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Lake Butler city manager fired, interim sought

BY TRACY TATE
Telegraph Staff Writer

LAKE BUTLER — The City of Lake Butler will soon begin the search for a new city manager as the city board of commissioners voted unanimously to terminate their employment of City Manager Dale Walker, the day before his fourth anniversary in the position.

The move came at the end of the third meeting where Walker's spending and job performance were questioned. Among the issues leading to the firing were questionable charges on the city credit cards and decisions made by Walker, including policy changes that were never brought before the commission for approval.

The motion to terminate Walker was made by Commissioner Melissa Hendrix, who has been spending hours looking at the budget, the financial reports and the credit card statements for the past two years. One instance, reported to the commission by Hendrix, involved a change in city policy allowing employees to buy out a portion of their accumulated unused sick leave and vacation pay, rather than having to wait until they left their job or retired.

An email, dated July 8, 2022, from Walker to then mayor Jack Schenck

was distributed to the commissioners in which Walker seemed to be continuing a discussion with Schenck concerning the accumulated sick and vacation leave, calling it "a liability" for the city that, under the policy then in effect, would be paid to them when they left city employment at their salary at the time of separation.

Walker proposed to Schenck that the city buy back these hours at the employee's request "at the discretion of the city manager if the city has enough cash available to accomplish the sell back." Also included was the provision that the city manager was responsible "to determine and oversee that the hours owed are sufficient for the sell back will not harm them" should they need to use sick leave or take a vacation.

The email continues, informing Schenck that if he agreed, Walker would put the proposal in the personnel policy, then goes on to say that "as a test case, I (Walker) will redeem 600 hours of sick leave at my current salary. It will be added to the next pay period and taxes will be taken out of the larger amount."

The document was signed by Walker and also by Schenck, over the words "accept and agree." The

sell back resulted in Walker receiving gross earnings for the month of July 2022 of \$31,752.38.

While the policy change was accepted and agreed to by Schenck, the change was never brought before the commission for approval as it should have been.

In her motion, Hendrix stated that Walker was not managing his staff and not doing the job he was hired to do.

"I do not know how much of this lack of transparency we can handle and this cannot continue," Hendrix said. "We don't even know what we don't know about all that has been done."

Acting Mayor Annette Redman, with tears in her eyes, commented before the vote, saying, "Some things were not brought to us that should have been and things were never brought back to us to make the decisions."

As the commission voted on Hendrix's motion, the large number of citizens who had come to hear the meeting said "Aye" along with the commissioners and then applauded the decision. Walker was terminated on the spot, with his keys and city vehicle taken away, and he was prohibited from removing anything

from his office at that time.

The Lake Butler City Commission has put out a request for resumes to be considered at a special meeting on March 7 for the selection of an interim city manager to serve while they search for someone for the permanent position. Persons willing to serve as an interim manager must be Union County residents and submit their resume to city hall no later than 5 p.m. on March 6.

All applicants will be posted on the city website prior to the meeting.

Until an interim manager is selected, Finance Director/Asst. City Clerk John Sapp will assume the role of Interim City Clerk. This will ensure that the city can do business as needed, writing checks and using a single credit card for city purchases and business. Redman will approve and sign all checks and approve all charges.

The commission is currently awaiting a forensic audit report on city spending under Walker's leadership — a special audit that will have a different focus than the annual audit that determines if financial statements offer a fair assessment of financial position. Forensic audits aim to uncover improprieties and fraud.

Jail inmate death under investigation

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Telegraph Staff Writer

STARKE—The Florida Department of Law Enforcement is investigating a Friday suicide attempt that resulted in the death of a Bradford County Jail inmate on Sunday.

In a social media post, the sheriff's office said that the inmate, later identified as Alaina Rae Lilly, 32, of Green Cove Springs, was found unresponsive in her cell and was transported to UF Health Shands after corrections deputies found her unresponsive.

"At noon on Sunday, she was taken off life support and died a short time later," the office said.

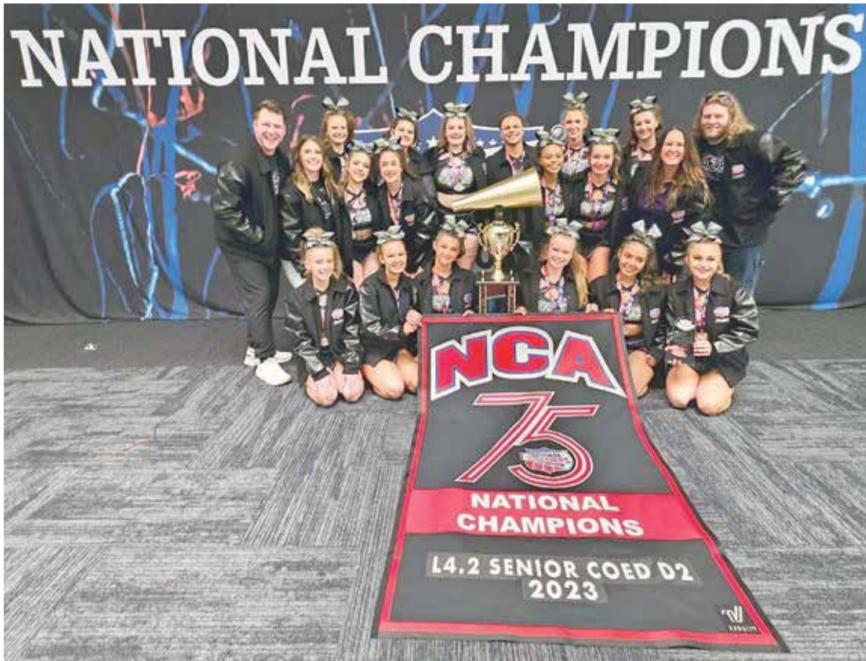
Col. Brad Smith said that Lilly, who was in an isolated cell, had requested to speak to a detention deputy, and the officer responded that she was busy and would get with Lilly shortly.

Two minutes later, deputies found the inmate in her cell with a bedsheet wrapped around her neck.

Lilly had been in jail since Dec. 1 when she was arrested on a warrant.

According to a sworn complaint, on Aug. 1, a sheriff's office confidential source purchased methamphetamine from a house on West Pratt Street. The home was within 1,000 feet of Smyrna Baptist Church. Lilly was allegedly involved in the drug deal.

NFE team wins national title



A trophy made its way from Dallas, Texas, to North Florida Elite Cheer and Tumbling in Starke as its Haze team won the National Cheerleaders Association All-Star National Championship in the L4.2 Small Senior Co-Ed division. The team competed Feb. 24-26 in Dallas, placing ahead of the Amistad Eagles All-Stars (Del Rio, Texas) Black Ice and Punchfront Cheer's (Bonaire, Georgia) Glow-Ed. The Haze hit zero two straight days, which means it completed its routines without receiving any deductions. The news would get even better for the Haze, which later found out its score of 95.7458 was good enough to earn it a full-paid bid to compete at the D2 Championship, which will be held May 5-7 at ESPN's Wide World of Sports Complex at The Walt Disney World Resort. Pictured are: (front, l-r) Kaylee Park, Bailey Nelson, Alyssa Sanford, Sydney Box, Destiny Ridgeway, Aubree Michaux, (middle, l-r) Coach Dave Darty, Coach Megan Ford, Marissa Callesto, Kendall Cook, Ashlyn Thomas, Laila Briseno, NFE Owner Stefanie Nelson, (back, l-r) Bryleigh Brantley, Addison Renfro, Amy Prescott, Dezmond Edwards, Aubrey Nelson, Mia Dispartti and Coach Harrison Paine. NFE, which opened in 2010, is currently serves 100 athletes, ranging in age from 4 to 18. Photo by Patricia Bath.

Melrose Art Walk

Mossman Hall will host a reception for photographer Sue B. and her work at the March 3 Art Walk. The Food Truck Rally begins at 5 p.m.

On the first Friday of every month, from 6 to 9 p.m., the Melrose Art Walk encourages patrons to visit exhibits at each of the town's galleries. The Art Walk is sponsored by the Melrose All Arts Council.

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The Alachua County

Household Hazardous Waste Department in partnership with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and the Bradford and Union county commissions will sponsor a free Toxic Round-up collection event to properly dispose of and/or recycle common household

waste items that cannot be collected curbside. In Bradford, residents can bring hazardous waste items to the Bradford County Courthouse parking lot located at 945 N. Temple Ave. on Saturday, March 4, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. In Union, residents can bring

hazardous waste items to the Union County Road/Solid Waste Department (by RMC West Union) located at 15285 SW 84th St. on Saturday, March 18, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Household hazardous waste can be toxic to the public and pose a threat to our environment if improperly discarded. Many tons of waste has been properly disposed up through these collection events.

Please use the following as a helpful guideline for items that will be accepted:

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- Batteries – Automotive Batteries, Lead-Acid, Ni-Cd, Rechargeable, etc.
- E-Waste – Computers, TVs, Microwaves, Radios, and other Electronic Waste.

- Fluorescent Lamps and Tubes, CFL & LED Bulbs
- Household Cleaners, Degreasers and Solvents
- Fertilizers, Pesticides and Insecticides (Solid or Liquid)
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- Propane Tanks
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- Non-Controlled Pharmaceuticals (Pills and Liquid) & Over-the-Counter Medications
- Gasoline, Fuels
- Used Oil & Used Oil Filters
- Shop Rags & Absorbents
- Flares and Ammunition
- Used Vegetable Oil

For your safety: All containers must be labeled. Please use a tub or tarp to contain any potential spills in your vehicle. If at all possible, please drive only with

a well-ventilated cab and the windows open. For everyone's safety, please remain in your vehicle and allow staff to remove items from your vehicle. Notice: Trash and/or recyclables will not be accepted at the Toxic Round-up events. Explosives, reactives, and/or radioactive, infectious, or biohazardous wastes including sharps (syringes, needles, and lancets) will not be accepted at the Toxic Round-up events.

For any questions or concerns about the handling of additional wastes (which are not listed here, or which cannot be accepted at this event) please call Alachua County Household Hazardous Waste Collection at 352-334-0440, prior to the event.

All residents and small businesses are welcome. The event is free for residents, however, Alachua County Environmental Protection Department must assess small businesses a nominal fee for eligible quantities of all aforementioned waste items. Small businesses may contact 352-334-0440 for more information about associated fees and program availability.

For more information and a full list of accepted items, call Bennie Jackson from Bradford County Solid Waste at 904-966-6212, Kim Hayes from Union County Solid Waste at 386-496-2180 or visit www.alachuacountyhazwaste.us.



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Bradford, Union residents invited to comment on flood risk changes

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

STARKE — A public meeting last week on proposed changes to the flood risk maps for the Santa Fe Watershed focused on instructing residents how to check the status of their property and submit comments if they think changes are warranted.

For some, the computer-based process will be intuitive after watching an online video posted on the Suwannee River Water Management District website. Concerns were expressed, however, for those less familiar with computers or without an adequate internet connection who want to take advantage of this 30-day period to submit comments.

The water management district had several staff members on hand to individually guide those who attended the meeting through the process.

For those interested in pursuing answers for themselves, you may visit the Suwannee River Water Management District's flood risk map online at <http://arcg.is/1javDX>. Before you dive in there, however, visit www.SRWMDFloodReport.com/Virtual to view the information presented during the public meetings. Be sure to watch the video explaining the process, which also walks you through how to use the map and submit comments. Select the video titled "Santa Fe Watershed Flood Risk Review Meeting Recording."

You are not on your own if you don't understand or do not have the resources to view this information. Call or email Project Manager Brad Heilwagen at 615-268-1554 and brad.heilwagen@wsp.com, or Program Manager Leroy Marshall at 386-362-1001 and leroy.marshall@srwmd.com.

Remember, the time remaining

to comment is limited and the 30-day countdown has already begun. Following the comment period, a review process will begin, and there will be additional meetings with public officials to ensure the appropriate changes have been made. The maps are expected to become effective in October 2025.

Why are the maps being updated?

Protecting people from flooding is one of the water management district's core missions, and part of that is working with FEMA to assess local flood risk. Studies at various stages of completion have been performed throughout the watershed. Areas of enhanced study included all of Santa Fe River, the Santa Fe Lakes, Santa Fe Canal and Lake Alto. Results from previous enhanced studies of the Sampson Lake area, Alligator Creek and the city of Starke will be carried forward and incorporated into the new maps.

Do I need flood insurance?

Bradford and Union counties both fall into the Santa Fe Watershed. The flood maps for the region identify which properties are at low, moderate and high risk of flooding.

Florida is one of the most flood prone states in the country, but only a fraction of households have flood insurance. Those who find themselves moved into a high-risk flood zone and are uninsured should be aware that the National Flood Insurance Program can help lower the cost of becoming insured. Visit FloodSmart.gov or speak with a local insurance agent to learn



This resource from the SRWMD Virtual Tour lists some facts about the Santa Fe Watershed and shows the timeline for approval of the new maps.

more about a preferred risk policy.

In Bradford, there are 510 buildings moving from low or moderate flood risk to high risk and 1,020 switching from high risk to low or moderate risk. Another 538 buildings will move from low to moderate risk. Finally, 9,990 will experience no category change.

In Union, there are 284 buildings moving from low or moderate flood risk to high risk and 178 switching from high risk to low or moderate risk. Another 319 buildings will move from low to moderate risk. More than 5,500 will experience no category change.

Low risk does not mean no risk, however, so maintaining coverage is recommended, although the cost can be adjusted downward.



Laptop computers at the ready, water management district staff assisted residents in looking up their properties and determining if any changes had been made to the flood risk category.

Oddfellow Cemetery requests community's help

The Oddfellow Cemetery Committee Members regret to inform you that the records for the gravesites of your grandparents, mothers and fathers purchased back in the 1940s and 1950s are no longer maintained due to the

change of administration and personnel. However, if you have any copies of any transaction, it will be honored.

The committee is trying to preserve the cemetery for the community and need your help. When exchanging the flowers of your loved one's grave, please carry the old ones with you from the cemetery. Thank you in advance for your help with this matter.

The committee's goal is to fence in the cemetery within the next five years. It will be gated as well, with a walk in area for

visitation. A directional board will be located there to show where your love one is located. Contact any committee member or call 904-964-7905 with any questions or concerns.

Conservation board meets Tuesday

The Bradford Soil and Water Conservation District will meet at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 7, at the Bradford County

Extension Office. The agenda will include a discussion of the Cypress Run boat ramp, the Edwards Bottomlands mitigation site located along Alligator Creek at the Edwards Road Park, the new flood risk assessment for Bradford County and other projects.

Meetings are open to the public. Contact Paul Still at 904-368-0291 or email stillpe@aol.com for more information.



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Invitation to recovery from addiction

Dear Editor:

I wanted to take a moment to let the Lake Region know of a new recovery meeting that will be beginning soon in Keystone Heights. We will be bringing Drug Addicts Anonymous (DAA) to the Mission of the Dirt Road. These DAA meetings will begin Thursday March 9, and will be held every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. thereafter.

Drug Addicts Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who have recovered from addiction and are committed to helping those who still suffer. We have recovered by using the Twelve Steps as outlined in the book of Alcoholics Anonymous. Our primary purpose is to recover from our addiction and help other addicts to achieve the same freedom.

DAA is not dedicated to users of any one specific drug, and use of no single drug was predominant among our members. DAA was founded in Sweden in 1997 by two drug addicts who had been attending Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) meetings. While AA had been very successful in helping alcoholics recover from alcoholism, its fellowship was only available to alcoholics, not drug addicts.

DAA was formed as a separate fellowship to offer the same successful program specifically to drug addicts while not being

in violation of AA's traditions. DAA was granted permission from AA World Services to adopt the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions as a program of recovery. The only changes made to the Twelve Steps were substituting the word "alcohol" with "narcotics and all other mind-altering substances" and "alcoholics" with "drug addicts."

The Twelve Steps of AA have been hugely successful in helping alcoholics to find recovery. Since alcoholism and drug addiction are the same illness, it only makes sense to use the Twelve Steps of AA and the Program of Action outlined in AA's Big Book to bring this same recovery to drug addicts. The format of the meeting on Thursday nights will be an intense Big Book study.

I was born and raised in Keystone Heights. I abused drugs and alcohol from a young age. I am proud to be able to bring Drug Addicts Anonymous

to the addicts and alcoholics in Keystone Heights. Don't let the name fool you, this program is for anyone who is addicted to mind-altering substance, and alcohol is a mind-altering substance. In fact, our membership is full of alcoholics who never abused hard drugs.

We would love to see you on Thursday nights starting March 9. If you are a Hopeless Dope Fiend who wants a way out, then please come visit the Dopeless Hope Friends Group of DAA, where we will show you the way to true freedom. All that is required is willingness, honesty and open mindedness. Come as you are. We don't care if you live in a mansion on Lake Santa Fe or a tent in the woods. The only thing that matters to us is that you come.

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County commits to High Ridge improvements

Lake Region pastor leads effort to revitalize neighborhood

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Telegraph Staff Writer

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—Clay County Commissioners in February expressed their support for the High Ridge Initiative: a neighborhood revitalization effort spearheaded by Lake Region resident Carey Morford.

Morford, the pastor of the Mission of the Dirt Road, appeared before commissioners to ask for their help in revitalizing the neighborhood. Morford also spoke to the Keystone Heights Rotary Club about the initiative.



Carey Morford talks to the Keystone Heights Rotary Club about the High Ridge Initiative.

Empty promises

Morford said the neighborhood was developed in 1969 and was marketed as an upscale community for residents aged 55 and older.

"But it was developed on really empty promises from the developer," she added. "The neighborhood residents have tried at various times throughout history to work together, but they've just been unable to access the resources they need to meet the neighborhood's needs."

Morford said the land mass of High Ridge Estates is 50% larger than that of the City of Keystone Heights, and the neighborhood's population of around 1,500 is close to the city's population.

"We know that 237 Clay County school students live in High Ridge," she said, which is the equivalent of 20% of the high school's student body.

Only around one-third of the subdivision's 1,683 platted parcels have been improved, leaving plenty of room for development.

The neighborhood had a homeowners' association that Morford said operated at varying levels of success, but the organization was dissolved in 2005.

"With an absent developer and a dissolved HOA, private citizens are left with limited pathways forward for improving the large neighborhood," Morford said. "There are miles of unpaved and unmaintained streets, no

sidewalks, and virtually no safe green space for children to play; the neighborhood needs attention."

In 2002 the North Florida Planning Council designated the area as an antiquated subdivision at risk of becoming an area of blight.

"High Ridge is an under-resourced neighborhood with a long history of having a stigma for being a place where crime and drug abuse happens in Keystone Heights," Morford said. "(We) have learned that families sometimes live without access to water or have numerous code violations in their homes. Most roads are unmaintained and in overwhelming disrepair. We think about 40% of the neighborhood lives on \$24,000 a year or less."

However, Morford said the neighborhood also has positive attributes.

"It is an intergenerational neighborhood," she said. "There's an elderly population, there are obviously a number of children there, there are working people, and there is some form of community. People are talking to each other; people are working together to solve problems."

Morford said she thinks around 60% of the homes in High Ridge are owner-occupied.

"We do have some landlords that I don't love," she said, "but it's more complicated than just (bad) landlords. I think we also have people that have owned their homes and, for whatever reason, cannot afford to maintain them."

