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Bradford advances ICE detention proposal

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County commissioners have invited ICE to consider Bradford as a warehouse location for immigrants awaiting adjudication or deportation.

Two — Commissioners Carolyn Spooner and Danny Riddick — voted against advancing the proposal because of the selected location. The Douglas Building — originally acquired from the state for economic development — fronts U.S. 301 North, just south of Starke, in a commercial and residential hub. They didn't object to the detention facility but didn't join the remaining commissioners in advancing the proposal, asking for more time to consider options.

Backed by Sheriff Gordon Smith and County Manager Scott Kornegay, federal money would be used to transform the Douglas Building and surrounding acreage into a detention facility initially housing 1,000 but eventually up to 3,000 immigrants. The county would be compensated for the use of the property. Smith worked with Sabot Consulting on development of the plan.



After construction and the addition of administrative and medical buildings, the first phase would house 1,000 detainees, followed by 1,000 more each in the second and third phases.

that wasn't the Starke that I knew. And I would hate for another comment to be, 'Oh yeah, the concentration camp,' because I don't see any purpose in bringing ICE here. I just don't," she said, closing with scripture about loving God and our neighbors.

Sally Harvin, having moved to Starke much more recently for its vibe, also spoke about damage to the city's reputation, adding it probably won't help property values either. "I think it's going to focus hate, it's going to put you in the news, and it's going to be negative. Look what happened to (Alligator Alcatraz). Do you really want that?" she asked.

Monique Constantino from Gainesville spoke about the reputation of ICE facilities' failures to meet minimum standards for safety and dignity, including reports of overcrowding, shortages of food and hygiene products, filthy bathrooms and unsafe living conditions, reports of physical and sexual abuse, and medical neglect.

"Heightened immigration enforcement, detentions and deportations create chronic fear and uncertainty that spill over into whole communities, including lawful residents and citizens," she said.

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Most present opposed

Before the plan was presented, citizens lined up in opposition,

including Melissa Protomastro, who said she was excited to have moved to Starke 14 years ago and happy to tell others until she realized the city's only

fame to outsiders was as a speed trap or home to "old Sparky."

"This discouraged me, and I would try to explain that that wasn't Starke,

Union school tax to go on November ballot

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Union County commissioners voted unanimously to place a half-cent sales tax referendum on the November ballot, giving voters the final say on providing additional funding for local schools facing mounting financial pressures.

Superintendent Mike Ripplinger appeared before the Board of County Commissioners to request the ballot measure, which would generate an estimated \$644,000 to \$721,000 annually for capital improvements based on recent revenue projections.

"We're in a very similar situation that the county finds itself in right now as far as the need to raise additional revenues," Ripplinger told commissioners. The superintendent, who is in his 29th year in education and 15th as an administrator, described an increasingly difficult financial landscape for Florida school districts.

Budget cuts already made

The school district has already

implemented significant reductions, cutting its budget by nearly 10% or \$2.8 million from the previous year to the current year. Staff positions have been reduced to what Ripplinger called "pretty much at a critical point."

Noninstructional employees saw their work days reduced: 12-month employees went from 260 to 250 days, 10-month employees from 196 to 184 days, and food service workers from 184 to 180 days. The district also eliminated additional benefits it had previously provided.

"We have reduced our staff to almost, I wouldn't say critical needs, but it's pretty much at a critical point right now," Ripplinger said. "We are only filling those positions in which we need to."

Declining enrollment, declining revenue

The superintendent cited declining enrollment across nearly every school district in the state as a major factor. As enrollment drops, so does state funding. Last year, after the state's third calculation, the district learned it would receive \$670,000 less than



Superintendent Mike Ripplinger warned that if the new tax did not pass, the level of services the district has been providing would likely decline, eventually affecting extracurricular activities.

anticipated in the final four months of the school year.

Ripplinger attributed enrollment declines partly to state policies providing financial incentives for parents to choose alternatives to public schools.

"While more money is going into education, not as much money is going to the brick and mortar as it once did because of other initiatives that are out there," he explained.

How the money would be used

The superintendent emphasized that revenue from the half-cent sales tax would be restricted to capital outlay projects only, not salaries or general operating expenses. Permitted uses include:

- HVAC systems (air conditioners, chillers, boilers)
- Building improvements and repairs
- Roofs
- Athletic fields

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Keystone Heights mayor pitches Whooping Crane Festival

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Keystone Heights Mayor Nina Rodenroth outlined her vision for a Whooping Crane Festival to a Lake Region Civic group.

The mayor told the Keystone Heights Rotary Club during its January 14 meeting that her inspiration for the idea came from a historical figure from Keystone's past: Andy, the Whooping Crane.

"So, Andy was a resident here in the early 1920s," Rodenroth told the civic group. "A child found him on Geneva Beach. So, the little boy took him under his arms and nurtured him to grow up and all that."

