowns. Her receiving-yards total was third best in Class 1A and ninth best in the state overall.

Shuford, who was named to the Gainesville Sun’s second team, also made eight interceptions on defense, which ranked 11th in Class 1A.

Recent Keystone graduate Aubrey Miller was named to the Sun’s second team after catching 44 passes for 556 yards and six touchdowns.

Bradford rising senior Tatyana Brown was a second-team All-First Coast selection on defense.

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6 receive Shirley Ann Brown Livingstone scholarships

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Carolyn Spooner presented six Shirley Ann Brown Livingstone Scholarships this year, with the recipients being 2025 Bradford High School graduates Kendall Cook, Anaria Early, Nivaiah Foster, Jazlyn Hamilton, Jalisa McMillian and Alysia Rentz.

The \$1,000 scholarships honor the memory of Livingstone, a registered nurse who died from breast cancer at the age of 55 in 2004. The cancer went into remission several times, but the final time it returned, it had metastasized.

Livingstone, the sister of Spooner, worked until a week before her death.

Spooner, who's the director of the scholarship foundation, said it means a lot to her to award



Nivaiah Foster received a Shirley Ann Brown Livingstone Scholarship and is currently enrolled at Florida A&M University.

scholarships to students who are pursuing careers in the medical field. In presenting Shirley Ann

Brown Livingstone Scholarship certificates at Bradford High School on June 18, she told the recipients that she hopes "you'll help us find a cure (for cancer) someday."

McMillian said she wants to do her part to do just that.

"My granny also passed away from cancer, so I do want to eventually find a cure for cancer to help save other people's grannies," McMillian said, adding, "This scholarship means a lot to me because it will help me and support me in getting my nursing degree."

Cook's plans are to finish work toward her AA degree at Santa Fe College and then go into radiography. She would like to eventually attend the University of Florida.

As for her choice of radiography, Cook said she was inspired by watching those in the field when she had an injury that required MRIs and x-rays.

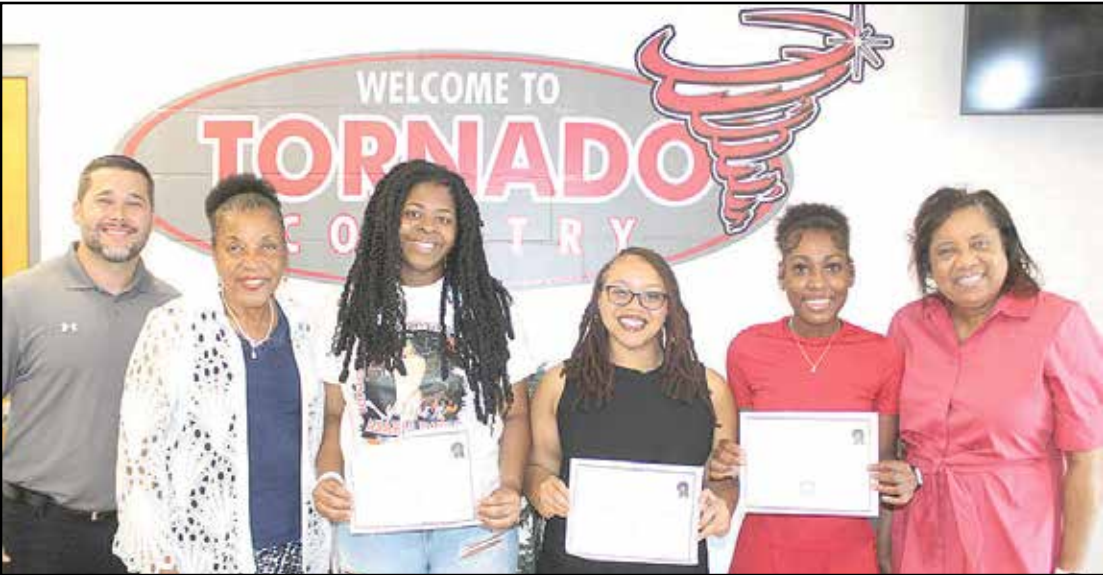
"I really took an interest in it," Cook said.

As for receiving the Shirley Ann Brown Livingstone Scholarship, Cook said, "It will help a lot financially so I can continue on with what I want to be and to help others."