"In mobile homes," she added, "one of the things we're seeing over and over again is they had a plumbing issue, but they couldn't afford to call a plumber, or they tried to fix it multiple times, it didn't work, and now they have a ruined floor which greatly reduces the integrity of the home."

A new initiative

Morford said she founded the church: Mission of The Dirt Road with the Florida District of the Wesleyan Church.

"We are making disciples through community development," she said. "In 2017, we started meeting on a vacant lot in High Ridge that was donated to a nonprofit that we have always worked closely with. In 2019, we purchased our building on State Road 100, directly across from the neighborhood entrance. We average one person through our doors every hour that we're open for coffee and Wi-Fi."



The High Ridge Initiative steering committee hopes to improve the neighborhood's image by upgrading its entrance on State Road 100.



The marks of poverty are in the front yards of many High Ridge properties: abandoned vehicles, appliances and furniture in yards, along with overgrown vegetation.

In addition to helping people connect to the resources they need, the church offers community classes, Alcoholics Anonymous and other support groups. The congregation also engages in more traditional church activities.

"We've just opened a public shower and a tool lending library for our neighbors," she said, "and we serve two to three hot meals every week for free. We have a youth development program."

Morford said her family moved to the neighborhood in 2019, so she knows firsthand what it is like to live there.

"As most of my neighbors would tell you, there's a lot that's really wonderful about our neighborhood, and there's a lot of potential," she said. "However, it's also a place that's been under-resourced for a long time, and so there are overwhelming barriers to strength and safety."

Morford said that the seeds of the High Ridge Initiative were sown in 2021 when she oversaw a survey to gauge neighborhood interest in a revitalization program.

"I decided to put out an informal survey to ask, what do you like about living here and what do you not like?" Morford recalled. "And there was enough response to that survey that it was like, oh, there is interest in doing something here."

Morford said the first project she organized was a cleanup day, picking up trash along neighborhood roads.

She then learned about the College Drive Initiative, an organized effort in Orange Park to upgrade the area around St. Johns River State College. Morford decided to duplicate the College Road effort in High Ridge Estates.

"We formed our steering committee in May of 2022," she recalled. "And in October, we hosted Healthy Harvest. We had 150 people in attendance and 20 health organizations attended. We used this event to catalyze the Emanuel Project, which now offers free healthcare services once a month in our area."

In another idea borrowed from the College Drive Initiative, Morford and her group hosted 10 hotdog dialogues, in which over 100 High Ridge residents told the group what they thought the neighborhood needed.

"We offered childcare, we offered hotdogs as a meal, and then we made sure that we scheduled them at different times throughout the week so that people who don't work a traditional work schedule could make it," she said. "From those, we had over a hundred people fill out a survey or participate in a discussion, and in December, we

started writing the final report."

As a result of the dialogs, the group identified eight key concerns: -1- lack of water, -2-lack of road maintenance, -3- drug abuse, -4- reducing the neighborhood's stigma, -5- beautification and property maintenance, -6- access to transportation, -7- access to healthcare, and -8- access to healthy foods.

High Ridge Initiative leaders added three additional cleanup days to the original roadside pickup event and removed 4.8 tons of trash and 3.5 tons of tires. Clay County funded dumpsters for the three cleanups with Community Development Block Grant funds.

"They also sent a truck and a driver so that we could put the tires in the truck," she said.

What's next

Morford told county commissioners her steering committee identified several requests in which the county could support the neighborhood.

Those requests include developing a master plan that considers road improvements and maintenance, branding, and aesthetics for the neighborhood, water and sewage infrastructure, and developing quality, affordable housing.

The group is also asking for help from the Clay County Sheriff's Office to address drug prevention measures in High Ridge Estates.

Morford cautioned that the steering committee wants to improve the neighborhood with the current residents in mind.

"We will need to work together and think creatively to develop a plan that doesn't price out our current residents but allows for growth and development," she said. "This neighborhood is a 50-year-old problem, and these problems weren't created overnight. The solution will take time, planning, and collaboration, and we are very aware."

The steering committee is also seeking help from the University of Florida's extension 4-H program and help from the county's library and parks departments to develop youth programs.

To help with transportation issues, the group is talking to the Jacksonville Transportation Agency, which already operates a bus service in the Lake Region.

"Transportation was a huge issue during our discussions for people who live in High Ridge," she said. "The unmaintained roads complicate the transportation issue. If people have a personal vehicle, it requires more maintenance because the roads are so bad. The

poorly maintained roads also mean that students have to walk to the school bus longer than usual, and there are no sidewalks. So, walking in inclement weather becomes a barrier to school attendance if families don't have a personal vehicle."

The pastor added that the group is talking to the Clay County Utility Authority about water and sewer services.

"We almost always know four or five families who don't have access to water because their wells have gone bad, and they can't afford to replace them," she said. "The (CCUA) water line runs directly in front of the neighborhood, and they already have the capacity to process the water, so we're talking to them about, okay, is there a way to make this work? We're also talking to the county about grant possibilities and that kind of thing."

Morford said the committee also hopes to improve the neighborhood's image by upgrading its entrance on State Road 100.

"We've already had benches donated by Humana for that little project," she said.

Morford said she also wants to build on the successes the steering committee has seen so far, like the county's animal services department helping with animal care education and resources to pet owners in the neighborhood.

She added that High Ridge residents listed stray animals among their top concerns.

Morford also pointed to advances in healthcare for High Ridge residents.

"Because of the advocacy efforts with the Way Free Medical Clinic, the Emmanuel Project is now offering free healthcare within walking distance of our neighborhood every month," she said. "We hope to build and grow those efforts."

A 25-year project

Morford said that breaking the cycle of generational poverty and changing family habits passed down from generation to generation is a long-term project.

"When I went to a Christian Community Development Association conference when I was just getting started in this work," Morford recalled, "they said it takes 25 years before you start to see that real change in the cycles we're talking about."

Moreford added that she has been involved with High Ridge Estates in one form or another for 10 years.

That prompted this response from a Rotary Club member: "You're halfway there."

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Hearing planned for new school zones

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

STARKE — Bradford County School Board went through a first reading of new proposed elementary school zones in preparation of a public hearing taking place March 13.

Consultant John Gilreath from DRMP returned for the presentation, reminding the board of the data and considerations that went into preparing the proposed map. These included student demographics, school capacity, transportation facilities and potential for future development.

The current zones include a northern zone for Lawtey Elementary, a western zone for Starke Elementary and a southeastern zone for Southside Elementary.

The proposed zones offer a more or less horizontal division of the county into a northern, middle and southern zone.

Currently, the Lawtey zone includes 237 students, Starke has 578 and Southside has 661. Gilreath said these numbers may not match enrollment numbers, because the students may go to out of zone schools, but it does reflect the zone they live in. The

district also has students enrolled from Alachua, Clay and Union counties.

In the proposed zones, the numbers shift very little. There are 235 students in the Lawtey zone, 562 students in the Starke zone and 679 at the new Bradford Elementary.

The Monday, March 13, hearing will take place at the district boardroom, 501 W. Washington St. in Starke, at 5:01 p.m. along with a hearing on changes to board policy. The regular monthly meeting will follow at 6 p.m.

School district discussing future of facilities

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

STARKE — With the singular project on the school district's priority list under construction, Operations Director Jeff Edison told the school board it's time to update the five-year plan with new priorities.

In order to access funding, those projects need to be in the five-year plan.

If one of those is to be a new facility for the middle school, high school and technical college, the district is going to have to consider eliminating some of its unused student stations. Otherwise, Edison said the state would be skeptical of approving funds for new construction.

A new junior/senior high and college facility would equate to 1,700 student stations, Edison said. The state would want to know why the district has hundreds of unfilled student stations, regardless of where those stations are located. The state would look at overall capacity.

He said the district must consider how to consider

reducing the stations it has by finding a use for that space. He used the district offices as an example. Those offices are the former Starke Elementary School. Moving the district offices there eliminated student stations.

Another way is by no spending money to replace buildings, including those at the district office. Damage to Building 4 from recent flooding was not repaired.

Edison said the district has good buildings elsewhere in the county, and district offices could fill them. At the same time, they would be using up student stations and making way for improvements.

The district needs to begin making plans and evaluating costs to make this happen.

As older facilities are vacated, they will deteriorate, Edison said, imaging the current district offices as space to expand parking for the high school. As buildings are vacated, they should be torn down, he said.

"There are some buildings here that need to need to go because they're going to cost

this district a lot of money in a few years. One way or another, they're going to cost this district a lot of money. And so, what do you want to spend that money on? You want to spend that money chasing old facilities? Or do you want to spend that money chasing new facilities?"

Some other possible projects for the priority list include paving the track, improvements to the field house and track house, replacing the gutters at Starke Elementary School, and paving the parking lots at Starke Elementary and the bus barn. School board members were invited to consider additions to the list and bring them to a future meeting.

What gets accomplished will depend upon available funding, so Edison stressed that conversations about planning need to take place alongside building the budget each year.

Being on the list does not mean the projects will occur in any order or ever come to fruition. But they must be on the list to be eligible for outside funding.



Teen Miss Sydney Box, Petite Miss Brilee Melvin, Junior Miss Charley Box and Miss Kimberly Palmer.

Four take top Bradford Fest titles

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

Kimberly Palmer is the 2023 Miss Bradford Fest.

The pageant was held Feb. 11 at Bradford High School.

Palmer is the 19-year-old daughter of Tim and Vicki Palmer of Lake Butler. A former Miss Union County High School, she has worked at Nutrition Escape since she was 16 and has taught dance for four years to 3-4-year-olds. One of her greatest passions is working with people with special needs. The Florida Gateway College sophomore plans to attend Santa Fe College to study radiology technology.

The scholarship she received as pageant winner will help her reach that goal.

Teen Miss Bradford Fest was awarded to Sydney Box, the 16-year-old daughter of Jacob and Laresa Box of Lake Butler. She is a varsity cheerleader at UCHS, cheers for two North Florida Elite all-star teams and is an active member of FFA and 4-H.

Junior Miss Bradford Fest was awarded to Charley Box. She is fourth-grader at Lake Butler Elementary who is following her sister, Sydney, as a cheerleader and member of 4-H.

Petite Miss Bradford Fest was awarded to Brilee Melvin, the 6-year-old daughter of Cassie and Brian Melvin of Brooker. She is in the first grade at Southside Elementary and a recent Kiwanis Terrific Kid. She cheers with North Florida Elite, enjoys singing and dancing, and loves animals.

Runners up for the younger divisions included Chloe

Anderson, Raegan Godwin and Hadley Holsenbeck.

Other contestants include Bethany Peraino, Olicia Coiana, Jesslyn Hipps, Shalin Hannah, Kylee Kerr, Taylin Holsenbeck, Hailey Griffis, Bailey Varnes, Remington Hipps, Liberty Harahus and Kimberly Palmer.

Bradford Fest also handed out trophies and prizes for the following awards:

- Directors' Award — Brilee Melvin
- Miss Congeniality — Sydney Box
- People's Choice — Bailey Varnes
- Most Ad Sales — Raegan Godwin
- Most Presale Tickets — Bethany Peraino
- Top Bid Award — Charley Box
- Petite Most Photogenic — Brilee Melvin
- Junior Most Photogenic — Shalin Hannah
- Teen Most Photogenic —

Sydney Box
Miss Most Photogenic — Kimberly Palmer

Petite Beautifully You Wear — Brilee Melvin
Junior Beautifully You Wear — Charley Box
Teen Beautifully You Wear — Sydney Box
Miss Beautifully You Wear — Kimberly Palmer

Petite Best On-stage Question — Hadley Holsenbeck
Junior Best On-stage Question — Kylee Kerr
Teen Best On-stage Question — Chloe Anderson
Miss Best On-stage Question — Kyndall Key

Petite Best Evening Gown — Brilee Melvin
Junior Best Evening Gown — Kylee Kerr
Teen Best Evening Gown — Sydney Box
Miss Best Evening Gown — Kimberly Palmer

Bradford and Union uniting under one CareerSource board

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

STARKE — CareerSource North Central Florida, which serves Alachua and Bradford counties — is one several CareerSource boards being consolidated to serve a larger area.

The CareerSource Florida board made the decision Feb. 23 that 21 boards would do a better job serving Floridians than 24.

CareerSource North Central Florida is merging with CareerSource Florida Crown, which serves Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist and Union counties.

According to CareerSource NCF CEO Phyllis Marty, the merger will bring more services and programs to the rural areas of the region.

"This new regional structure will allow us to utilize the efficient administrative model we have in place, which will allow more funding to go back to the services and programs to serve the community. We plan to expand services, not reduce any," she said.

The process will occur over 16 months, time enough to ensure a smooth transition.

According to a press release from CareerSource Florida, the plan includes overall statewide system improvements and enhanced regional planning.

A reduction in the number of workforce boards was also mandated by a law signed by Gov. Ron DeSantis in 2021 — part of an operational review to provide better outcomes for businesses and individuals. It was known as the Reimagining Education and Career Help, or REACH, Act.

CareerSource Florida collaborated the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, the REACH Office and the Department of Education. Ernst and Young was contracted to review and analyze data from all 24 workforce regions, the state and more than 700 stakeholders. Of the options identified, CareerSource Florida approved the plan it found most beneficial, the least organizationally impactful, and most driven by direct input from stakeholders.

System-wide improvements led by DEO and CareerSource Florida are also expected to support regional planning that will result in greater access to

resources for local workforce development boards.

According to the press release, the implementation of the plan will improve:

- Access to workforce training options while never decreasing access to services.
 - Collaboration among economic, educational and governmental agencies.
 - Consistent services to businesses and workforce across the state.
 - Alignment of workforce development with economic development.
 - Elimination of administrative layers to help focus on workforce development.
 - Flexibility in allocating resources to businesses and workforce development.
 - Opportunities for businesses to partner within their industry clusters.
 - Accountability of workforce-related programs.
- The governor is ultimately responsible for designating local workforce development areas, so the consolidation plan will be sent to him and posted at careersourceflorida.com for public comment.



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UNION COUNTY

Two qualified for city election April 4

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Times Staff Writer

LAKE BUTLER — Just a month from now, the city of Lake Butler will hold a special election to fill Seat 2 on the Lake Butler City Commission. The seat became open due to the resignation of Mayor Jack Schenck late last year.

The commission had decided earlier this year to hold a special election rather than appoint a commissioner to fill out their number. The commission asked the Union County supervisor of elections to administer the election and she agreed, starting a long process of getting ready to have an election.

There is a great deal of work to be done to meet all of the state laws and regulations governing an election. The election must be announced so potential candidates will have chance to first, declare that they will run for the position and, second, qualify for that position after a specified length of time — all the while doing things like getting signatures or paying qualifying fees, opening special bank

accounts and getting the word out about their candidacy. The elections office must make the future candidates aware of all the requirements they must meet and, after qualifying ends, have time to have ballots printed and sent out to voters that wish (or must) vote by mail — these include men and women in the military who may wish to cast their vote from another country. All these requirements are the reason it has taken several months to get everything ready for the April 4, 2023 special election date.

Qualifying as a candidate for the special election ended at noon on Feb. 17, 2023 with only two candidates vying for the seat. As per the requirements for running for the position, both are residents of the city of Lake Butler for at least the past six months and are registered voters. Each has paid their qualifying fees (\$106.74, which is 1% of a commissioner's salary, plus a \$25 qualifying fee) and been officially sworn in as a candidate. For them, all that's left is to make their presence known in the community by campaigning.

The candidates are:

Rondoll Huggins — Huggins is 50 years old and works as a warehouse supervisor for Victory Packaging in Jacksonville. He was born and raised in Lake Butler and has returned home after a few years working out of state.

When asked why he chose to run for a seat on the city commission, Huggins said, "This is a life-long dream of mine. When I was a child, I set myself with a number of accomplishments I wanted to make in my life and this is one of them. I want to serve the residents of my hometown and be able to help bring a positive vibe to the city. I want to serve with a purpose and be proactive in the resolution of resident's concerns."

Joe Stephenson — Stephenson is 72 years old and is retired. He is best known as a member of the family that owned Lake Butler Apparel.

When asked why he chose to run for the commission seat, Stephenson said, "I have always wanted to serve my community,

but I have always been working and too busy to run and serve. Now that I am retired I have the time to do the job and feel a duty to help deal with problems in the city. This is a 'call of duty' for me and I feel with my background in business I can be of service. I love problem solving."

The Special Election will be held April 4, 2023, at the Hal Y. Maines Lake Butler Community Center from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. There will be no early voting, but vote by mail ballots are available. Voters must be registered voters in Union County and present a photo ID at the polling place. Voters are also encouraged to check and make sure that they have a current signature card on file at the supervisor of elections office, as signatures can change over time.

As the supervisor of elections office will be conducting the election, any questions may be directed to that office, either by dropping by its location at 175 W. Main St. in Lake Butler, or by calling the office at 386-496-2236.



Joe Stephenson and Rondoll Huggins shake hands at the Union County Supervisor of Elections Office after they took their oaths as candidates for office. They both are candidates for the Lake Butler City Commission Seat 2.

Lake Butler considers public concerns, finances and boat races

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Times Staff Writer

(Note: The agenda item concerning the continued employment of City Manager Dale Walker as the final one of the meeting and, as such, Walker participated in the bulk of the meeting as city manager.)

LAKE BUTLER — The Lake Butler City Commission held its regular meeting March 21 to a full seating section of interested and concerned city residents. There were a number of citizen comment at the start of the meeting.

First to speak to the commission was Joe Stephenson (one of two candidates for the open commission seat). Stephenson told commissioners that he was worried about how Lake Butler was seen from the outside. He questioned why the projected five-year budget showed a negative general fund balance according to the plan and has been hearing a lot of excuses about employee pay. He noted the projected 10% per year increase proposed for resident's sewer bills and commented on the poor maintenance at Dekle Cemetery.

"I feel like the city is out of control and something must be done," Stephenson said. "We need to work to restore the faith

of the citizens in their city."

Next to speak was Rondoll Huggins (the other of the two candidates for the open seat). He congratulated the commission on making progress in some problems he had brought to them in January and asked about needed repairs to remedy the large pothole on Forester Road. He asked if that road was included on a road repair and paving grant the city was expecting to start working with in July.

Spenser Hoover asked if the city would post supplemental materials along with the agenda on BoardDocs (the website the city uses to post meeting notices, agenda and recordings). He was informed that the materials were always posted prior to the meeting.

Roger Hoover asked the commission what was being planned or done with the property at the intersection of S.R. 100 and C.R. 121, across from the Lake Butler Hospital. Commissioners told him that they had no idea as of yet but when the matter comes before them it will be public record.

Questions were raised by commissioners about the consent agenda they were being asked to vote on. (The consent agenda contains items such as

the minutes from the previous meeting, financial reports and other routine business not usually requiring discussion.) The consent agenda was missing the minutes from the previous meeting. Commissioners were told that the computer used to take down the notes normally used for the minutes had experienced a software issue and that the typing of the minutes was delayed due to the necessity of having to transcribe them from the audio recording of the meeting.

Commissioner Melissa Hendrix asked which of the city employees was responsible for animal control. She was told by City Manager Dale Walker it was Public Works Director Cody Douglas, who is the only city employee licensed for the position. He also said that Douglas delegated at least part of the work to another city worker.