The mayor added that the bird followed the child around Keystone Heights's then-dirt roads and became somewhat of a city mascot, explaining that local historian Christine Arnold documented Andy's story and chronicled his adventures in a book titled "Andy the Whooping Crane."

Rodenroth said that after the crane developed a habit of biting women's backsides, an emergency city meeting resulted in Andy being confined to a pen near the Keystone Inn.

The mayor said Andy, the Whooping Crane, is featured on the City's new mural on the side of Keystone Gifts and Guns, facing Walker Drive.

Rodenroth said her vision for the festival coalesced during a scouting trip to Laurel, Mississippi, the site of HGTV's Home Town, starring the husband-and-wife team Ben and Erin Napier.

She said that because of the show, Laurel has become one of the state's top tourist destinations.

Rodenroth told the Rotarians she made a scouting trip to Laurel and met with Mayor Johnny Magee.

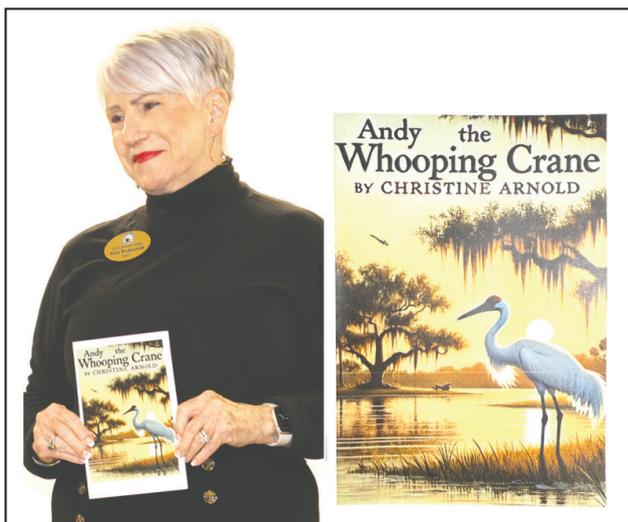
She recalled that Magee explained to her the challenges posed by the city's population doubling over the nine years the show has run, including a loss of affordable housing due to rental property owners converting their housing units into vacation rentals marketed on Airbnb and VRBO.

Magee also told the Keystone Heights mayor that, as Laurel city leaders struggled to be known for something besides the TV show, they realized that the area was the pine capital of the U.S., particularly in the early 20th century.

"And so that pine was taken out of their woods in Laurel, and there's like a train station there, a train

that still runs," Rodenroth explained. "So that pine

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Keystone Heights Mayor Nina Rodenroth shows the Keystone Heights Rotary Club a copy of Christine Arnold's book: "Andy the Whooping Crane."



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WORTH NOTING

Clothing giveaway

Body of Christ Assembly Church of God in Christ will host a clothing giveaway on Saturday, Jan. 24, from 9 a.m. to noon. Everyone is welcome to come by. The church is located at 615 SW Third St. in Lake Butler.

Homecoming at Sanderson

Sanderson Christian Revival Center's Homecoming Celebration will feature a performance by The Browders and sermon by Bro. Matthew Browder, followed by dinner and dessert. The service will take place Saturday, Jan. 24, at 5:30 p.m. The church is located at 14302 Sapp Road in Glen St. Mary.

Historical Society hosts FFA

Union County Historical Society's speaker for the regular meeting Monday, Jan. 26, will be Kendal Brannen, officer with FFA at Union County High School. She will talk about FFA and their activities.

This should be a very interesting presentation. Please plan to attend and enjoy the meeting which begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Townsend Green Building at 401 W. Main St. in Lake Butler.

Bradford Democrats meet Jan. 26

The Bradford County Democratic Party will hold its first meeting of 2026 on Monday, Jan. 26, at 7 p.m. We will be discussing our response to the ICE detention facility proposal for Bradford County. All registered Democrats are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Meetings are held on the fourth Monday of the month at Capital City Bank, U.S. 301 North, in the conference room. For further information, please contact bradfordcodec@gmail.com.

Food distribution at True Vine

A communitywide food distribution hosted by Farm Share and True Vine Ministry will take place Tuesday, Jan. 27, at 10 a.m. at True Vine Outreach Ministry in Starke.

Food boxes often include fresh produce, deli and bakery items, dairy and some meats. Inventory is subject to change based on availability. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



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adding that detention center-based policies lead to children living without a parent, increases in poverty, lower educational attainment and greater distrust of authorities. They also prove more expensive for taxpayers than community-based alternatives.

"Government and independent analyzes show that alternatives such as case management programs, community placement or supervised release not only cost far less, but also achieve very high immigration court appearance rates, often above 95%. Because detention centers often operate with limited transparency and oversight, communities risk being associated with ongoing civil rights violations and humanitarian crises, damaging local reputation and trust," she said.