Like Cook, Early is working toward her AA degree at Santa Fe College. Her end goal is to earn a bachelor's degree in nursing.

Since "school is not cheap," Early said receiving the scholarship will ease a lot of burdens.

"This scholarship means everything to me," Early said. Foster was unable to meet



Three of the six recipients of Shirley Ann Brown Livingstone Scholarships are Anaria Early, Jazlyn Hamilton and Jalisa McMillian. Pictured (l-r) are Bradford High School Principal, Shirley Ann Brown Livingstone Scholarship Foundation Director Carolyn Spooner, Early, Hamilton, McMillian and Bradford School Board member Sheila Cummings.

with Spooner and the other scholarship recipients at BHS because she's currently attending classes at Florida A&M University in Tallahassee. She shared a statement with the Telegraph-Times-Monitor.

"Ever since I was young, I knew I wanted to pursue nursing," Foster wrote. "When my older brother was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes, I watched as nurses cared for him with such compassion, patience and dedication. Their support not only helped him manage his condition, but also brought comfort to our entire family."

"That experience inspired me to want to help other families the way those nurses helped mine."

Foster expressed her gratitude in receiving the scholarship and wrote that she admires the foundation's "mission of empowering young women in healthcare by providing the tools and financial support needed to succeed."

Hamilton plans to attend Georgia Southern University and certify in ultrasound technology. She wants to eventually earn a master's degree in speech-language pathology.

"This scholarship means a lot to me because I've always wanted to go into healthcare," Hamilton said. "I've always wanted to follow in my mom's footsteps because she is a Doctor of Nursing practitioner. I knew

nursing was not for me, so I just knew that I wanted to follow behind her in the healthcare field."

Rentz said she's grateful to not have to worry about money as she pursues her goal.

"I plan to attend Santa Fe College to pursue radiology," she said.

In hearing from Spooner who the scholarship recipients were, BHS Principal Chris Coffey said, "You've got a good group."

With this year's recipients, Spooner has now awarded a total of 33 Shirley Ann Brown Livingstone Scholarships. She normally awards five each year, but had extra funds to do a sixth this year.

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said. "I thought it was just the oddest thing in the world."

She obviously made a favorable impression because she later got a call with the job offer.

"It was like 8 a.m. on a Sunday morning," Kalb said. "I was like, 'Oh, I'm half asleep right now,

but sure.' I fell back asleep."

She did eventually have more in-depth discussions about the job particulars when she was wide awake to make sure it was indeed something she wanted to accept. It was, so now she's living at home in Union County and commuting to Jacksonville.

In Duval County, Kalb works with youth who live primarily in urban areas, whereas she worked with a mixture of urban and rural youth in Charlotte County.

"They're city life. I'm not city life," Kalb said, adding, "It's out of my comfort zone — 100 percent."

Yet she likes being in the Duval County office. A big part of that is 4-H Extension Agent Grace Carter.

"She just creates this very open, calm atmosphere for 4-H, which is really hard to get in 4-H because 4-H can be so chaotic sometimes," Kalb said. "It's like you're everywhere, doing

everything at one time. It's a very calm atmosphere she creates. I really love working with her and my other program assistant, Kenedi (Mills)."

Kalb enjoyed a recent trip to a state event that included 5-6 Duval County youth. Attending state events was the highlight of Kalb's participation in 4-H as a youth because of the friendships she made.

"I still have friends (from those events) now," she said. "I saw a few of them at the conference I was just at."

A busy life

A job that comes with a daily commute of two hours would seem to be enough to keep Kalb busy, but she has so much more going on in her life. That includes going to school.

Kalb, who earned her AA degree at Santa Fe College, planned to major in Agribusiness and Food Economics coming out of high school, but she said taking an economics class convinced her that major wasn't for her.

She's now working on a major in Psychology (with a minor in Criminal Justice) and plans to graduate with her bachelor's degree from the University of Central Florida in December.

Kalb was named to the Dean's List at UCF this past semester, which is pretty impressive considering she was balancing classes with starting a new job and the move that accompanied

it. She and her husband are also renovating a house, with the couple living with Kalb's parents until that project's complete.

"That's a whole task. Oh, boy. I did not sign up for that," Kalb said with a laugh, adding, "I don't like DIYs or crafts, so I don't know why I thought I would like renovating a house."