When Hendrix asked how this other worker was compensated for the work, she was told that Douglas paid him out of the \$304 per month he received for the job. Hendrix then asked City Attorney John Maines if this was a liability, with one worker paid for a job and another doing it, and Maines replied that it could be if someone is hurt and that the employee doing the job should

be the one paid for the work. She was also told that the other employee had been scheduled for training for licensure, but that the class had been canceled due to COVID issues, but that the city was working to getting the employee into another class to get his license so the job could be transferred over to him.

Hendrix also commented in the number of amended items on the budget.

"Do we need to amend the budget to cut spending?" Hendrix asked. "We need to cut expenses due to the current situation. I am seeing a great deal of movement in the budget. How is this done and why?"

City Finance Director John Sapp said that he received the adjustments from Walker before he finalizes the monthly financial report and that as long as the budget balances overall it is considered to be all right. He said he could provide a log of the adjustments monthly to the commission if they wished.

The subject of allowing the boat races to be held March 25-26, 2023, was on the agenda for reconsideration. Commissioners were told by Walker that the city was getting donations from local merchants to support the races and that, along with the food truck fees would cover

the expense. Walker also noted that the property he had leased, without the commission's approval, had been canceled at no cost.

Hendrix reported to the commission that she had heard at the Union County Board of County Commissioners meeting the previous night that CRA money was used to pay the cost of having a county EMS unit present at the last event, as ordered by the previous mayor. It seems that when the city paid the county CRA monies owed the payment exceeded the amount owed by \$375.50. Instead of the money being refunded to the city, Mayor Jack Schenck asked that the funds be used to pay EMS to cover the event. It was also stated that Schenck added money to the funds to cover the EMS cost.

Walker added that the sanctioning body of the races paid some cost for EMS, bringing rescue diver in from Macclenny.

Hendrix also questioned who was paying for the liability insurance for the event as was told that the racing organization paid their own liability and the city paid the liability insurance for the spectators using the park to watch the event.

"With \$2,000 in local donations I would love to have the boat races come back, but not

at any cost to the citizens," acting Mayor Annette Redman said.

Motion was made by Hendrix on a contingent motion on conditions that the races could be held only if the sanctioning body would give the city a contract stating that it would make arrangements for and cover the cost of all rescue services required on site and the motion passed unanimously.

The location of the ARPA funds again came up for discussion. Record show that \$451,770 was transferred to the wastewater fund in September 2021 and the same amount was transferred the following year 2022. Some of these funds were used to purchase the property for the new public works facility, despite the fact that the commission had already voted to spend the funds on the repair and rehabilitation of the lift stations in preparation for the new wastewater plant.

Walker said the money to do this was still in city coffers, it would just require the city to borrow from itself out of other fund's surplus.

The commission also voted to extend city hall hours back to 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. rather than the 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., a change made by Walker.

Prom dresses, giveaways at BOMB event

Believer's Worship Center, through its Believer's Outreach Ministry Blessings program, is hosting A Night to Remember for young ladies in need of a prom dress. Some shoes and accessories also available.

A jewelry representative will be present to help you pick out a coordinating set for your gown at no charge, plus gift certificates for free haircuts, styles and manicures.

Come enjoy the evening on Saturday, March 4, beginning at 5 p.m. The church is located at 8736 S.R. 21 in Melrose.

If you have donations of dresses, shoes or accessories, please contact Wanda Strickland at 386-972-0937.

'Ministry in Pictures' at New River Baptist

New River Baptist Church, located at 16703 SW 144th Ave. in Brooker, will host Dr. Mike Todd for his "Ministry in Pictures" on Sunday, March 12. Dr. Todd will bring an exciting and fascinating presentation on the "Armor of God" in the morning service at 10:30 a.m., and then at 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall, he will present "Creation vs. Evolution."

After the evening service there will be a time of food and fellowship. Don't miss this event. For more information call 352-485-1246.

Homecoming for 75 years

Johnstown Baptist Church annual homecoming celebration is Sunday, March 12. The church is celebrating 75 years. Sunday School will start at 10 a.m., and morning service will start at 11 a.m. There will be lunch following the morning service.

Everyone is welcome to come and join the congregation for a day of fellowship. There will be an evening service around 2 p.m.

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Private cemetery mowing to cease due to inmate labor decrease in UC

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Times Staff Writer

LAKE BUTLER — With much regret, the Union County Board of Commissioners restated an issue from a previous meeting that the county could no longer offer mowing service to private cemeteries in the county.

The matter came up during the public comment segment of the Feb. 20 meeting of the board, when representatives from two cemeteries were present to enquire about a letter that had been sent out by the county to inform them of the decision. It seems that some of the cemeteries received the letter while some did not.

Ralph Douglas, a member of the Fort Call Cemetery board, came forward and asked about the situation, saying that his cemetery had received a letter. Jim Harrell, vice president of the Elzy Chapel Cemetery, said that his board had not gotten one. Douglas said that he had spoken with a representative from another cemetery who had also not gotten a letter.

The problem seems to be a lack of correct, monitored addresses for many of the private cemeteries in the county. Letters were sent out to all of them, but most did not

receive them.

Commissioner Jimmy Tallman said he did not like the decision, but that it had to be made.

"We need to care for cemeteries, but will have to get the inmates back," Tallman said. "This is a service we want to provide, and the decision is not about money, but is a manpower issue. Without the inmates to handle the county mowing we cannot free-up county road department workers to mow the cemeteries."

In the letter, the board cited the loss of 50% of the inmate labor made available to the county in the past. The county relies heavily in inmate labor due to financial constraints that make it impossible to fund the additional hiring to bring the county up to the workforce it had pre-COVID, which was the cause of the decrease.

"We have lost the equivalent of 30 man-positions when the number of inmates available to the county was cut and there is just no way we can continue to provide the workload that we did when more were available," said County Coordinator Jimmy Williams. "At state events I have attended representing the county I have

spoken about the need to get the Department of Corrections to allow inmate labor to go back to what it was before the mandates it implemented during the pandemic."

Efforts are being made to locate valid addresses for each cemetery. In the letters, the board offers to assist the cemeteries with information about local lawn services through the board office.

About a dozen private cemeteries are affected by the issue and all of the commissioners stated their regrets at having to stop assisting them by mowing. The practice started several years ago when Karen Cossey was on the board as a public service to the community and all of the commissioners would like to see it continue despite the fact they realize that it is not possible.

Anyone connected with the boards of the private cemeteries in the county is encouraged to call the board office at 386-496-4241 to give a valid address to which the letters can be sent. The cutoff day for the mowing service has been set for March 31.



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Rob Lightsey Teacher of the Year at Lake Butler Middle School

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Times Staff Writer

Sometimes a person starts on one career path and changes directions — not an uncommon thing with teachers. Many of these teachers find that working with young people is simply a different way of doing what they originally set out to do in life. This is true of Lake Butler Middle School's Teacher of the Year, Rob Lightsey.

Lightsey graduated from Santa Fe High School in 1984. In 1994, he moved to Graceville to attend the Baptist College of Florida, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Theology in 1998. He stayed in the area until early 1999 when he moved to Louisville to attend the Southern Baptist Seminary. He only completed one semester but worked for a time as the chaplain



Rob Lightsey

for the University of Louisville Cardinals baseball team. He was ordained in 1996 before moving

back to north Florida to serve as youth pastor at Fellowship Baptist Church for two years.

In 2000, Lightsey moved to Alabama, where he served as chaplain to the Cottonwood High School football team and became involved with Alabama Raceway Ministries, working with spectators and tracking personnel at auto racing events. He moved back to Florida in 2012, working and coaching football and baseball at Santa Fe High School for two years. He then took a position at First Christian Academy in its high school, serving as PE director, athletic director and head baseball coach.

Lightsey came to Lake Butler Middle School in 2015. His mother, Helen Lightsey, was the librarian at the middle school when it burned down and

continued at the school when it was rebuilt until her retirement in 1996. Rob started his career at LBMS as an ESE co-teacher in history. When the state of Florida eliminated co-teachers in non-tested subjects in 2020, he transitioned to co-teaching civics and teaching world history. He also coached football and baseball his first two years at LBMS.

Just this year, now that the state has eliminated co-teachers entirely, he has moved into his current role — teaching two classes each in world history (sixth grade), civics (seventh grade) and U.S. history (eighth grade). This is his first time as a Teacher of the Year.

"It's real humbling for me because when you are selected for something like this you don't feel like you deserve it, but,

wow, it happened," Lightsey said. "Your peers think enough of you to put you in that role. I was talking to last year's winner, Emily Newsome, about all the struggles a teacher goes through and how something like this is an affirmation that you are on track with what you are doing."

Lightsey is married to his high school sweetheart, Michelle. They started dating in the spring of her senior year. Now the couple has been married for 36 years and have two girls and one granddaughter.

Lightsey is a talented guitar player, both electric and acoustic, and plays the mountain dulcimer, dobro and mandolin. He plays Southern rock, country and writes Christian music that is a fusion of country and Southern gospel. He gives live performances at churches and civic organizations,

most recently at Lake Butler Rotary.

In his spare time, he enjoys his family as well as golf, freshwater and saltwater fishing, antiquing, and reading history and theology. An avid sports fan, Lightsey follows the Alabama Crimson Tide football team and is a lifelong Miami Dolphins and Cincinnati Reds fan.

Lightsey said he truly enjoys teaching and working with young people and feels he has found a vocation that is also an avocation. He has no plans to change careers.

"I like my job, the people I work with and especially the kids," Lightsey said. "I work to make my classes both fun and educational and the kids seem to respond to it. I think this is where I am supposed to be."

Kavia Bradley named Middle School Employee of the Year

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Times Staff Writer

Attendance Clerk Kavia Bradley has been selected by her peers as the School-Related Employee of the Year for Lake Butler Middle School.

Attendance clerk is just her latest position at the school, the only school she has ever worked at. She graduated Union County High School in 2013 and began substitute teaching in 2014 to earn money for college. She liked the flexible schedule which made it easy to work around classes. She said she mostly worked in intensive reading classes for grades 6-8. She became a



Kavia Bradley

paraprofessional in 2018 and then took the position of attendance clerk, in the front office, this year. She is a full-time employee of the school district as she also works at the Tiger's Den at closing time during the school year and in the summer. She has been with the district for eight years.

"I monitor students' attendance, keep track of where students are throughout the day, identify and report truancy and monitor trends in student attendance," Bradley said. "I love my job and working with the students."

Bradley is from Union County and said she loves it

here, but she also loves to travel. She has been to the Bahamas, New York City, New Jersey, Houston, Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, and Washington D.C. She is currently planning a trip to Jamaica for her birthday in September and looks forward to visiting Bora Bora and Thailand one day.

When not traveling or working at the school, Bradley said she loves to shop for clothes and shoes and engaging in what she calls "restaurant exploration."

"I love to experience different foods and cultures," she explained. "I have tried many things, but confess my

favorite is Italian. I suppose because I really love pasta."

When she spends time at home, she enjoys the company of her yorkie-poo Keeka and reading about traveling, romantic suspense and anything by author Nicholas Sparks.

In the future she plans to move to Orlando — a place she said is "not too fast, not too slow," and live just outside the city but with easy access to it. She already has some classes completed at Florida Gateway College and wants to continue her education and train as a surgical technician.

Bradley said she is happy and proud to be named as

the LBMS School-Related Employee of the Year for this school year — an honor she shares with her mother, Leslie Bradley, who was named School-Related Employee of the Year at the Tiger's Den. The two celebrated together and said they were honored to have been selected by their peers in the district.

"I love doing what I do and that my job allows me to put smiles on people's faces," Bradley said. "And I am so grateful that my peers think so highly of me."



Colan Coody and Ted Barber instruct Safety Patrol members on proper flag handling.

Union fair deadlines and schedule

It's almost time for the Union County Livestock Association's Agricultural Fair, with only about three weeks until fair activities begin. The event will include competitions for local 4-H and FFA youth, as well as the livestock shows and auctions and time is running short for getting registered for several of the events.

The registration deadline for both the table setting and Union County 4-H Pie Contest is March 3, at 4 p.m. Applications for both contests are available at the University of Florida IFAS Extension Office/Union County Agricultural Education building (also the location of all of the competitions and the livestock shows), located behind the R.J. Phillips Recreation Facility off C.R. 121.

Both of the above contests will be held in the education building on March 13 at 5 p.m.

The table setting competition is open to any youth that live in or attend school in Union or Bradford county ages 8 – 18, with a special division for 4-H Clover Buds ages 5-7. The exhibits will be judged in one of four age divisions. All contestants must bring their own card table for their entry. All participants must arrive by 4:30 p.m. to set up the day of the competition and, while they can have assistance carrying in their materials, these helpers must leave the room and the youth must set up their entry themselves with no assistance.

No one but the competitors will be allowed in the room until after the judging, with disqualification being the penalty if the rule is not followed. The participant may not leave the room until after the judging without the permission of the

supervisor on site. Participants must be able to remove their displays from the room after the judging is complete, although some may be allowed to remain if the display space is not needed for later competitions.

Entrants in the pie competition must be on site by 4 p.m. and remain present for the judging. The pie must be the work of the individual and be accompanied by the recipe on an index card.

The pies must be in disposable pie pans and will not be returned to the exhibitor. The item will be judged on appearance, taste and the entrant's knowledge about the item. Judges decisions are final.

The registration deadline for the 4-H/FFA Youth Exhibit room is 4 p.m. on March 6. Item check-in will be on March 6-10, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. for non-food exhibits. Food items will be checked in on March 13, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Items will compete in 13 areas: photography, educational posters, woodworking, clothing and textiles, fiber arts, scrapbooking, nature/environment, creative arts, wearable art, decorated items, food and nutrition, cake decorating, and painting and drawings.

The UCLA livestock events

will begin on March 14, with cattle and swine weigh-ins and the rabbits and poultry check-ins between 4-7 p.m. The Skill-A Thon will be held at 10 a.m. on March 15, and the Swine Show will begin at 6 p.m. March 16 will feature the Exhibitor Fun Day from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. The Rabbit Show and awards will begin that afternoon at 4 p.m. and will be followed by the Poultry Show and awards.

The Cattle Breed Show will take place that evening, beginning at 6 p.m. March 17 will be a long day, with the Livestock Judging Contest having an 8 a.m. check-in, the steer show held at 6 p.m. Following this, on March 18, the day will begin with the 8 a.m. check-in for the Goat Show, with the actual show to follow beginning at 9 a.m. The Buyers Luncheon will be held at 12 p.m., with the Swine and Cattle Sale set to start at 1 p.m.

Organizers are hoping for good weather for the events and hope that any interested Union County residents will come out and enjoy some or all of the events.

March sobriety checkpoints announced

During the month of March, the Bradford County Sheriff's Office will be conducting sobriety checkpoints in one or more of the following locations: U.S. Highway 301 and Market Road, S.R. 100 West, S.R. 100 East and Southeast 109th Street, Southeast S.R. 21, S.R. 16 and Southwest S.R. 231.

and includes dinner. Goody bags will be presented to all teams.

Registration forms may be obtained from and returned to Lila Sellars at the Bradford County School District office and Matt Dyal at Capital City Bank of Starke.

You may also contact Cheryl Canova at ccanova53@gmail.com for more information.

All proceeds support Bradford schools.

BCEF spelling bee returns March 16

The Bradford County Education Foundation Adult Spelling Bee is making its return and will be held Thursday, March 16, at the Bradford High School cafeteria and auditorium. Dinner is at 6 p.m., followed by the bee at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$20. The event needs participating teams, which will consist of two members each. One member will be the designated team spokesperson.

Teams are asked to be creative with names and costumes and are encouraged to bring a cheering section.

Prizes will be awarded to the first-place team and the team with the best costumes.

The registration fee is \$200

Flea market benefits vets

American Legion Auxiliary of Hawthorne will hold a huge flea market on Saturday, March 4, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be a pancake and sausage breakfast, and lunch will be served as well. Spaces are available outside, 15-by-15 for \$15. Proceeds benefit causes like veterans' relief, food giveaways and special education.

The flea market will take place at American Legion Post 230, 20370 E. Hawthorne Road (S.R. 20). For more information, contact 352-481-4483.

Get help quitting

Quitting tobacco isn't easy. Finding help should be. If you're ready to quit, join the next Tools to Quit Tobacco group. Virtual

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Questions? Call the Supervisor of Elections Office at 386-496-2236 located at 175 W Main St, Lake Butler, FL 32054.

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

Fired gun during fight

Blake Devontay Allen, 19, of Lawtey was arrested by Lawtey police on Feb. 19 for firing a weapon, aggravated assault, carrying a concealed weapon, destroying evidence, making a false report and child cruelty.

According to an arrest report, the defendant and victim got into a fight, and during the scuffle, Allen fired a gun into a residence.

Moments later, Allen pointed the gun in the direction of the victim and a bystander shouted, "Don't do it. He is not worth it."

"Then Blake pointed the weapon into the air and fired several rounds," wrote Lawtey police officer Michael W. Starling in an arrest report.

Starling added that later, when he interviewed the defendant at his home, he asked Allen where the gun was located and Allen responded, "at the Dollar General dumpster in Lawtey." However, the officer later found

the weapon in a shed, hidden under a mattress.

Francisco Javier Boneu Munoz, 40, of Largo was arrested on Feb. 21 for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Stephen Jay Cowart, 67, of Starke was arrested by Starke police on Feb. 23 for a probation violation.

Samantha Ray Donahue, 26, of Jasper was arrested by Bradford deputies on Feb. 22 for possession of drugs, possession of cocaine and possession of drug equipment.

Jessica Charlene Ellis, 26, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on Feb. 20 for failure to appear.

Michael T. Holmes, 40, of Lawtey was arrested on Feb. 22 for battery.

Marty Benton Lee, 52, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on Feb. 21 for battery.

Danielle McKinzie, 34, of St. Marys, Georgia was arrested on Feb. 24 for DUI and resisting an officer.

Caregiver confiscates dead woman's property

Calvin Eugene Miller, 66, of Palatka was arrested on Feb. 24 for vehicle theft.

According to a warrant affidavit, the defendant was caring for a woman who died in July 2022.

After the woman's death, Miller took possession of the decedent's valuables, including a 2006 Chevrolet Avalanche.

The defendant refused family members' requests to return the items and the vehicle, even after ownership of the car was transferred to one of the decedent's children.

Richard Clayton Shaffer, 56, of Starke was arrested by Starke police on Feb. 21 for a probation violation.

Michael Woodard Sumner, 48, of Starke was arrested on Feb. 25 for DUI.

Hit Hampton bicyclist and fled scene, then returned

Kaylin Leigh Wright, 21, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Bradford deputies on Feb. 22 for hit and run.

In an arrest report, Bradford Deputy Brian Haddock noted that the victim was struck as he was peddling near the Hampton Sunoco.

"Upon my arrival, I observed the victim...who is autistic and can't speak, lying on the ground beside his damaged bicycle," wrote Haddock. "After acquiring a vehicle description from the witness...who observed the suspect's vehicle strike the victim and flee the area hastily, I endeavored to locate the vehicle in the area, with negative results."

The deputy added that after returning to the Sunoco, the witness pointed out a passing car that he said was the vehicle that

had earlier struck the cyclist.

"Deputy Malley, who was assisting on this call, conducted a traffic stop and made contact with the suspect," wrote Haddock. "Per Deputy Malley, the suspect spontaneously conceded to striking the victim on his bicycle and fleeing the scene. Moreover, Deputy Malley advised that there was damage to the front of the suspect's vehicle."

The victim was transported to HCA Starke Emergency due to possible injuries.

Union

Darius Terrell Corbitt, 31, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on Feb. 21 for battery, robbery and obstructing justice.

Alissa Serenity Griffis, 30, of Live Oak was arrested by Union deputies on Feb. 21 for failure to appear.

Goes after cell phones, stopped by taser

Paul Elliott Huffer, 33, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on Feb. 26 for battery, child cruelty, resisting an officer, possession of drugs and obstructing justice.

According to an arrest report, the victim told deputies she and the defendant got into an argument that turned physical.

"(The victim) stated that Paul grabbed her by her right forearm and snatched her towards him in an attempt to get her cell phone because (the victim) stated that she was going to call 911," wrote Deputy Lowell A. Green in the report.

A child in the residence tried to intervene and the victim told the minor to call 911.

"But Paul grabbed (the second

victim), snatching the phone out of her hand, causing (her) to fall to the floor," wrote Green.

The deputy added that Huffer then grabbed the first victim by the arm and slammed her to the ground to gain possession of her cell phone from her pants pocket.

However, the victim had a second phone hidden in the residence which she used to call 911.

Deputies located the defendant fleeing toward Providence.

Green wrote that as Huffer was running away from him in a ditch, the deputy stopped the defendant with a taser.

Donald Lee Johnson, 51, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on Feb. 28 for failure to appear and a probation violation.

Larry Wayne Langford Jr. 54, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on Feb. 25 for trespassing and disorderly intoxication.

Matthew Richard Lee, 25, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on Feb. 24 for a probation violation.

Julia Faith Wilkes, 41, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on Feb. 25 for an out-of-county warrant.

Clay

Landlord damaged tenant's car

Kenneth Ivan McAllister, 63, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on Feb. 18 for vandalism.

According to court papers, the victim told Clay deputies that while shopping at Hitchcock's grocery store on Feb. 1, she saw her former landlord in the

parking lot.

"The victim states the defendant has been harassing her since before she moved out at the end of December 2022 due to a dispute over rent payments and the two looked directly at each other as they passed in the parking lot," wrote Detective Philip F. Crider in a warrant affidavit. "The victim stated she arrived at the store at approximately (1:45 p.m.) and when she came out of the store about an hour later, there were several deep scratches along the driver's side of her vehicle."

Crider added that he obtained video from the store which showed the defendant's truck drive to a nearby AutoZone parking lot until the victim and a friend entered the grocery store.

"At (1:51 p.m.) the defendant pulls into a parking space in front of the victim's vehicle and the defendant exits the vehicle," wrote Crider. "The defendant... walks the length of the driver's side of the victim's vehicle and is seen for several seconds at the back fender of the driver's side of the vehicle, where a large amount of damage was later discovered."

The detective added that additional video footage revealed that no one else approached the victim's vehicle between the time she left the car until she returned.

John Armand Pennigsdorf, 22, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on Feb. 19 for battery.

Kaylin Lee Wright, 21, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on Feb. 21 for possession of drug equipment, possession of not more than 20 grams of marijuana and possession of MDMA.

89-year-old killed in SR 21 crash

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Telegraph Staff Writer

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—The Florida Highway Patrol said a motorcyclist was killed after he pulled out in front of an SUV north of Keystone Heights on Thursday, February 23.

According to an FHP report, the 89-year-old Keystone Heights man stopped at a stop

sign at County Road 352 in the area of Spring Lake and White Sands Lake around 4 p.m.

He then pulled onto State Road 21 into the path of the SUV.

Troopers said the motorcyclist was ejected from his vehicle and died at the scene.

The driver of the SUV, identified as a 31-year-old Keystone Heights woman, was treated for minor injuries at St. Vincent's Clay in Middleburg.

Man guilty of murder, stealing car

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Telegraph Staff Writer

STARKE—A Bradford County jury convicted a 22-year-old Melrose man of first-degree murder.

Ted Qwon Lee McGowan was also found guilty of vehicle theft.

According to a sworn complaint, the defendant was sitting in a silver, four-door



McGowan

Chrysler 300 on Nov. 5, 2021, in front of the Pecan Tree Apartments on East Brownlee Street.

Starke police Detective Chris Keel wrote in the complaint that the victim: Joshua C. Demps was also in the car, in addition to others.

"One of the passengers stated that McGowan and Demps began to argue about (one of the car's occupants) going to McGowan's house," Keel wrote in the complaint. "(The witness

stated that Demps began to pull (the occupant) out of the vehicle, at which time McGowan exited the vehicle, walked up behind Demps, pulled out a gun, and started shooting."

The defendant then jumped into the driver's seat of the car and sped off.

Bought stolen motorcycle, stole trailer while victim was playing golf

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Telegraph Staff Writer

STARKE—A 34-year-old Starke man was sentenced to 20 months in prison for purchasing a stolen motorcycle and for stealing a trailer from the Starke Golf and Country Club.

Garrett Vincent Culverson pleaded to the November 15, 2022, offenses of dealing in stolen property, resisting an officer and contributing to the dependency of a child.

He also pleaded to the October 27, 2022, offenses of grand theft, possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

According to an arrest report, on November 15, 2022, Starke police received a report of a stolen motorcycle at the Heritage Villa Apartments across Call Street from HCA Florida Starke Emergency.

There they found the bike and verified it as stolen by its tag.

"While on scene and while other units were arriving, Culverson exited the back door of the apartment and fled on foot with (a minor) into the wooded area East of the apartment," wrote reporting officer James Hall.

Police set up a perimeter and called in a Union Correctional Institution K-9 unit to search for the 34-year-old and the girl.

The defendant exited the woods on West Mimosa Drive, where Detective Hunter Redding detained him.

"Culverson sustained multiple scratch marks on his body resulting from running through thorn bushes," wrote Hall. "(The minor) sustained heavy scratch marks on her arms, legs and head resulting from the thorn bushes."

The officer added that Culverson told him and Redding that he purchased the bike at a Gainesville Taco Bell earlier in the month.

"Culverson stated he had reason to believe the motorcycle could have been stolen due to the ignition being damaged and the price being as cheap as it was," wrote Hall. "He also stated he was given a set of pliers and a knife from the (seller) needed to start the motorcycle. The knife and pliers were located in the woods, and Culverson admitted to tossing them while in the woods."

The defendant added that while in the woods, the child was scared and confused about why the pair were running from the police.

"He also stated she lost her shoes, and he had to carry her on his shoulders to prevent her from becoming more scratched from the

thorns," wrote Hall. "He continued by stating (the girl) wanted to go back and leave the woods."

The child was taken to a hospital for treatment.

According to an October 27 arrest report, Bradford deputies were called to the Starke Golf and Country Club about a stolen trailer.

There the victim told deputies that a trailer had been attached to his pickup truck while he was playing golf. When he returned to the vehicle, the trailer was gone.

Surveillance video from a nearby residence showed the trailer being towed away by a white Ford Escape.

Deputies later stopped a Ford matching the truck in the video. The vehicle had an expired Georgia tag.

"While speaking with the driver, identified as Garrett Culverson, Garrett spontaneously uttered that he knew where the trailer was located," wrote Detective Michael Garmon. "Garrett also gave consent to BCSO units to search the vehicle."

Inside the Escape, deputies uncovered nine grams of methamphetamine and three syringes.

"Garrett stated that he had stolen the trailer from the golf course and taken it to a residence in the Hawthorne area in order to trade it for illegal narcotics," added the detective.



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Varsity Lions are SECC West Division champs

The Hope Christian Academy varsity boys basketball team was the co-champion of the Southeastern Christian Conference's West Division. Pictured (l-r) are Assistant Coach Rashad Jackson, Head Coach Eli Hanson, Dalton Thomas, Julio Casielles, Aiden Wilson, Trayven Chandler, Marcus Chever, Jude Hanson, Tavian Frazier, Assistant Coach Brent Hanson, Zach Hansen and Wyatt Gauthier. Photo by Cliff Smelley.

4 KH wrestlers end season at Region 1 meet

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Keystone Heights High School's Riley McGorty and Steven Raab each advanced to the second round of the consolation bracket before being eliminated in the Region 1-1A wrestling finals, which were held Feb. 24-25 in Wewahatchka.

McGorty (120-pound class) lost in the first round after getting pinned in 27 seconds by Bay's David Drake. He then advanced in the consolation bracket off a forfeit before being pinned in 1:53 by Baker County's Taz Kinghorn.

Raab (220) was put into the consolation bracket after getting pinned in 3:20 by Fernandina Beach's Peyton White. He then pinned Bay's Garrett Pelt in 51 seconds before his tournament ended with a loss to Suwannee's Sam Ballard, who pinned Raab in 2:53.

Atreyu Contes and Alyx Nichols also participated for Keystone. Each went 0-2.

UCHS baseball team travels to Georgia, wins 2nd in a row

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Ayden Elixson and Tucker Hardee each drove in two runs as the Union County High School baseball team won its second straight game, defeating host Lanier County (Lakeland, Georgia) 7-3 on Feb. 24.

The Tigers (2-1) were in a 3-3 tie, but took the lead for good with a run in the top of the fifth. Elixson reached on a double and scored on Hardee's two-out double.

Union pushed three runs across in the seventh, with Elixson and Hardee each hitting an RBI single, while a passed ball accounted for the other run.

Elixson went 4 for 4, while Hardee went 3 for 3. Tra'von Lee had one RBI, while Preston Bonsall went 2 for 4.

Hardee and Blake Agner each hit one double, while Elixson finished with two.

Agner earned the win, giving up no runs in the final four innings. He allowed one hit and no walks.

Devin Diggs got the start, giving up three hits in three innings.

The Tigers entered the game off a 13-6 win over visiting Gainesville on Feb. 23, with Jeremy Miller having a big night that consisted of five RBIs.

Union scored six runs in the second inning, which included Miller hitting a two-run double and scoring on a passed ball. The inning also saw Bonsall hit an RBI single, Diggs drive in a run on a sacrifice fly and a run scoring on an error.

Miller hit a two-run double as part of a three-run third inning that put the Tigers up 9-0.

For the game, Miller went 3 for 4, while Hardee went 2 for 4 with a double, a triple and two RBIs.

Bonsall went 2 for 3. He, Agner and Diggs each had one RBI, with Diggs hitting a triple.

Lee pitched the first three innings, giving up four runs on four hits and one walk, while striking out five.

Baler Waters gave up two runs in three innings on two hits and one walk, while Clayton Poppell threw a no-hitter in the final inning.

Union hosts Lafayette on Thursday, March 2, at 7 p.m. The Tigers then travel to play Gainesville on Tuesday, March 7, at 7 p.m.

Union girls win Chiefland track and field meet

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Union County High School got two first-place finishes from Emma Jeffers in coming out on top as the top girls team at a Feb. 27 Chiefland High School track and field meet.

The Tigers compiled 93 points, which put them 39 points ahead of Chiefland and Trenton. Hamilton County and Newberry had 22 and 19 points, respectively.

Jeffers won the 800m with a time of three minutes, while also taking first in the 1600m with a time of 6:38.

Taleyah Smith and Savannah Thompson won events as well, with Smith throwing the discus 18.53 meters and Thompson crossing the line in the 3220m in 18:45.

The 4x100m relay team of Amia Bethea, Holly Halfacre, Ny'asia Jones and Smith also placed first with a time of 57 seconds.

As an individual, Halfacre earned points in three events. She took second in the 400m with a time of 1:14, third in the 100m hurdles with a time of 22.21 and fifth in the long jump with a distance of 3.67 meters.

Kaitlyn Pafford and Rachel Harris each earned points in two events. Pafford was the runner-up in the 800m and 1600m with times of 3:06 and 6:52, while Harris was fourth in each of those events with times of 3:10 and 7:03.

The 4x400m team of Aliyah Smith, Taliyah Harper, Jeanette Allen and Jeffers ran a second-place time of 5:05, while Jones took second in the 200m with a time of 30.06.

Brianna Taylor, Layla Alexander, Ivy Wilson and Hayden Robinson ran a third-place time of 1:01 in the 4x100m relay. The Tigers also got third-place finishes from Bethea in the 100m (13.98), Wilson in the 200m (30.32) and Isabelle Kirsten in the 400m (1:19).

Union also got points in the 400m from Aliyah Smith, who was fourth (1:20).

Though they didn't earn points, the following also placed in the top 10: Harper sixth in the 100m hurdles (23.13) and seventh in the long jump (3.17), Jessa Dekle sixth in the 400m (1:21), Jones eighth in the 100m (14.87), Allen eighth in the 400m (1:22), Jones eighth in the 100m (14.87), Stacy Parks eighth in the 1600m (8:23), Alexander ninth in the 200m (31.77), Thompson ninth in the 1600m (8:23), Deashia Gainer ninth in the discus (14.9) and Halfacre 10th in the 100m (14.91).

Ross wins 2 events for UCHS boys at Chiefland track and field meet

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Auntrell Ross crossed the line in first place in both the 100m and 200m dashes, helping the Union County High School boys track and field team to a second-place finish at a Feb. 27 track and field meet hosted by Chiefland High School.

The Tigers had a team score of 58 to finish behind Chiefland, which had 105 points. Union finished ahead of Hamilton County (55), Newberry (20) and Trenton (17).

Ross ran the 100m in 11.61 and the 200m in 23.50. He was also the runner-up in the long jump with a distance of 5.72 meters.

The 4x400m relay team of Brycen Boney, Robert Thomas,

Blake McCoy and Dayquan Diston took second with a time of 4:01. Union also had individual runners-up in Joseph Harris in the 1600m (5:41) and Ibn Williams in the triple jump (9.99).

Harris and Williams also had fourth-place finishes: Harris in the 800m (2:33) and Williams in the high jump (4 feet, 10 inches).

Thomas Williams earned points in three events, placing third in the 110m hurdles (19.54) and high jump (4-11) and fourth in the long jump (5.29).

Earning fifth-place finishes were Diston in the 200m (24.61), Thomas in the 400m (57.74) and high jump (4-8), and Drew Simmons in the 100m (12.04).

The following didn't earn points, but did place in the top 10: Boney seventh in the 400m (58.36) and ninth in the 200m (25.07), Davien Pressley seventh in the 100m (12.29) and ninth in the 400m (59.23), Matthew Ring seventh in the 1600m (6:19), McCoy eighth in the 400m (59.16), Damon Ferrer eighth in the 1600m (6:30), Gavin Smith eighth in the 800m (2:46), Thomas Williams eighth in the 100m (12.46), Thomas ninth in the long jump (4.78), Wyatt Boehne 10th in the 200m (25.14) and Rayvon Durant 10th in the 100m (12.54).

Griffin, Shaw win events for Keystone at Menendez track meet

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Tyler Griffin and Kiersten Shaw each won an event for the Keystone Heights High School boys and girls track and field teams at Pedro Menendez's Falcon Friday event on Feb. 24.

Griffin ran a first-place time of 2:08 in the 800m, while also placing fourth in the 1600m with a time of 4:53.

Shaw took first in the high jump by clearing 4-8.25. She was also the runner-up in the long jump with a distance of 15-11.75 and third in the 100m hurdles with a time of 17.70.

Keystone also got points in the girls high jump from Alexis Taylor and Brianna Hogan. Taylor was third (4-8.25), while Hogan was seventh (4-6.25).

Shepherd Rozier earned points for the boys team in two events, placing fourth in the 400m (53.89) and seventh in the long jump (19-6.25).

Jacob Stahman didn't earn points, but he did earn a top-10 finish, placing ninth in the boys 800m with a time of 2:22.

Musgrove's effort helps Indians defeat Tornadoes 9-2

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Austin Musgrove gave up two hits through six innings, while Seth Gagnon and Chase Packham each drove in two runs in the Keystone Heights High School baseball team's 9-2 win over host Bradford on Feb. 23.

It was a two-run game after six as Musgrove and Bradford starter Cason Pilcher recorded nine and 10 strikeouts, respectively. The Indians (1-1) plated five runs in the seventh for the final seven-run margin.

Bradford (1-3) led at one point, scoring two runs in the bottom of the third off infield hits by Ryland Rike and Luke Stucky.

The Tornadoes wouldn't get a runner in scoring position the rest of the game.

It remained 2-1 until the top of the fifth, when Keystone's Andrew Wilson hit a leadoff

double into left field. A dropped third strike on batter Gage Smith allowed courtesy runner Aiden Screen to advance to third as Bradford catcher Kacen Thomassen had to make a throw to first to record the out on Smith. Wil Rogel hit a ground ball to second baseman Thompson for the second out, but Chase Packham then hit a single to score Screen and tie it up. A Musgrove double allowed Packham to come around and score to make it 3-2.

Ben Goforth relieved Musgrove to close it out on the mound in the bottom of the seventh. Goforth forced Bradford to ground out twice and also recorded a strikeout.

Packham finished 4 for 5 at the plate. Ryan Jones and Musgrove went 2 for 4 and 2 for 5, respectively.

Musgrove, Smith, Wilson and Noah Branch each had one RBI.

Keystone next travels to play Middleburg on Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 6:30 p.m. The Indians return home to play Williston on Friday, March 3, at 7 p.m. before traveling to play Newberry on Monday, March 6, at 7 p.m. Keystone then travels to play North Marion on Tuesday, March 7, at 6:30 p.m.

Bradford played Madison County this past Monday (Feb. 27) and will be back in action on Monday, March 6, when it travels to play Palatka at 7 p.m.

BHS softball team falls 14-1 to Suwannee

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Addyson Hinds went 3 for 3, but the rest of the Bradford High School softball team was a combined 3 for 16 in a 14-1, five-inning loss to visiting Suwannee on Feb. 24.

Hinds hit a solo homer in the bottom of the first, but there was little else in the way of highlights as the Tornadoes fell to 1-2 on the season. Suwannee had a 3-1 lead before scoring 11 runs in the fourth and fifth innings.

It was nothing like Bradford's offensive outing in its previous game as the Tornadoes had 17 hits — two of which were home runs by Takeirra Bakken — in a 26-21 win over host Gainesville on Feb. 22.

The Tornadoes scored nine runs in the top of the seventh to come from behind for the win. Masey Padgett hit a bases-loaded double that plated two runs, while Hinds hit an RBI double. Bradford also got runs courtesy of Kirsten Hodges, Summer Sutton, Amber Wynn, Kallie Yowell and Keegan Yowell.

Bakken went 4 for 5 with seven RBIs, hitting a grand slam, a two-run homer and two doubles.

Padgett, who hit three doubles, went 4 for 4 with five RBIs.

Hinds went 3 for 6 with two doubles and three RBIs, while Blankenship was 2 for 3 with two RBIs.

Kallie Yowell had two RBIs, while Hodges, Wynn and Keegan Yowell each had one.

Bradford played Buchholz this past Tuesday (Feb. 28) and will travel to play Orange Park on Monday, March 6, at 7 p.m.

UCHS softball team drops 3rd straight with loss to Trenton

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Host Trenton scored six runs alone off the bat of Addison Allaire in handing the Union County High School softball team a 14-5 loss on Feb. 27.