She has also started a book club in Union County called Swamp and Story Society. The club meets monthly after reading three books in different genres.

Kalb, who had been part of a book club when she lived in Charlotte County, likes reading and discovered that one of her Duval County likes to read as well.

"I was like, 'I should really start a book club.' It's only me, her, my aunt and a few others who come every now and then," Kalb said, "but it's super fun. I really enjoy it."

Though she's set to graduate from UCF later this year, that won't be the end of school. She plans to work toward a master's degree, so Kalb will remain pretty busy for a while.

"I kind of just go with the flow," she said. "Whatever needs to be done gets done."

Kalb said she would like to continue working for an Extension office, either as a 4-H agent or a as a small-farms agent.

The hard part is making a final decision on what direction she wants to go in.

"I want to do everything. That's the problem," Kalb said.

"I've got to pick one."

4-H skills are useful

Whatever the future holds for Kalb, you can be sure that she'll benefit from the skills she learned in 4-H as a youth. A hard-work ethic was instilled in her as a 4-H youth and she has already put public-speaking, interviewing and resume-making skills to use.

Cooking skills have come in handy, too, as she has started a cooking club in Duval County.

Kalb said the SMART (specific, measurable, attainable, relevant, time-bound) goals that were a part of 4-H record books have been a big part of her adult life.

"People hate doing the SMART goals in the record books, but they do help," Kalb said. "Writing down your goals helps. You can see one thing and try to drive yourself toward that one thing, that one goal. Whenever you start not writing down a goal, you say, 'Oh, I'm just thinking about it.' Then you start thinking about all the other things that might come after that goal. It can be very overwhelming."

Kalb has a goal of ultimately working in Bradford County or Union County, if the opportunity arises (and the little voice inside her brain tells her the time is right), but for now she's enjoying her current job.

"I definitely love the Duval County people," Kalb said.

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McFarland is 1st-team all-conference

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Dakota State University junior softball player Hannah McFarland earned first-team All-North Star Athletic Association honors for the second straight year, capping a season in which she led her team in multiple categories and set a school record for career stolen bases.

McFarland, a 2022 Bradford High School graduate, batted a team-high .357 for the Madison, South Dakota school and also led Dakota State in on-base percentage (.439), hits (46), doubles (13), walks (18), runs scored (34) and stolen bases (24 on 24 attempts). Her number of stolen bases ranked her second in the NSAA.

In three seasons, McFarland has 65 stolen bases, putting her ahead of Lori Olen (2004-07) and Carrington Entringer (2022-23), who each had 53.

McFarland, who was a second-team NSAA selection her freshman year, earned a Golden Glove Award for her defense for the second straight year. The outfielder had only one error, finishing with a 9.89 fielding percentage.

Some of McFarland's notable games this past season included:

- 3 for 3 with a double, three runs scored and a stolen base in a 9-1 win over York (Nebraska) on Feb. 21.
- 3 for 4 with a double, two runs scored and a stolen base in a 9-4 loss to Hastings (Nebraska) on Feb. 22.
- 3 for 5 with two doubles, two runs scored and a stolen base in an 8-7 loss to Morningside (Iowa) on March 2.
- 2 for 3 with a double, an RBI and a stolen base in a 17-1 loss to Bethany (Kansas).



Hannah McFarland earned first-team all-conference honors for the second straight year after her junior season at Dakota State University. Photo provided courtesy of Dakota State University Athletics.

—2 for 3 with two runs scored in an 11-0 win over Waldorf (Iowa) on March 18.

—2 for 4 with two runs scored and three stolen bases in a 14-10 loss to Waldorf on March 18.

—Two RBI in a 12-2 loss to Valley City State (North Dakota) on March 28.

—3 for 4 with a double, two RBI, a run scored and a stolen base in a 13-5 loss to Mayville State (North Dakota) on April 19.

—2 for 3 with a double and a run scored in a 10-2 loss to Bellevue (Nebraska) on April 25.

—2 for 5 with an RBI and three runs scored in a 10-6 win over Bellevue on April 25.

—2 for 3 with a double, a run scored and a stolen base in an 8-2 loss to Bellevue on May 1.

—2 for 2 with a run scored and a stolen base in a 5-2 loss to Valley City State (North Dakota) on May 2.

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