Union (1-3) scored the game's first two runs, with Angela

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UCHS' Thornton wrestles his way to state tournament

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Union County High School's Danny Thornton qualified for the Class 1A state finals after placing third at the Region 1 wrestling finals, which were held Feb. 24-25 in Wewahatchka.

The top four in each weight class earned the right to advance to state, which will be held Thursday through Saturday, March 2-4, at Silver Spurs Arena in Kissimmee.

Thornton, who wrestles in the 195-pound class, opened the Region 1 tournament with a 12-7 win over Raines' Jhalil Richardson. He then pinned Suwannee's Torynn Johns in 4:19 before suffering his first loss when he was pinned in 27 seconds in the semifinals by Yulee's Alex Smith. Smith would go on to win the championship.

The loss pitted Thornton against Raines' Richardson again in the consolation semifinals, with Thornton advancing off a pin in 5:25. That put Thornton in the third-place match, where he pinned Fernandina Beach's Gauge Housely in 2:34.

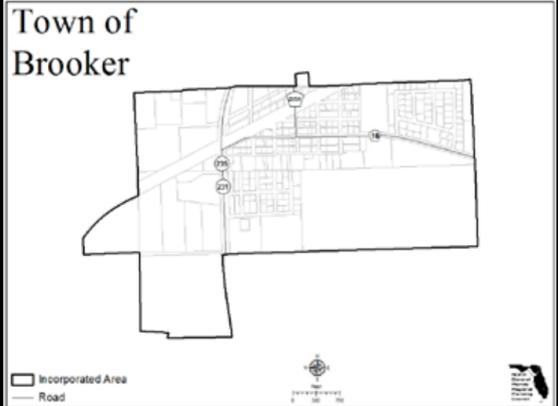
Union's Colin Hadlock came up one win short of wrestling for third place in the 170 class. He was pinned in 2:56 by Florida High's Jordan Haigler in the first round, but then pinned three straight opponents: South Walton's Nick Mitchell in 40 seconds, Episcopal's Brennan Doherty in 3:03 and Wolfson's Bryce Frye in 3:11. Hadlock then wrestled Bishop Kenny's Luke Ghannam for the right to advance to the third-place match. Ghannam pinned Hadlock in

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NOTICE OF LAND USE CHANGE

The Town Council of the Town of Brooker, Florida, proposes to regulate the use of land within the area as shown on the map below by amending the text and Future Land Use Plan Map Series of the Town of Brooker Comprehensive Plan, hereinafter referred to as the Comprehensive Plan, as follows:

CPA 23-01, an application by the Town Council, to amend the text and the Future Land Use Plan Map Series of the Comprehensive Plan, based upon an evaluation completed by the Town, to reflect changes in state requirements pursuant to Section 163.3191, Florida Statutes, as amended.



The first of two public hearings will be held on March 14, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the Town Council Meeting Room, Town Hall, located at 17435 Tetstone Avenue, Brooker, Florida. The Town Council will hold the public hearing to consider the amendment, conduct a first reading of the ordinance adopting the amendment and consider transmittal of the amendment to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity. The title of said ordinance reads, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF BROOKER, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE TEXT OF THE TOWN OF BROOKER COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, AS AMENDED, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, CPA 23-01, BY THE TOWN COUNCIL, UNDER THE AMENDMENT PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN SECTIONS 163.3161 THROUGH 163.3248, FLORIDA STATUTES, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR AMENDING THE TEXT AND THE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN MAP SERIES OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, BASED UPON AN EVALUATION COMPLETED BY THE TOWN, TO REFLECT CHANGES IN STATE REQUIREMENTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 163.3191, FLORIDA STATUTES, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

The public hearing may be continued to one or more future dates. Any interested party shall be advised that the date, time and place of any continuation of the public hearing shall be announced during the public hearing and that no further notice regarding the matter will be published.

At the aforementioned public hearing, all interested persons may appear and be heard with respect to the amendment and the ordinance adopting said amendment on the date, time and place as stated above.

Copies of the amendment and the ordinance adopting said amendment are available for public inspection at the Office of the Town Clerk, located at 17435 Tetstone Avenue, Brooker, Florida, during regular business hours.

All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decision made at the above referenced public hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact Suzanne McRee, Town Clerk, at 352.485.1022 at 48 hours prior to the public hearing. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 800.955.8770 (voice) or 800.955.8771 (TTY).

Local Shriners deliver toys to pediatric clinic at UF

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

UF Health Pediatric Orthopaedics, which is part of an alliance with Shriners

Children's, has put a focus on making the environment as warm and friendly as possible, but it recently got a boost from local Shriners, who donated

approximately 100 toys for the benefit of its patients.

Starke-Keystone Shrine Club Noble David Kniseley, who's president of the club, and Noble Fred Magyari, who's the club's past president, delivered the toys to the clinic on Feb. 17. Jennifer Ford, the wife of Past Potentate Bruce Ford was instrumental in collecting many of the toys as well as arranging for the Starke-Keystone Shrine members (and Kniseley's wife, Brenda) to visit and receive a tour of the pediatric center, which is located on the fourth floor of the UF Health Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine Institute in Gainesville.

The donation of toys is just one example of how the Starke-Keystone Shrine Club, which is part of Morocco Shriners, supports Shriners Children's. The club conducts fundraising efforts to help cover the transportation and lodging contests for families receiving care at a Shriners Children's facility.

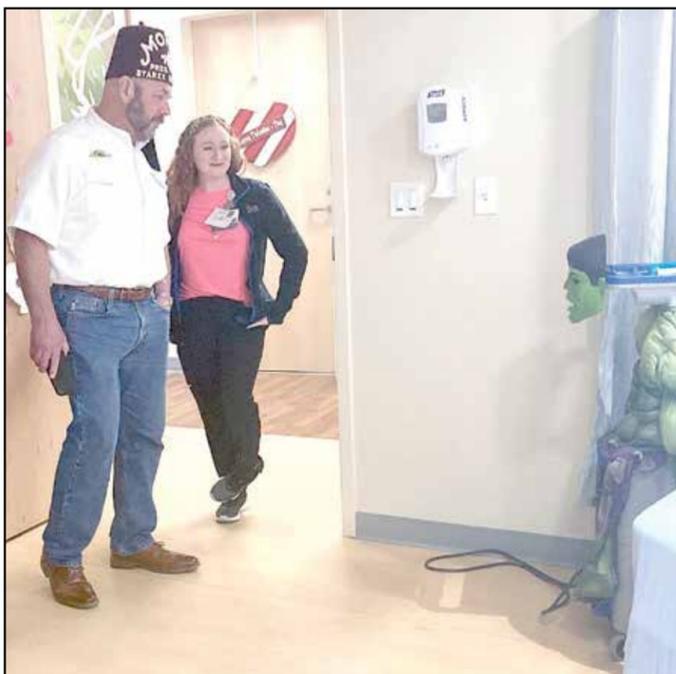
During the UF Health Pediatric Orthopaedics tour, conducted by Brie Van Horn, child life specialist, the Kniseleys and Magyari witnessed how much



Nobles of the Starke-Keystone Shrine Club delivered a donation of toys to UF Health Pediatric Orthopaedics, which is part of an alliance with Shriners Children's. Pictured (l-r) are Noble Fred Magyari (past president), Brenda Kniseley and David Kniseley (president). Photos by Cliff Smelley.



ABOVE LEFT: Brie Van Horn, UF Health Pediatric Orthopaedics child life specialist, shows off one of the pieces of interactive art that children can use to occupy their time and decrease their level of anxiety. LEFT: David Kniseley (left) takes a look at the Incredible Hulk that greets him upon entering the cast room. The Hulk is actually a costume that covers the cast cutter. Brie Van Horn is also pictured.



care went into making children feel as comfortable as possible. Colorful artwork of animals is placed throughout the clinic. Every room also has a piece of interactive art.

"While they're waiting, they've got things to keep them busy," Van Horn said.

The goal, of course, is to occupy children's time and, hopefully, reduce their level of anxiety. Van Horn said volunteers visit the facility on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays to hang out with the children in the waiting room and give them items that will keep them busy.

"They're all things they can grab and go," Van Horn said of the items, "so if it is a day where they're moving through the different parts of the clinic quickly, they can take it with them. It helps make it less scary to be here. They're not sitting and getting nervous."

Funding from Shriners Children's provided the clinic with an EOS Imaging System, a low-radiation system that can provide an image of a patient from head to toe.

"We use it a lot for our spinal patients," Van Horn said, adding, "This is a big, exciting thing for

our providers to have."

Van Horn demonstrated how patients enter the EOS, placing their feet on the marks and placing their hands on the wall.

"We tell them it sounds kind of like a spaceship," Van Horn said. "It's like a laser beam. It scans from top to bottom."

Kniseley remarked how it looked like the EOS had a shower head, with Magyari saying, "That's what I thought it was to start with."

"That's how we explain it to them," Van Horn said. "It looks like a shower. They stand in it as if they were in the shower."

The EOS also has a fish-themed wrap — again to make it seem less scary for children.

The Starke Shriners also got a look at the clinic's physical-therapy and cast rooms. Upon first entering the cast room, the visitors were greeted by the sight of a cast saw upon which an Incredible Hulk costume was draped. Another cast saw was adorned with a Wonder Woman outfit.

"The cast saws — they cannot hurt you. They only know how to cut the hard part of the cast," Van Horn said. "However, since it's called a cast saw, and it looks like a saw, it is probably the scariest thing we have and that we do here. We dress them up.

The Hulk is going to take your cast off, not the scary machine."

A projector in the room allows patients to view any show or movie available on Disney+.

"We also have really nice noise-canceling headphones that can hook up to the projector so we can help block out the noise," Van Horn said.

The room also includes a wooden, happy looking crab, which has different colored casts on each of its legs.

"This is how we show all the color options that we have, so they can choose what color cast they want," Van Horn said.

At the conclusion of their tour, the Starke Shriners were able to meet Nigel Price, a Shriners-endowed professor and the pediatric orthopaedics division chief. Price said because of how the clinic's equipped, "there's really nothing much that we need to send out for."

The clinic is able to treat the following: clubfoot and other foot disorders; congenital, developmental and neuromuscular conditions affecting the musculoskeletal system; hip dysplasia; limb deformities and deficiencies; orthopaedic trauma; scoliosis and complex spinal deformities;

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February 20, 2023
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

BRADFORD COUNTY TOXIC ROUND-UP EVENT COLLECTS HAZARDOUS WASTE

STARKE, (February 20, 2023) – The Alachua County Household Hazardous Waste Department in partnership with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the Bradford County Commission will sponsor a FREE "Toxic Round-Up" collection event to properly dispose of and/or recycle common household waste items that cannot be collected curbside. Residents can bring hazardous waste items to the **Bradford County Courthouse parking lot located at 945 N. Temple Ave. on Saturday, March 4, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.**

Household hazardous waste can be toxic to the public and pose a threat to our environment if improperly discarded. In 2022, 6.88 TONS of waste (13,767 pounds) was collected and neutralized in Bradford County alone.

A total of nine Toxic Round-Up events are scheduled for 2023 serving residents of Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Gilchrist, Union, Lafayette, Gilchrist, Nassau and Putnam counties. In total, the Alachua County Household Hazardous Waste department processed 84 TONS of hazardous waste in 2022 from the Toxic Round-Up mobile collection events; including 9,200 pounds of e-scraps, 103,630 pounds of paint, 15,935 pounds of used oil, 2,074 pounds of batteries and 5,074 pounds of pesticides.

Please use the following as a helpful guideline for items that will be accepted:

- Aerosol cans
- Antifreeze
- Automotive Fluids – Brake Fluid, Automatic Transmission Fluid, Lubricants, etc.
- Batteries – Automotive Batteries, Lead-Acid, Ni-Cd, Rechargeable, etc.
- E-Waste – Computers, TVs, Microwaves, Radios, and other Electronic Waste.
- Fluorescent Lamps and Tubes, CFL & LED Bulbs
- Household Cleaners, Degreasers and Solvents
- Fertilizers, Pesticides and Insecticides (Solid or Liquid)
- Paint, Paint Thinner, and Other Waste Paint Related Materials
- Propane Tanks
- Fire Extinguishers
- Non-Controlled Pharmaceuticals (Pills and Liquid) & Over-the-Counter Medications
- Gasoline, Fuels
- Used Oil & Used Oil Filters
- Shop Rags & Absorbents
- Flares and Ammunition
- Used Vegetable Oil

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Brie Van Horn stands inside an EOS Imaging System, which provides a head-to-toe image at low radiation.

IMPORTANT FAIR BOOK UPDATE: for PAGE 13 of ENCLOSED FAIR BOOK

**RIDE ARMBANDS
and WEEKLY
PASSES**

Available thru
Monday, March 6

**Last day to purchase
advance ride
armbands is
Monday, March 6**



3 for \$3
Bradford Food Pantry Donation
SPECIAL ADMISSION
TO THE 2023 FAIR!
Tuesday, March 7 ONLY
5-7 PM

For a donation of at least 3 canned goods OR 3 packaged foods per person, you will be admitted to the Bradford County Fair for a reduced admission price of \$3.00 per person.

(WITHOUT FOOD DONATION GENERAL ADMISSION IS CHARGED)
NOTE: All canned goods & packaged items must be within date.
EXPIRED FOOD PRODUCTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.



Business Section

Helping Small Businesses' Dreams Become A Reality

30 MONEY SAVING TIPS ON GROCERIES

1. Redefine dinner. If the word dinner makes you picture a big homemade meal with a nice cut of meat, two steaming sides of fresh veggies from the farmers market, a warm loaf of French bread, and a chocolate dessert—chill out and give yourself a break. This isn't 1952, and supper doesn't have to be a big feast. Your family will survive on BLTs, beans, omelets or a big salad a few times a week. Don't be afraid to serve simple meals or have breakfast for dinner to make your groceries stretch. Kids think it's fun to eat pancakes for dinner—so take advantage of that. Eggs are cheap, and you can whip them up into different dishes like frittatas and quiches if you're feeling fancy. Or keep it simple with some egg salad sandwiches. Just a little rethinking of the last meal of the day can shrink your guilt and your grocery budget. Plus, you'll get a lot of time back by not preparing a three-course meal every night. *Freedom!*

2. Crunch some numbers while you shop. If you keep a running tally of how much money is in your cart, you'll save yourself from any surprises when you get up to the checkout counter. Pull up the calculator on your phone and keep track of all those veggies, fruits and other staple items you're putting in your cart. This might make you stop and ask yourself, Wait, *do I really need that fancy \$5 sparkling water that isn't on sale?*

3. Round up your grocery cost estimates. This is a fun little trick to play on yourself when you're stumped for how to save money on groceries. While you're walking around with your calculator, round up each item's price. The \$1.49 product becomes \$2, that \$7.75 item becomes \$8—you get the idea. If you do this for everything in your cart, you'll still know roughly what you're spending, but you'll be pleasantly surprised when you're at the checkout counter and come in under budget every time.

4. Raid your pantry. Challenge yourself to look through your pantry (or fridge) and see what kinds of meals you can throw together with the ingredients you already have. Who says you have to stock up on more groceries when there are perfectly good chicken thighs shoved in the back of your freezer and a couple unopened cans of black beans and salsa on your shelves? You might still need to buy a few items, but you'll save a lot by using food you already have.

5. Think before you buy in bulk. Buying in bulk is amazing . . . when it actually saves you money. But don't assume the big bulk buys at the discount stores are automatically the cheaper option. When you're grocery shopping on a budget, be sure to stop and compare the price per unit or ounce for the item you're buying. As tempting as it is to stock up, don't buy more than

you really need—especially when it comes to items that go bad. Buying bulk cereal might be a great investment for a family of four, but you should probably skip that 40-count of Greek yogurt if it's just you.

6. Know when to shop. When it comes to getting a good deal, timing is key. Many experts say it's cheaper to do your food shopping on Wednesdays. That's because grocery stores restock their shelves midweek and mark down what didn't sell from the week before. But because they're in the process of changing the discounts, sometimes they'll still give you the price cuts from last week's sale. If going on a Wednesday isn't doable, just try to avoid the weekends. Bigger crowds equal fewer deals. Time of day plays a big role with bargains too. Early bird gets to hit the clearance shelves first! But if you're slow to rise, shopping right before closing time when the deli and bakery counters are trying to sell off the rest of their stuff is another great way to score big sales.

7. Start freezing and storing meals now. Need to figure out how to save money on food fast? Say hello to freezer meals. There are a ton of freezer meal recipes online. Look them up! You can set aside a Saturday to make a bunch of freezer meals and then reap the benefits later on down the road. Not only will you save money, but you'll also save time. And you won't have to eat the same meal every day out of fear that your ingredients will go bad. Can't beat that!

8. Pay with cash. It's like we always say around here: Cash is king! The best way to be sure you'll end up with a lower bill is to stick to your grocery budget and pay with cash. When you go to the store with cash in hand, you know exactly how much you can spend—because once the cash runs out, that's it. Plus, it'll help you rank the meat and vegetables over the ice cream and cookie impulse buys. Those little extras are okay, but you have to plan for them. If you find that you're eating like royalty at the beginning of the month and then scraping by at the end, take out cash for groceries every week instead of once a month. That way, you'll have a better picture of how much you can actually afford to spend on every grocery trip.

9. Make a plan and stick to the list. If you're wondering how to save money on groceries, this is one of the easiest ways. Make a meal plan and grocery list before you leave the house. When you get to the store, stick to the list. Don't give yourself any room for budget-breaking surprises. If you go shopping as a family, let your kids help plan the meals and find the items (it's like a grocery store scavenger hunt!). It's a lot easier to stay on budget when you're shopping with a plan and working as a team . . . and when you get used to saying no to candy.

buying rolled oats just in case you've run out at home (you can walk to the pantry to see for yourself—mind blown). Another bonus of grocery pickup? You'll save a ton of time avoiding the store altogether. Take that, squeaky shopping cart! This is a great budget hack if you don't mind letting someone else do the shopping for you. Some grocery stores offer their own curbside pickup services for free, but others charge a small fee. Just make sure you include any extra expenses into your budget.

11. Shop in season. When you're grocery shopping on a budget, it's super important to live by this rule. Buying a pomegranate in mid-July will cost you way more than average—and it might not even taste good! So, during the year, make it a point to only buy fruits and veggies that are in season.

12. Ignore eye-level items. Have you ever noticed that the most expensive items on the grocery shelves are right at your eye level? That's no accident. Grocery stores are smart. They want you to see those items and splurge. Instead of falling for those marketing tricks, look up and down as you shop. The more affordable brands tend to be higher or lower on the shelves. Think of it as a treasure hunt for the best price.

13. Try different grocery stores. Why did you pick the grocery store you shop at now? Is it the friendliest? Is it the closest to home or along your commute? If we're being honest, most of us probably shop where we do out of pure habit. We know it's hard, but it may be time to break up with your go-to grocery store. It's not you—it's their overpriced produce. In the U.S., some of the cheapest grocery stores are Aldi, Market Basket, WinCo Foods, Food 4 Less, Costco, Walmart and Trader Joe's. But keep in mind, things might stack up differently near you, so if you're not sure which grocery stores are worth your time and dollars, ask around and compare prices. Also, if you want to save money on food, be sure to check the weekly ads in your area for what's on sale at competing grocery stores. You might find that shopping at the store down the street is costing extra money in the long run.

14. Learn the sales cycles. Are you ready to do a little detective work? Start paying attention to when your favorite items go on sale and how much the price drops. Jot it down in a small notebook or on your smartphone and see if there's a trend. Soon you'll be able to predict the sales before they hit!

15. BYOB. Nope, it's not what you think. It's time to bring your own bag to the grocery store. Lots of stores will give you a discount on your total grocery bill just for bringing in a reusable bag. How easy is that? Your savings will usually run somewhere between 5 and 10 cents per bag. Five bags could save you anywhere from 25 to 50 cents. Hey, savings are savings! Keep some reusable bags in your car so you don't

forget them at home.

16. Don't shop when you're hungry. People do a lot of silly things when they're hungry. They say things they don't mean, eat all of their roommate's chips, and aimlessly stroll the grocery store aisles like zombies. And while your best friend might not hold you responsible for what you said when you were hungry, your grocery bill won't let you off the hook so easily. Step away from the 48-count of frozen waffles, and put back that pineapple upside-down cake from the bakery. Walk into the grocery store with a full stomach, and you might be shocked by how much lower your grocery bill is.

17. Don't buy more than you need. We love a deal. Everyone loves a deal. But if you get suckered into buying stuff you don't really need, did you really get a deal at all? Don't buy something just because it's on sale or because you have a coupon. If it wasn't part of your planned grocery list, then you still spent more money than you were planning to—deal or no deal.

18. Test out your green thumb. This might not be for everyone, but it's a great way to eat healthy on a budget. You can grow your own tomatoes, bell peppers and cauliflower in your garden, and you won't have to buy any at the store. You can just go out and grab them from your garden, Little House on the Prairie style. Don't have a garden in the yard? No problem! There are plenty of indoor garden kits out there. Start small by planting herbs like parsley, cilantro and rosemary right there in your kitchen windowsill. If you can't use your harvest right away, puree and pour it into ice cube trays to freeze. How awesome is that?

19. Use apps on your smartphone. When you're searching for ways to save money on groceries, don't forget about all the rebate apps out there! Ibotta, Receipt Hog, Checkout 51 and Fetch Rewards are just a few of the great apps that can help you save. While rebates don't give you a discount up front (like a traditional coupon), you should see savings in the long run.

20. Try going meatless for a meal. Look here, carnivore. Don't be afraid to branch out and have a meatless meal once or twice a week. No one is saying you have to become a vegetarian, but buying a lot of meat can make your grocery bill skyrocket (especially when the meat isn't on sale). So instead, find some meatless recipes to whip up on Meatless Monday—or whatever day of the week you choose!

21. Buy meat only when it's on sale. When it's not Meatless Monday, bring meat back into your diet by learning how to become a savvy meat shopper. Be on the lookout for great bulk deals on meat. Don't worry about it going bad before you can use it all, because you can always stash it away in the freezer. Also, look for cuts of meat that are cheaper alternatives to what you usually buy.

money when you can take leftovers and save a ton!

23. Buy generic. You know generic pasta is cheaper, but you're still not convinced it won't ruin your grandmother's lasagna recipe. Are generic brands really as good as the name brands? Consumer Reports says most store brands measure up to the name brands in taste and quality—and they're usually 20-25% lower in price too! We played around with a few recipes and did some math to see how you can save by buying generic groceries, and it adds up to about \$528 a year on dinners alone! So, when it comes down to it, your less expensive lasagna will taste just as delicious as Grandma's (assuming you can cook just as good as Grandma, but we can't help you there). Still not sold? Get this: When buying staples like salt, sugar and baking soda, a lot of chefs buy generic too. And they're the food experts! So, listen to the pros when it comes to how to save money on groceries. With that kind of money on the line, it pays to be brand disloyal.

24. If you buy it—use it! Nothing's worse than discovering funky fruits and vegetables hanging out in the back of your fridge. What's even sadder is that those rotten cucumbers and moldy peaches are dollar bills going right into the trash. Ouch! Try your best to actually use what you buy at the grocery store. Put a list of food inventory on the front of your refrigerator to help jog your memory. Whatever you do, just don't let the food go to waste.

25. Shop the farmers market at the end of the day. Okay, heads up—not everything at a farmers market is going to be cheaper. But by the end of the day, most farmers don't want to take their food home with them. So, walk around your local farmers market at closing time and see what kind of deals you can score. Make a reasonable offer for the box of produce they have left. Chances are, you'll get a great deal on delicious fresh fruits and veggies.

26. Ask for a deal. The first key to getting a big bargain is to negotiate everything—yes, even at the grocery store. The sticker price is the starting point, not the final price. Everything is negotiable. You just have to ask. Now, this doesn't mean you should stand at the checkout counter and shout new prices at the cashier for each item they scan. But if you notice the yogurt you're about to buy only has two days before it expires, ask for a discount.

27. Preserve and store away. When ingredients are overflowing at the farmers market (or in your garden), buy in bulk and preserve them for the winter. Yeah, it may seem like you're spending more during the summer between the extra produce and canning jars. But think of each one of those jars of tomato sauce or pickles as an investment. In the winter, you can buy a box of pasta for a couple of bucks and pull a container of your homemade "summer in a jar" tomato sauce off the shelf. Mix it all up and boom, you have a super cheap dinner on your hands. Plus, think about how rewarding it will be to eat sauce you made. Grandma would be so proud! And speaking of sauce, you can save yourself time and effort by investing in a vacuum sealer. Plan a day where you make big batches of sauces—like curry, tomato or cheese. Vacuum seal and freeze them for when you want all the comfort of a flavorful sauce with no effort. All you need is some simmering water or a slow cooker to revive the sauce. Bon appétit!

28. Shop the outside aisles of the store. The inside aisles of the grocery store are mostly made up of processed food that can derail your budget (and, let's be honest, your diet). Shop the outer edges of the store to find fresh fruits and vegetables, grains and beans. Your food budget (and your jeans) will thank you later.

29. Skip the packaging. A prepackaged bag of lettuce with a dressing packet and fixings will cost double what a head of lettuce with some simple homemade dressing would. Go for the unpackaged fruits and veggies whenever you can. They're cheaper and usually healthier too. Yes, you'll have to spend a little extra time chopping and prepping, but it's more money back in your wallet.

30. Leave the overspenders at home. A word to the wise—if you find that your kids are the culprits of adding all those not-on-the-list items to your cart, you might want to leave them at home. Yes, we're looking at you with the box of cookies, little Jimmy. On the flip side, maybe it's your spouse who needs to stay far away from the grocery store.

SOURCE: <https://www.ramseysolutions.com/budgeting/ways-to-save-on-groceries>

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10. Order curbside pickup. If it's too hard to say no to the candy (whether the kids are with you or you're talking to yourself—we don't judge), order your groceries for curbside pickup. It's a lot easier to avoid the temptations when you can type everything you need into a search bar. Shopping online is also an easy way to compare brand prices, see what's on sale, and watch the total add up in real time without the calculator! No more getting up to the register only to discover that family-size box of cereal isn't on sale after all. And no more

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Obituaries

Marycille Bennett

Marycille Darley Bennett, 90, of Lawtey died Saturday, Feb. 25, 2023, at Haven Hospice in Palatka.

Survivors are her daughter, Nancy (Billy) Waldrop of Lawtey; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

No services were held. Private burial was at Long Branch Cemetery.

Arrangements were under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 620 E. Nona St., Starke, 32091. 904-964-6200. www.jonesgallagherfh.com.

James Downen

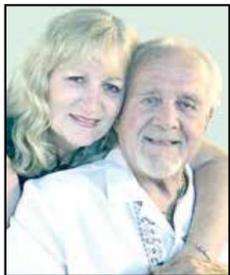
James "Jim" R. Downen, 81, of Starke passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2023, at Riverwood Health and Rehabilitation Center in Starke. He was born on April 15, 1941, in Johnstown, Pennsylvania to the late James H. and Lorraine Nagle Downen. He started his career in 1962 with General Motors, where he had numerous job titles. He retired in 1992 after serving 30 years with the company. He loved taking things apart and putting them back together to see just how they would work. He and his family later relocated to Michigan, where he met and married the love of his life, Linda Mae Joy Downen. They moved to Florida in 1999, where they made their forever home and shared 26 beautiful years together. He loved working with his hands and was a jack of all trades. In his early years, he would make furniture, signs, and even custom jewelry—a true "craftsman." He was known by many as "Sheriff Jim," and he was loved by all who knew him. He was a very kindhearted and all-around good man. In his spare time, he enjoyed riding his motorcycle, listening to music, and spending time with his wife and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; and son, Jeff Downen.

He is survived by his loving wife, Linda Mae Downen of Starke; son, Brian Downen; and brother, Thomas Downen.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, March 3, at 11 a.m. at Archie Tanner Memorial Chapel with Chaplain Jim Cox officiating. The family will receive friends an hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services and Archie Tanner Memorial Chapel, Starke, 904-964-5757. Visit www.ferreirafuneralservices.com to sign the family's guest book.

PAID OBITUARY



Derek Penrod Sr.

Derek Duane Penrod Sr., 46, of Keystone Heights, died on Feb. 18, 2023. He was preceded in death by his father.

He is survived by his children, Isaac Penrod, Claryssa Penrod Desirae Penrod, and Aliah Penrod all of Sacramento, California, Ezekiel Penrod of Vermont, and Derek Penrod Jr. of Keystone Heights; a brother and sister, both of California; his fiancée, Rosie Nerio; and many friends.

A Celebration of Life was held Friday, Feb. 24, at Archie Tanner Memorial Chapel.

Arrangements were under the care and direction of V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services and Archie Tanner Memorial Chapel, Starke 904-964-5757.



Dorothy Starling

Dorothy Eloise Starling (Jones), 83, of Starke went to her Heavenly home on Friday, Feb. 24, 2023, at her residence with her loving family by her side. She was born in Starke on Aug. 15, 1939, to the late Rev. Alton and Nita K. "Gal" Kelly Dobbbs. She was a lifelong resident of Bradford County, where she attended Bradford High School. She met and married the love of her life, James Starling, on July 22, 1955, and together the two shared 29 beautiful year. She was passionate about her career and was a hard-working woman who was a successful owner and operator of Bullington's Jewelry and Gift Shop. After 12 years, she retired and started her new career as an insurance agent for Liberty National Insurance Company. She was a member of Smyrna Baptist Church of Starke, where she enjoyed worshipping and praising her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. She was very musically gifted and loved playing piano, organ, and her accordion. She enjoyed crocheting and loved spending time with her sweet family. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother and will be missed by all who knew her. She was preceded in death by her parents; and her loving husband, Reverend James Starling.

She is survived by her loving children, Jimmy (Sandra) Starling, Janna (John) Samons and Julie (Robert) Martin; grandchildren, Jennifer (A.J.) Hart, Cody Samons, Brennan (Morgan) Starling, Dayshawn Samons, Cayden Martin and Kaleb Martin; great-grandchildren, Darby Starling, Lyla Starling, and Easton Hart; along with many extended family members and friends.

A Celebration of Life was held Wednesday, March 1, at Archie Tanner Memorial Chapel with Pastor Donnie Lott and Pastor Charles Starling officiating. A private interment will be held at Crosby Lake Cemetery.

Arrangements were under the care and direction of V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services and Archie Tanner Memorial Chapel, Starke, 904-964-5757. Visit www.ferreirafuneralservices.com to sign the family's guest book.

PAID OBITUARY



Robert Swanson Jr.

Robert Michael "Mike" Swanson Jr., 50, of Brooker passed away Sunday, Feb. 26, 2023, at his residence. He was born on Jan. 22, 1973, in Jacksonville and was a lifelong area resident. He was of the Baptist faith and served in the Florida National Guard for eight years. He has been employed with the Florida Department of Corrections as a Correctional Officer and instructor for 30 years, currently working at Columbia Correctional. He was an avid hunter and outdoorsman. He loved to deer hunt and bow fish. He was one of the best blood trailers around and was amazing with a bow. He traveled to several states enjoying what he loved to do. He was a teacher in all things and loved sharing his knowledge with his kids and family. He loved his family more than life itself, with a last wish that they take care of one another. He was preceded in death by his mother, Debra Sue (Wilkes) Swanson.

He is survived by his wife, Michelle (Thomas) Swanson of Brooker; children, Cody Swanson of Lake City, Ciera (Elijah) Arndt of Live Oak, Cade Swanson of Lake City, Kameron Forsyth of Tallahassee; father, Robert Michael "Bobby" Swanson Sr. of Starke; and sister, Jennifer Davis of Starke. Also left are his grandchildren, Debbie and Evelyn Swanson; nephews, Jacob, Joshua, and Jonathan Boulris.

The family will receive friends at the Dewitt C. Jones Chapel of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home on Saturday, March 4, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. with a celebration of life service beginning at noon. Mr. Shawn Swain and Mr. Rodney Cayton will officiate.

Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke, 904-964-6200 www.jonesgallagherfh.com



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Celebration of Life

Lucy L. Wright
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It will be held at her home, 17374 NE 23rd Ave., Starke, 32091, on Saturday, March 4, at 2 p.m. Please feel free to come join us as we celebrate the memory of this amazing lady who walked this earth for the better part of a century! Bring a covered dish.



Celebration of Life

Eddie McGee Jr.
March 4

The celebration of life for Bert "Eddie" Edward McGee Jr. will be held on Saturday, March 4, at the Starke Country Club from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. Eddie is a native of Starke, graduated class of 1981 from Bradford County High School and was employed by DuPont/Chemours starting in 1984, working beside his dad, Bert McGee Sr. He served almost 40 years in maintenance between Tennessee and Florida plants. As a die-hard Gator fan he never failed to cheer loud and proud among Tennessee Volunteers. Please join us Saturday, March 4, as we gather with family and friends to celebrate, tell stories, and honor a man who continuously served and blessed others around him.

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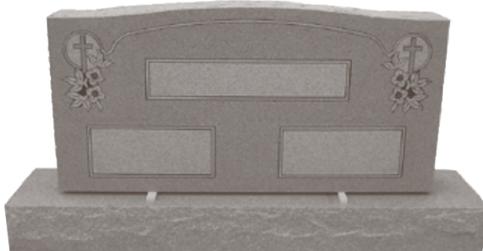
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4:40 and would go on to place fourth.

Besides Thornton, the only Union wrestler to advance to the semifinal round was Alexander Cortese in the 182 class. Cortese recorded pins of 2:34 over Marianna's Marquis Rhodes and 2:56 over Rutherford's Bryson Schirmer. He then lost a 17-6 major decision to West Nassau's Nolan McKelvy. McKelvy would go on to win the championship.

Cortese then wrestled Florida

High's Xander Hawkes for the right to advance to the third-place match, losing 12-11. Hawkes would eventually place fourth.

Three other wrestlers besides Cortese finished the tournament with 2-2 records: Ethan Hancock (120 class), Ethan Shea (138) and Rodney Barnett (145).

Hancock opened with a 10-2 major decision over Rocky Bayou Christian's Jeremiah Herron before he was pinned in 1:27 by Paxon's Kyle Brown. He bounced back with a 13-2 major decision over Stanton's Leonardo Torres before then

getting pinned in 1:10 by Bay's David Drake.

Shea advanced to the quarterfinals off a forfeit before he was pinned in 4:36 by Yulee's Austin Adamson. He pinned North Bay Haven's Will Lundgren in 1:08 before forfeiting his next match.

Barnett pinned West Nassau's Aiden Melson in 3:29 in his first match before he was pinned in 3:01 by Wakulla's Jae T Thaxton. He then recorded a 7-4 win over Marianna's Joshua Mercer before losing 11-8 to North Bay Haven's Bear Siegal.

Kale Waters (113), Ian Halfacre (132), Elijah Roberts (152) and Dylan Lane (220) each went 1-2, while Braden Adams (126) went 0-2.

Halfacre and Roberts each won their first match, with Halfacre pinning Stanton's Diego Torres in 3:28 and Roberts pinning Wewahitchka's Jarrett Spencer in 1:46.

Waters and Lane each won their first-round consolation match, with Waters pinning South Walton's Dylan Hardin in 1:03 and Lane pinning Liberty County's Mason Geiger in 1:27.

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Tucker hitting an RBI triple and later scoring on Leah Clark's punt.

Trenton tied it up in the bottom of the inning when Allaire hit a

two-run homer. It was the first of three home runs for Allaire, who hit a solo shot in the third and a three-run blast as part of a six-run sixth.

The host team's big sixth inning came after Union's Tamia Young made it a three-run game with a bases-loaded double that scored all three base runners.

Young finished 3 for 3, while Tucker went 2 for 4. The rest of the team combined for one hit.

Union entered the game off a pair of one-run losses, beginning with a 5-4 in eight-inning affair against visiting Baker County on Feb. 23.

A two-run homer by Young put the Tigers ahead 4-1 in the bottom of the second, but the Wildcats would eventually tie the score with two runs in the fourth and one in the sixth.

An error allowed Baker to put a runner on with one out in the top of the eighth. A single and a sacrifice fly scored her, putting the Wildcats up 5-4.

The Tigers put two on with one out in the bottom of the inning when Hayley Burke walked and Capbell Webb singled. Burke was later caught stealing third, while a strikeout ended the game.

Young went 2 for 4 with two RBI. Clark and Hannah Rivera each drove in one run, with Clark's coming off a double in the first inning.

Pitcher Lily Neal allowed seven hits and one earned run.

On Feb. 24, Union failed to score with the bases loaded with one out in the bottom of the seventh, losing 3-2 to visiting Branford.

With one out in the final

inning, Young drew a walk. Tucker and Clark then hit back-to-back singles to load the bases. Two straight strikeouts ended the game.

Clark, Tucker and Young had all of Union's hits, with Clark and Tucker each going 3 for 4 and Young going 2 for 2. Tucker had one RBI off a triple in the fifth inning.

Branford's leadoff batter in the top of the first reached on an error and later scored on an error.

With the game tied at 1-1, Branford scored two in the fourth on an error.

Neal gave up four hits in 4.1 innings, while Shyla Crowe gave up one hit in the final 2.2 innings.

Union next travels to play Baker County on Tuesday, March 7, at 6:30 p.m.

KHHS softball team leads briefly before losing 9-4

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Visiting Ridgeview scored six unanswered runs in defeating the Keystone Heights High School softball team 9-4 on Feb. 27.

The Indians (0-3) fell behind 3-0 in the top of the third, but answered with three runs of their own in the bottom of the inning. Amber Wagner hit a two-run

homer, followed by a triple by Kiley Channell. Channell would score on a wild pitch.

Keystone took a 4-3 lead off an Abbie Roach double in the fourth, but the Panthers would score six runs in the final three innings.

Channell and Roach each went 3 for 4, accounting for all but three of the team's hits.

The Indians entered the game off a 7-5, eight-inning loss to visiting Baker County on Feb. 24.

A two-run home run helped the Wildcats go up 4-0 in the first inning, but Keystone began to rally with a two-run third, which featured an RBI double by Wagner and an RBI single by

Channell.

Keystone made it a one-run game when it scored off an error in the fourth. Another error in the fifth allowed the Indians to score again and tie it at 4-4.

Baker took advantage of three hits, a walk, an error and a sacrifice fly to score three runs in the top of the eighth.

All of Keystone's hits came from Channell and Wagner, who each went 2 for 4.

The Indians played Toco Creek this past Tuesday (Feb. 28) and will host Pierson Taylor on Thursday, March 2, at 7 p.m. Keystone then travels to play Fleming Island on Monday, March 6, at 6 p.m.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Notice is hereby given that MID-FLORIDA DEVELOPMENT LLC 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: 653
Year of Issuance: 2020
Parcel Number: 02545-0-00000
Case Number: 04-2023-TD-0002
Description of Property: Lots Three and Six of Block Twenty-four of North Reno, a sub-division of West Half of SE1/4 of SE1/4 and SW1/4 of NE1/4 of SE1/4 of Section 21, Township Six South, Range Twenty-two East, as same appears of record in the current Public Records of Bradford County, Florida.

Name in Which Assessed: MAGGIE SMALL EST.

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 the 4/12/2023 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: February 13, 2023

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Certificate Number: 407
Year of Issuance: 2020
Parcel Number: 01590-0-00000
Case Number: 04-2023-TD-0001
Description of Property: Lot Fifty Nine in Section Twenty Six in East Lawley. Note: The above legal description is per Deed Book 44, Page 269 and includes all of Lot 59. Less and except: That portion of: Lots 51, 59, 43 (except the Westerly 1 acre of said Lot 43), and Lots 44, 39 and 35 according to plat of Lawley - East side, lying within 100 feet of the centerline of State Road 121, Project 5502, LESS AND EXCEPT, HOWEVER, that portion of said lands lying within 50 feet of said centerline, said centerline being described as passing over and across a portion of said Lawley - East Side as follows:

Being on the Westerly boundary of Lot 57 of Lawley - East Side at a point of 200 feet Northeasterly from the Southwest corner of said Lot 57 and run thence South 89°30'30" East 454.33 feet to the point of a curve to the right, having a radius of 229.183 feet and central angle of 54°19'30"; thence Southeasterly along said curve to right 2473 feet to point of tangency; thence South 35°11' East 40.44 feet to the Southerly boundary of said Lot 33 at a point 323.9 feet East of the Southwest corner of said Lot 33. It is the intention of the first party to retain title to and reserve to itself that portion of the first above mentioned lands lying within 50 feet of said centerline, and to quitclaim to said second party that portion of the first above mentioned lands lying outside of and beyond said reserved lands within 100 feet of said centerline. Note: The above legal description is per Deed Book 52, Page 107 and includes a portion of Lot 59. This Deed conveyed back a portion to L.H. Hill within the 100' of the centerline, but retains 50' for the right of way.

Name in Which Assessed: L.H. HILL & EMMA PEARCE HILL; EMMA HILL PEARCE (DECEASED)
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 the 4/12/23, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROBATE DIVISION

FILE NO.: 04-2022-CP-0105
DIVISION: PROBATE
IN RE: ESTATE OF FRED PENDARVIS
Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate

of FRED PENDARVIS, deceased, whose date of death was February 22, 2022; is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division; File No. 04-2022-CP-0105; the address of which is 945 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida 32091. The names and addresses of the Petitioners and the Petitioners' attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons, who have claims or demands against the decedent's estate, including unmaturing, contingent or unliquidated claims, and who have been served a copy of this Notice, MUST FILE THEIR CLAIMS WITH THIS COURT WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons who have claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmaturing, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE IS: February 23, 2023.

Petitioner:
JULIA GORDON PENDARVIS
23522 North East 7th Ave
Attorney for Personal Representative: Lawley, Florida 32058
Attorney for Personal Representative: M. Aaron Dukes, Esq., Florida Bar No.: 124394
Dukes Legal, P.A., Post Office Box 328
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

CASE NO. 22000461CAAXMX
THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR NOVASTAR MORTGAGE FUNDING TRUST, SERIES 2006-2, NOVASTAR HOME EQUITY LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-2, Plaintiff,

vs.
STEPHEN J. SAKKINEN AND DANIEL SAKKINEN, et. al. Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION.
CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE
TO: STEPHEN J. SAKKINEN and UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF STEPHEN J. SAKKINEN,
whose residence is unknown and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property:

LOT 5, BLOCK C, OF DALEWOOD, A SUBDIVISION, AS PER PLAT TEHREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PGE 8, PUBLIC RECORDS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, LYING AND BEING IN SECTIONS 21, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST. has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on counsel for Plaintiff, whose address is 6409 Congress Avenue, Suite 100, Boca Raton, Florida 33487 on or before

/ (30 days from Date of First Publication of this Notice) and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition filed herein.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court at County, Florida, this 14th day of February, 2023.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
BY: Lisa Brannen
DEPUTY CLERK
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

FILE NO.: 04-2023-CP-08
PROBATE DIVISION
IN RE: ESTATE OF PAUL GLENN FRIESE,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of PAUL GLENN FRIESE, deceased, File Number 04-2023-CP-08, is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 945 Temple Ave., Starke, Florida 32091. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:
All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's Estate, including unmaturing, contingent

or unliquidated claims, on whom a copy of this Notice is served must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's Estate, including unmaturing, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is February 23, 2023. EXECUTED this 17th day of February, 2023
PAUL SANDERS, P.A.
Attorney for Petitioner
Florida Bar No.: 557463
115 E. Call St.
Starke, Florida 32091
Telephone: 904/964-2323
SANDRA FRIESE ACREE (Petitioner)
5788 NW. 216th St.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

FILE NO.: 04-2022-CP-137
PROBATE DIVISION
IN RE: ESTATE OF TERRY WAYNE FOX,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of TERRY WAYNE FOX, deceased, File Number 04-2022-CP-137, is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 945 Temple Ave., Starke, Florida 32091. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:
All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's Estate, including unmaturing, contingent or unliquidated claims, on whom a copy of this Notice is served must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's Estate, including unmaturing, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED!
The date of the first publication of this Notice is February 23, 2023. EXECUTED this 17 day of February, 2023.
PAUL SANDERS, P.A.
Attorney for Petitioner
Florida Bar No.: 557463
115 E. Call St.
Starke, Florida 32091
Telephone: 904/964-2323
JOAN FORSYTH (Petitioner)
286 SE. 154th St.
Starke, Fl. 32091

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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 March 22, 2023. The personal property in the below-listed units, which may include but are not limited to: Household goods, boxes/totes/bags, clothing, bedding, tools and toys.

The public sale of these items will begin at 10AM on March 15, 2023 and end at 10AM on March 22, 2023. The public sale will take place on www.storage treasures.com. KO Storage of Starke, 1650 South Walnut Street, Starke FL 32091, (952) 314-7121

Time: 10:00AM CST A10, Jenkins, Doron 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)-314-7121.

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

CIVIL DIVISION
Case #: 22000441CAAXMX
Nationstar Mortgage LLC
Plaintiff,
-vs.-

Constance Ann Brown Hurston; Unknown Spouse of Constance Ann Brown Hurston; Unknown Parties in Possession #1, if living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s); Unknown Parties in Possession #2, if living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION
FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS-PROPERTY
TO: Constance Ann Brown Hurston:

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 101 North Epperson Street, Starke, FL 32091 and Unknown Spouse of Constance Ann Brown Hurston: LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 101 North Epperson Street, Starke, FL 32091
Residence unknown, if living, including any unknown spouse of the said Defendants, if either has remarried and if either or both of said Defendants are dead, their respective unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, creditors, lienors, and trustees, and all other persons claiming by, through, under or against the named Defendant(s); and the aforementioned named Defendant(s) and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendants and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendants as may be infants, incompetents or otherwise not sui juris.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action has been commenced to foreclose a mortgage on the following real property, lying and being and situated in Bradford County, Florida, more particularly described as follows:

LOT 66, PARKWOOD, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 5, PUBLIC RECORDS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, LESS AND EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PARCEL: COMMENCE AT A CONCRETE MONUMENT LOCATED AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 66 FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 29 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY THEREOF, 125.02 FEET TO A ONE INCH IRON PIPE FOUND AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER THEREOF; THENCE RUN NORTH 01 DEGREE 47 MINUTES 20 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF LOT 66, A DISTANCE OF 9.26 FEET TO AN INTERSECTION WITH THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY OF A PARCEL DESCRIBED IN DEED BOOK 87, PAGE 501, OF SAID PUBLIC RECORDS; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 19 MINUTES 48 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID NORTHERLY BOUNDARY, 125.05 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT LOCATED AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID PARCEL; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREE 33 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID PARCEL AND ALONG THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID LOT 66, A DISTANCE OF 9.79 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

more commonly known as 101 North Epperson Street, Starke, FL 32091. This action has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defense, if any, upon LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP, Attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is 2424 North Federal Highway, Suite 360, Boca Raton, FL 33431, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this notice and file the original with the clerk of this Court either before with service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on the 16th day of February, 2023.

Denny Thompson
Circuit and County Courts
By: K. Jenkins
Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator; 201 East University Avenue, Room 410, Gainesville, Florida 32601 (352) 491-4490 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification of the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

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

CASE NO. 04-2022-CP-135
PROBATE DIVISION
IN RE THE ESTATE OF: MARTIN SELIGSOHN,
Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of MARTIN SELIGSOHN, deceased, whose date of death was October 12 2022, is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 945 N. Temple Ave. Starke, FL 32091. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE

FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME 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 March 2, 2023. Attorney for Personal Representative: PETER P. LINDLEY, ESQ., Florida Bar Number: 144517
PETER P. LINDLEY, P.A.
1200 North Federal Highway, Ste. 200
Boca Raton, FL 33432
Telephone: (561) 210-8604
Fax: (561) 338-9223
E-Mail: peter@flabuslaw.com
Personal Representative: MICHAEL SELIGSOHN
100 East Las Olas Blvd., #2901
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301

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SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS
On March 13, 2023 at 501 W. Washington St. District Office Board Room, the Bradford County School District will hold a Workshop at 4:30 P.M. and two 2 Public Hearings at 5:01 P.M. A Regular Board Meeting will immediately follow the Public Hearings. Workshop @ 4:30 P.M. Revised Board Policies #4.181, Transporting Students in Private Vehicles #8.210 and Proposed School Rezoning. Public Hearing #1 at 5:01 P.M. Proposed School Rezoning. Public Hearing # 2 Revised Board Policies.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:

SPRATLIN TOWING & RECOVERY gives notice that on 03/07/2023 at 09:00 AM the following vehicles(s) may be sold by public sale at 10875 US HWY 301 S HAMPTON, FL 32044 to satisfy the lien for the amount owed on each vehicle for any recovery, towing, or storage services charges and administrative fees allowed pursuant to Florida statute 713.78. 5FNRL38657B125399 2007 HOND IC4NJCEA2HD147818 2017 JEEP IFTYR14V8YPCO3144 2000 FORD 1G11E5SA5DF135298 2013 CHEV 1GNEK13294R301407 2004 CHEV 1GNERFKW0KJ311786 2019 CHEV 1HGFA16817L028197 2007 HOND 2G4WSS2MXX1508018 1999 BUIC 2GCEC19V851376877 2005 CHEV This notification is published in BRADFORD COUNTY TELEGRAPH on 03/02/2023.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:

SPRATLIN TOWING & RECOVERY gives notice that on 03/07/2023 at 09:00 AM the following vehicles(s) may be sold by public sale at 10875 US HWY 301 S HAMPTON, FL 32044 to satisfy the lien for the amount owed on each vehicle for any recovery, towing, or storage services charges and administrative fees allowed pursuant to Florida statute 713.78. 2FAC7P371MX125118 1991 FORD 2MEFM74V78X65371 2008 MERC This notification is published in BRADFORD COUNTY TELEGRAPH 03/02/2023.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:

301 Legacy Auto LLC gives notice that on 03/15/23 at 09:00 AM the following vehicles(s) may be sold by public sale at 13168 US HWY 301 S., Starke, FL 32091 to satisfy the lien for the amount owed on each vehicle for any recovery, towing, or storage services charges and administrative fees allowed. 2018 DODG #3C4PDCGB6JT412326 2019 DODG #2C4RDBG6K6R664942 This notification is published in BRADFORD COUNTY TELEGRAPH on 03/02/2023

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Notice is hereby given that MID-FLORIDA DEVELOPMENT LLC 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: 424
Year of Issuance: 2020
Parcel Number: 01666-0-00100
Case Number: 04-2023-TD-003
Description of Property: North West (NW 1/4) Quarter of the north East (NE) Quarter of the South West (SW 1/4) Quarter lying West of the Old Lawley and Kingsley Lake Road, and less the right of way of State Highway no. 121, in Section Twenty five (25) Township five (5) South Range Twenty Two (22) East and containing about six (6) Acres more or less.

Note: Less and except the following Deeds (outsales): ORB 40 Page 417, ORB 41 Page 489, ORB 61, Page 141, ORB 69 Page 241, ORB 74 Page 107, ORB 83, Page 266, ORB 128 Page 101, ORB 201, Page 423, ORB 203 Page 354, ORB 244, Page 246, ORB 273, Page 249, ORB 357 Page 243 and ORB 731 Page 311
Name in Which Assessed: LOUIS JOHNSON & BERTHA
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 the 04/19/2023, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.

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Denny Thompson, Clerk Of The Circuit Court
Bradford County, Florida
BY: Kanetra Jenkins
Kanetra Jenkins, Deputy Clerk
Contact the Tax Deed Office at 904-966-6280 to obtain necessary to redeem.

DATED: February 27, 2023
DATE OF PUBLICATION: MARCH 2, 2023; MARCH 9, 2023; MARCH 16, 2023; MARCH 23, 2023
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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

CareerSource Florida Crown will hold its Board/Consortium meeting as shown below:
Date: March 8, 2023
Time: 11am
Place: Teleconference and CareerSource Board Room
Topic: Board/Consortium Meeting
Time: Mar 8, 2023, 11:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88167170544?pwd=cFlaeG9ibj84NEUub0pQWFZVGlR09
Meeting ID: 881 6717 0544
Participant ID: #
Passcode: 875410
One tap mobile
+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

It is advised that you call in as well as log in in case of technical issues with your computer system. The public is invited to attend. Notice has been made of this meeting, through publication, to comply with the "Government in the Sunshine Law". All CareerSource Florida Crown public meetings are listed on the CareerSource Florida Crown web site at www.careersourcefloridacrown.com.

CareerSource Florida Crown is an Equal Opportunity Employer/Program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities using TTY/TTY equipment via the Florida Relay Service at 711. Contact Jeff Geering at 386-755-9026 X 3221. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need to record the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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CPA 23-01, an application by the Town Council, to amend the text and Future Land Use Plan Map Series of the Comprehensive Plan, based upon an evaluation completed by the Town, to reflect changes in state requirements pursuant to Section 163.3191, Florida Statutes, as amended.

The public hearing may be continued to one or more future dates. Any interested party shall be advised that the date, time and place of any continuation of this public hearing shall be announced during the public hearing and that no further notice concerning this matter will be published, unless said continuation exceeds six calendar weeks from the date of the above referenced public hearing. At the aforementioned public hearing, all interested parties may appear to be heard with respect to the amendment. Copies of the amendment are available for public inspection at the Office of the Town Clerk, located at 17435 Tetstone Avenue, Brooker, Florida, during regular business hours.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING AN AMENDMENT TO THE TOWN OF BROOKER COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BROOKER, FLORIDA, SERVING AS THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BROOKER, FLORIDA AND SERVING ALSO AS THE LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY OF THE TOWN OF BROOKER, FLORIDA, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Section 163.3161 through 163.3248, Florida Statutes, as amended, and the Town of Brooker Land Development Regulations, hereinafter referred to as the Land Development Regulations, comments, objections and recommendations concerning the amendment, as described below, will be heard by the Town Council of the Town of Brooker, Florida, serving as the Planning and Zoning Board of the Town of Brooker, Florida, and also serving as the Local Planning Agency of the Town of Brooker, Florida, at a public hearing on March 14, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the Town Council Meeting Room, Town Hall, located at 17435 Tetstone Avenue, Brooker, Florida.

CPA 23-01, an application by the Town Council, to amend the text and Future Land Use Plan Map Series of the Comprehensive Plan, based upon an evaluation completed by the Town, to reflect changes in state requirements pursuant to Section 163.3191, Florida Statutes, as amended.

The public hearing may be continued to one or more future dates. Any interested party shall be advised that the date, time and place of any continuation of this public hearing shall be announced during the public hearing and that no further notice concerning this matter will be published, unless said continuation exceeds six calendar weeks from the date of the above referenced public hearing. At the aforementioned public hearing, all interested parties may appear to be heard with respect to the amendment. Copies of the amendment are available for public inspection at the Office of the Town Clerk, located at 17435 Tetstone Avenue, Brooker, Florida, during regular business hours.

All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decision made at the above referenced public hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact Suzanne McRee, Town Clerk, at 352.485.1022 at 48 hours prior to the public hearing. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 800.955.8770 (voice) or 800.955.8771 (TTY).

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Legal Notices

Legals for the week of March 2, 2023

BRADFORD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS CONCERNING AMENDMENTS TO THE BRADFORD COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, SERVING AS THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THE LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Sections 163.3161 through 163.3248, Florida Statutes, as amended, and the Bradford County Land Development Regulations, as amended, objections, recommendations and comments concerning the amendments, as described below, will be heard by the Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida, serving as the Planning and Zoning Board of Bradford County, Florida, and the Local Planning Agency of Bradford County, Florida, at public hearings on March 16, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matters can be heard in the County Commission Meeting Room, North Wing, County Courthouse located at 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida.

(1) S230209A, an application by the Board of County Commissioners, to amend the Future Land Use Plan Map of the Comprehensive Plan by changing the land use classification from PUBLIC to AGRICULTURE-2 (less than or equal to dwelling 1 unit per 5 acre, except as provided for in Policy I.2.2) on property described, as follows:

A parcel of land lying in Section 11, Township 8 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida. Being more particularly described, as follows: That portion of said Section 11, lying East of State Road 100, Containing 7.81 acres, more or less. (2) Z 23-02, an application by Samadhi Nadler, to amend the Official Zoning Atlas of the Land Development Regulations by changing the zoning district from RESIDENTIAL, SINGLE FAMILY-1 (RSF-1) to COMMERCIAL, INTENSIVE (CI) on property described, as follows: A parcel of land lying in Section 12, Township 8 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida. Being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the intersection of the East line of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 12, with the Northerly right-of-way line of Southeast 66th Street; thence North 00°01'23" East 300.00 feet, along the East line of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 12 to the Point of Beginning; thence South 88°46'56" West 470.86 feet; thence North 00°01'23" East 99.66 feet; thence South 88°46'56" West 400.00 feet to the Easterly right-of-way-line of State Road 100; thence North 32°38'56" East 357.31 feet, along the Easterly right-of-way-line of said State Road 100; thence North 57°21'04" West 50.00 feet; thence North 32°38'56" East 184.93 feet, along the Easterly right-of-way-line of said State Road 100; thence South 00°01'23" West 387.56 feet, along the East line of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 12 to the Point of Beginning. Containing 7.81 acres, more or less.

The public hearings may be continued to one or more future dates. Any interested party shall be advised that the date, time and place of any continuation of the public hearings shall be announced during the public hearings and that no further notice concerning the matters will be published, unless said continuation exceeds six calendar weeks from the date of the above referenced public hearings.

At the aforementioned public hearings, all interested parties may appear and be heard with respect to the amendments. Copies of the amendments are available for public inspection at the Office of the Director of Zoning, County Courthouse located at 945 North Temple Avenue, North Wing, Starke, Florida, during regular business hours.

All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decision made at the above referenced public hearings they will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in these proceedings should contact the office of the County Manager at 904.966.6327 by 5:00 p.m. at least 48 hours prior to the public hearing or via Florida Relay Service 800.955.8770 (voice) or 800.955.8771 (TTY).

A parcel of land lying in Section 11, Township 8 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida. Being more particularly described, as follows: That portion of said Section 11, lying East of State Road 100, Containing 37.88 acres, more or less. (2) Z 23-02, an application by Samadhi Nadler, to amend the Official Zoning Atlas of the Land Development Regulations by changing the zoning district from RESIDENTIAL, SINGLE FAMILY-1 (RSF-1) to COMMERCIAL, INTENSIVE (CI) on property described, as follows: A parcel of land lying in Section 12, Township 8 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida. Being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the intersection of the East line of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 12, with the Northerly right-of-way line of Southeast 66th Street; thence North 00°01'23" East 300.00 feet, along the East line of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 12 to the Point of Beginning; thence South 88°46'56" West 470.86 feet; thence North 00°01'23" East 99.66 feet; thence South 88°46'56" West 400.00 feet to the Easterly right-of-way-line of State Road 100; thence North 32°38'56" East 357.31 feet, along the Easterly right-of-way-line of said State Road 100; thence North 57°21'04" West 50.00 feet; thence North 32°38'56" East 184.93 feet, along the Easterly right-of-way-line of said State Road 100; thence South 00°01'23" West 387.56 feet, along the East line of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 12 to the Point of Beginning. Containing 7.81 acres, more or less.

The public hearings may be continued to one or more future dates. Any interested party shall be advised that the date, time and place of any continuation of the public hearings shall be announced during the public hearings and that no further notice concerning the matters will be published, unless said continuation exceeds six calendar weeks from the date of the above referenced public hearings.

At the aforementioned public hearings, all interested parties may appear and be heard with respect to the amendments. Copies of the amendments are available for public inspection at the Office of the Director of Zoning, County Courthouse located at 945 North Temple Avenue, North Wing, Starke, Florida, during regular business hours.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS CONCERNING AMENDMENTS TO THE BRADFORD COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, SERVING AS THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THE LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Sections 163.3161 through 163.3248, Florida Statutes, as amended, and the Bradford County Land Development Regulations, as amended, objections, recommendations and comments concerning the amendments, as described below, will be heard by the Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida, serving as the Planning and Zoning Board of Bradford County, Florida, and the Local Planning Agency of Bradford County, Florida, at public hearings on March 16, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matters can be heard in the County Commission Meeting Room, North Wing, County Courthouse located at 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida.

(1) Z 23-01, an application by the Board of County Commissioners, to amend the Official Zoning Atlas of the Land Development Regulations by changing the zoning district from CONSERVATION (CSV) to AGRICULTURAL-2 (A-2) on property described, as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING ATLAS OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, AS AMENDED; RELATING TO THE REZONING OF MORE THAN TEN CONTIGUOUS ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, Z 23-01, BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS; PROVIDING FOR CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT FROM CONSERVATION (CSV) TO AGRICULTURAL (A-2) OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

AN ORDINANCE OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING ATLAS OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, AS AMENDED; RELATING TO THE REZONING OF MORE THAN TEN CONTIGUOUS ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, Z 23-02, BY THE PROPERTY OWNER OF SAID ACREAGE; PROVIDING FOR CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT FROM RESIDENTIAL, SINGLE FAMILY-1 (RSF-1) TO COMMERCIAL, INTENSIVE (CI) OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

AN ORDINANCE OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING ATLAS OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, AS AMENDED; RELATING TO THE REZONING OF MORE THAN TEN CONTIGUOUS ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, Z 23-02, BY THE PROPERTY OWNER OF SAID ACREAGE; PROVIDING FOR CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT FROM RESIDENTIAL, SINGLE FAMILY-1 (RSF-1) TO COMMERCIAL, INTENSIVE (CI) OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

USE CLASSIFICATION FROM RESIDENTIAL, LOW DENSITY (LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 2 DWELLING UNITS PER ACRE) TO COMMERCIAL 20F CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

The public hearings may be continued to one or more future dates. Any interested party shall be advised that the date, time and place of any continuation of the public hearings shall be announced during the public hearings and that no further notice concerning the matters will be published, unless said continuation exceeds six calendar weeks from the date of the above referenced public hearings.

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

PROBATE DIVISION

FILE NO.: 04-2022-CP-118

In re: ESTATE OF ALLAN RAY ARCHEY DECEASED.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of ALLAN RAY ARCHEY, whose date of death was September 11, 2021, is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, FL 32091. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmatured, contingent, or unliquidated claims, on whom a copy of this notice is served must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmatured, contingent, or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIOD 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 the First publication of this Notice is: March 2, 2023.

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The date of first publication of this Notice is February 23, 2023.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA

PROBATE DIVISION

FILE NO 63-2022 CP-043

In re THE ESTATE OF CLYDE RONALD SHORT, also known as CLYDE SHORT Deceased

NOTICE OF ACTION TO RONALD WRIGHT, IF ALIVE, AND IF DEAD, HIS UNKNOWN SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES GRANTEE, ADMINISTRATORS, CREDITORS, ASSIGNS, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST RONALD WRIGHT OR ANY OF THE FOREGOING UNKNOWN PERSONS OR PARTIES

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a petition for administration and a petition for authorization to sell real property, have been filed in the above-referenced court, with the above-referenced case style and caption, and you are required to serve any objections on Jennifer T Arrubla, the personal representative's attorney, whose address is 420 S. Lawrence Boulevard, Keystone Heights, Florida 32656, within 3 months of the first publication of this notice of action, and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on the personal representative's attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise the Court in this action will consider and may grant the relief requested in either or both of the above-identified petitions.

Dated on February 15, 2023
KELLIE HENDRICKS RHOADES
Clerk of the Court
By C. Riggs
As Deputy Clerk

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The ideal candidate will possess an ability to be an effective leader and team builder in an organization such as Lake Butler's, strong intergovernmental communication skills, and have a history of good public responsiveness. She/he will have demonstrated successful experience and exhibit skills in grant writing, municipal finance, fiscal management, personnel administration, fostering good intergovernmental & community relations, and will be technologically literate.

Florida experience and membership in ICMA is preferred. Cover letter, resume, and references by Monday, March 6th, 2023, by physical delivery, sent to "City Manager/City Clerk Position", City of Lake Butler, 200 SW 1st Street, Lake Butler, FL 32054 or by email addressed to Jsapp@CityofLakeButler.com. Applicants are invited to visit www.cityoflakebutler.com. All applications subject to Florida's open record law. EEO/ADA employer.

The successful candidate shall maintain a primary residence in Union County at the time of appointment. This position is anticipated to be interim only and last three to nine months. Compensation will be negotiated with the City Commission. All applicants are encouraged to attend the Special City Commission meeting on March 7th at 6pm in the commission chambers at City Hall located at the address above, at which time a decision may be made.

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Notice is hereby given:

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

Published one time in the Bradford County Telegraph
Amanda Seyfang
Bradford County Supervisor of Elections
P. O. Box 58
945 N. Temple Ave., Suite C
Starke, FL 32091
Date: February 28, 2023

UNION

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

PROBATE DIVISION

CASE NO.: 63-2022-CP-0041

IN RE: ESTATE OF FAYE MARIE VINCI, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of FAYE MARIE VINCI, deceased, is pending in the Circuit Court for the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Union County, Florida, the address of which is 55 West Main Street, 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, including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, on whom a copy of this Notice is served must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME

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SPECIAL MEETING

The City Commission of the City of Lake Butler will hold a Special Meeting to appoint an interim city manager on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at 6:00 PM in the Commission Chambers at City Hall located at 200 SW 1st St, Lake Butler, FL 32054.

LAKE REGION

Notice of Public Auction

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Florida Self Storage Facility Act Statutes (Section 83.801, 83.809), Lake Area Storage, LLC, will sell the following items to the highest and best bidder on Monday, March 6, 2023 at 9:00 A.M. (EST) at 7101 SR 21, Keystone Heights, Florida 32656; Units# 251, containing misc. household items.

2/23 2tchg 3/2-LRM

Local DAR chapter to next meet March 6

The Col. Samuel Elbert Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, will meet on Monday, March 6, at 10:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall of Keystone United Methodist Church (4004 S.R. 21).

Chapter Vice Regent and Historian Anne Smoak will serve as hostess.

Do you have a Revolutionary War-era patriot in your family tree? If you would like to find out, DAR can help with its genealogical resources. Any woman 18 years or older, regardless of race, religion or ethnic background, who can prove direct descent from a person who aided in achieving American independence between April 19, 1775, and Nov. 26, 1783, is eligible for membership. Please contact Romeo at 352-478-3544 for more information.

Austin Cary Forest to host Outdoor Expo on March 11

Families who enjoy hunting, fishing, kayaking, camping or hiking are invited to the North Florida Outdoor Expo, which will be held Saturday, March 11, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the University of Florida Austin Cary Forest (10625 N.E. Waldo Road, Gainesville). Admission is \$5.

The event will consist of food trucks, vendors and all things outdoors.

A drawing will be held for a lifetime hunting/fishing license.

To register, visit eventbrite.ca and enter "North Florida Outdoor Expo" in the search bar.

St. Mark's of Starke offering free test-prep

St Mark's Episcopal Church of Starke is hosting free test-prep classes as well as basic reading, basic English and basic math instruction at the church parish hall (212 N. Church St.) on Wednesdays from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m.

Students must be at least 18 years old. Please bring ID.

Florida-certified and experienced teachers will provide instruction for passing the following tests: GED, TEAS, ParaPro Assessment, PERT and U.S. citizenship.

ACT-prep classes can also be made available for Bradford High School students.

73rd Bradford Agricultural Fair to open March 7

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

You're invited to enjoy "Southern Charm Down on the Farm" at the 73rd annual Bradford Agricultural Fair, which opens Tuesday, March 7, and runs through Sunday, March 12.

Opening night (Tuesday, March 7) is American Pride Night. Wear your red, white and blue. Those with a military ID will be admitted free.

General admission (which doesn't cover the cost of rides) on Tuesday, March 7, through Saturday, March 11, is \$7 for adults and \$6 for students.

Children under 4 are admitted free.

Admission on Sunday, March 13, when the midway only is open, is \$5. Non-riders under 3 are admitted free.

Weekly admission passes are available for \$30 each and may be purchased in advance until Monday, March 6, at the fair ticket office in Building 1, Community State Bank's Starke and Lake Butler branches, North Florida Regional Chamber of Commerce and Lawtey's city hall.

The fair hours are 5-11 p.m. March 7-9, 5 p.m.-midnight Friday, March 10, 2-11 p.m. Saturday, March 11, and 1 p.m.-

? on Sunday, March 12 (midway provider Degeller Attractions will determine the closing time).

Exhibit buildings, which are open March 7-11, will close at 10 p.m. each night.

Midway rides

People who plan to enjoy the midway rides can purchase \$17 unlimited-ride armband coupons in advance at Community State Bank's Starke and Lake Butler locations, North Florida Regional Chamber of Commerce and Lawtey's city hall. Advanced armbands are available through Monday, March 6.

Armband prices when purchased on the midway are as follows:

—\$12 on Tuesday, March 7.
—\$17 on Wednesday, March 8.

—\$17 or two for \$25 on Buddy Night, which is Thursday, March 9. "Buddy" must be present to get the \$25 deal.

—\$22 for Midnight Madness on Friday, March 10.

—\$25 on Saturday, March 11.

—\$17 on Sunday, March 12.

If you choose to purchase tickets instead of armbands, they are available on the midway for \$1 each. Each ride requires 2-6 tickets.

Animal events

Some of the animal events include the following:

—Goat show, Saturday, March 4, 10:30 a.m.

—Swine show, Tuesday, March 7, 6:30 p.m.

—Breed show and showmanship contest, Wednesday, March 8, 6 p.m.

—Steer show, Thursday, March 9, 6 p.m.

—Steer and swine auction, Friday, March 10, 5 p.m.

—Steer and swine awards, Saturday, March 11, 2 p.m.

For more information on the fair, visit bradfordcountyfair.com, or call 904-964-5252.

NFTC offers nursing full-time and part-time

Editor's note: In recognition of Career Technical Education Month, which was in February, the Telegraph is presenting a series of stories on North Florida Technical College.

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Are you interested in nursing as a career, but can't envision how you'd possibly balance going to school and taking care of family?

Perhaps you should look into Practical Nursing at North Florida Technical College, which offers a part-time program.

Practical Nursing is 1,350-hour program. For full-time students, that equates to a four-day commitment (8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays, 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays), which will require 10 months to graduate.

The part-time program, however, is just a two-day-a-week commitment (7 a.m.-5 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays), which will require 18 months to graduate.

Instructor Lynn Dickinson has eight students in her current part-time program. She asked them why they went with the part-time option. The consensus was that they were all working full-time and supporting families.

"We're all parents," student Brandon Boettcher said.

Dickinson said she overhears her students talking about such things as what they're going to feed their families that night or how they're taking their children to ball practices.

"They are truly the masters of time management," she said.

That is the key, which is why even part-time students take part in a time-management activity at the start of the program.

Dickinson said they're asked to put down on paper how many



Students in North Florida Technical College's current part-time Practical Nursing program are (l-r) Alexis Fulford, Taylor Acree, Brandon Boettcher, Noel Bartley, Brock Lannen, Coala Daniels and Cheyenna Fussell. Not pictured: Taylor Tyler. Photo by Cliff Smelley.

hours in a day they need to devote to studying, housework, grocery shopping, etc.

Most students will probably tell you the part-time program is still tough, but they're in it because they have a goal, which they want to accomplish.

"It is a very high-performing class," Dickinson said. "They have excellent attendance, and they are academically advanced."

The students seem to be following in the footsteps of the previous part-time program, which graduated in December 2021. All 11 students in that class passed the That's what the 11 students in the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) on their first attempt.

Dickinson said the LPN students (part-time and full-time) have done extremely well on the NCLEX for years.

"We have a higher pass rate on the NCLEX than local practical-nursing programs, such as Santa Fe College, Gateway College and all of those," she said. "Right here in Starke. It's amazing."

Students divide their time between the classroom and

clinical rotations at various facilities, such as HCA Florida Starke Emergency, Riverwood Health and Rehab Center in Starke, the Florida Department of Health in Bradford and Union counties, UF Health in Gainesville and Northeast Florida State Hospital in Macclenny.

"We have good partnerships with those facilities," Dickinson said.

The NFTC students make quite an impression on those facilities in a short amount of time.

"They just love them," Dickinson said. "After maybe one or two (clinical), they've already basically offered them jobs. With the market great for nurses, they want to snag them up."

Even if students are in the classroom, they're expected to behave as if they were on their clinical rotation. In a Jan. 27, 2022, Telegraph-Times-Monitor story, Dickinson said, "We expect and demand excellence from them in the classroom setting in all aspects, as if they were on the floor giving medications, arriving to work on time, giving their best

and not cutting any corners or compromising. We hope they take that into the clinical setting. I feel like they do."

In that same January 2022 story, Dickinson said the NFTC instructors are demanding of their students, but then asked if anybody would want it any other way, considering that those students will one day be working in healthcare.

"We kind of say, 'Would I want her taking care of me one day? Or my mother? Or my grandmother?' They have to toe the line," Dickinson said.

You might naturally expect the program to draw students from Bradford and Union counties as well as Keystone Heights, but students also come from such places as Hawthorne, Jacksonville, Macclenny and Middleburg.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics recorded the number of licensed practical and licensed vocational nursing jobs in the U.S. in 2021 at 657,200. The bureau projects the number of jobs to increase by 6 percent by 2032. (The average

increase of jobs is 5 percent.) In 2021, the median pay, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, was \$48,070 per year, or \$23.11 per hour.

At a more local level, Career Coach (a Santa Fe College resource) shows that there are 18,744 licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses within a 120-mile radius from Santa Fe College in Gainesville. Career Coach projects that figure to rise to 19,689 by 2032.

"There's definitely a market for the nurses we have," Dickinson said.

NFTC has an agreement with Santa Fe and other colleges so that its LPN students, if they wish, can bridge over into those school's Registered Nursing programs.

"It cuts down on their time," Dickinson said.

To find out more about Practical Nursing at NFTC, please visit bradfordschools.org and select the college in the "Our Schools" tab.

You may also call 904-966-6764.

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65 Help Wanted

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children is required, working with people of all ages is preferred. Some experience working in a library is preferred. The starting salary is \$14.66 per hour. Applications can be picked up at the Library Circulation Desk beginning on Thursday, February 23rd and must be returned to the library by 2:00 pm on Friday, March 10th. Bradford County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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73RD ANNUAL BRADFORD Agricultural Fair STARKE FLORIDA

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Weekly admission tickets: \$30 each (provides a generous savings over the daily admission rates.) The weekly general admission passes will be available at the Fair Ticket Office. If not purchased in advance from the places below, they must be purchased at the main ticket gate initially and will be honored at all admission gates after initial purchase. (No further discounts on weekly passes after 3/6).

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- Community State Bank, Starke
- Community State Bank, Lake Butler
- North Florida Regional Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Starke
- City of Lawtey, City Hall and at

- **The Fair Ticket Office** (in Building 1):
All ticket types will be available.
 Saturday, March 4: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
 Monday, March 6: 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM
 Tuesday, March 7 THRU Friday, March 11:
 5:00 PM – 11:00 PM
 Saturday, March 12: 2:00 – 11:00 pm
Last day to purchase advance ride armbands is Monday, March 6

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Sunday, March 12 is FAMILY FUN DAY!
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FAMILY FUN DAY
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 Unlimited Ride Armbands: \$17
 1 pm to Closing
 Sunday prices and closing hours are determined by Deggeller Attractions, NOT the Bradford Agricultural Fair.

ALL RIDES take 2-6 Tickets
 Tickets are \$1 each
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Armbands \$17 - \$25 when purchased at Fair.
 Advanced armband coupon is redeemed for one armband and is good for any ONE session at the fair.

RIGHT: Fred Magyari takes a look at some of the colorful artwork found throughout the clinic. **BELOW RIGHT:** Brie Van Horn shows the Starke-Keystone Shriners a crab that has a different colored cast on each leg. This shows children what colors are available to choose from for their own casts.



SHRINERS

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and sports injuries. Procedures performed include arthroscopy; fracture repair and reconstruction; growth modulation and reconstruction for deformities of the lower extremities; hip-preservation surgeries; limb-lengthening surgeries; Mehta casting; Ponseti casting for clubfoot; spinal fusion and growing rod surgery; spinal tethering for scoliosis; and surgery for spine, hips and feet related to cerebral palsy.

"We appreciate what you all do. It is amazing," Kniseley told clinic personnel, adding, "This is a great facility."

The clinic in Gainesville is part of Shriners Children's Florida Extended Care, a network of hospitals and healthcare providers throughout the state. Shriners Children's is composed of approximately 20 hospitals throughout North America as well as a variety of



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For more information on UF Health Pediatric Orthopaedics and Shriners Children's, visit ufhealth.org/pediatric-orthopaedics and shrinerschildrens.org.

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