Fabian Martinez said he and his family have felt safe here, even in interactions with local law enforcement. "Bringing ICE to Starke is going to set a bad precedent. It is going to further the divide between people that look like me and people that look like you. It is going to set a bad example on what happens when you bring state-sanctioned goons to a quiet town. I prefer to keep Starke quiet. I prefer to keep Starke peaceful," he said. "They are there to stomp people down. They are there to put people in cages. I would like to remain outside and free and Black in spaces that I am legally allowed to be in without the worry of some state-sanctioned goon coming at me because I look Mexican."

Kate Ellison of Melrose spoke of the reduction in training for ICE agents, the pressure they are under to meet quotas and their opposition to public scrutiny, saying they have a lot to hide.

"They hide their faces, their badges, their license plates. When they go out, it is so much easier to be mean, even violent, when you are anonymous. What they are hiding is inhumane treatment of people they pull off the streets,

off job sites, out of their homes without warrants. These people are detained, mistreated, and then often released because they had no reason to be arrested in the first place. Many are American citizens," she said.

Ellison said those who have been detained have reported overcrowding, spoiled food, dirty water, and lack of treatment for the abuse they've suffered or chronic medical attention.

"This is not what Bradford County stands for," she said. "It is not the moral thing to do, the Christian thing to do, the American thing to do. In our country, we use warrants to arrest people. We treat each other with respect and courtesy. We do not have secret prisons. Please do not allow ice to bring their dirty business to our county. If you do this, will we still be 'Better in Bradford'?"

Similarly, Skylar Harper asked why the county would allow an ICE facility near a "Welcome to Starke" sign. Kayleigh Harper said spending what will amount to hundreds of billions of dollars on facilities like these instead of providing Americans health care is like dangling "taxpayer money in front of our faces."

Rose Knowles spoke as a resident of Deerwood Subdivision, which has already faced a lot of commercial encroachment. She wanted to know how the county was going to protect residents if something happens at the ICE facility or someone dangerous does escape.

"We're of a family of law enforcement, retired law enforcement. We're already trying to move out of that area because of what y'all have allowed to come into that area to invade us. We no longer have the privacy we had before," she said. "We've been there 28 years. Some have been there longer than that, and they can't afford to leave. So, what are you going to do to protect us if y'all allow that to happen?"

Brian Roberts criticized the proposed location of the detention facility as well as the actions of ICE.

"We have watched ICE ramp

up into a force that is ill trained and operating quite often outside the law. And that is very clear, and that is not up for debate, whether you think it is or not. They have been operating outside the law. They have brought controversy everywhere they've gone. We see the videos on TV of all the ICE facilities and people chanting outside," he said. "I don't want that in my community."

Only a single member of the public spoke in favor. Bo Haisten said she didn't have problems with the facility or removing people from the country who are here illegally. "I'm okay with the illegals being taken out of here, the rapists, the murderers. It's not about skin color. You're here illegally. You broke the law," she said. What Haisten said did bother her was the confrontation of ICE agents and their facilities around the country.

"I don't want to see that here. But as far as the ice facility, hey, if it helps us get them caught and get them out of here, we need to do what we need to do to make our country safe," she said.

The plan and justification

Darren Chiappinelli of Sabot Consulting presented the plan, saying the company has a long history in detention compliance advisory. If accepted by ICE, the county and sheriff's office would enter an intergovernmental service agreement. The federal government would cover the cost of construction and operation, with no direct cost to the county. ICE would operate the resulting facility with some level of governance and oversight by the sheriff. The cost the county charges for use of the facility would be negotiated prior to final approval of the agreement and could include compensation for impact the county incurs for infrastructure or liability.

The warehouse would be converted to detention housing, with portable buildings brought for administration, dining facilities, etc. Additional detention pods would be added to increase the population in

BHS graduation rate flat in 2025

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Bradford High School's graduation rate changed little in 2025.

In fact, it was a tenth of a point down to 87.2%. The school had been pushing for 90% after increasing nearly five percentage points in 2024. That increase contributed to the school's historic 2025 school grade — its first B.

The graduation rate from 2025

will be used to calculate the high school grade for 2026.

There are other opportunities to raise or maintain the school's B grade. Principal Chris Coffey said midyear testing data is showing further increases in English performance, which also saw historic improvement last year.

Midyear math testing is still ongoing.

Coffey said the 2025 graduation rate would have

been higher had early graduates been included in the calculation. Those students will count toward their cohort's 2026 graduation rate.

After falling several percentage points last year Union County's graduation rate began a rebound growing 2.5 percentage points to 84.7%.

Florida's overall graduation rate increased 2.5%, the highest rate in the state's history.

future phases. The site would be "low profile" because of obscure fencing, Chiappinelli said. Significant infrastructure improvements would be needed for electricity, water and sewer, and any permanent improvements would remain when it no longer served its proposed purpose.

In addition to hundreds of initial construction jobs, the facility would create 1,000 to 1,250 "permanent" jobs from detention to support and medical, and there would be local preference in hiring, Chiappinelli said. In addition to the direct economic benefit, local businesses providing wraparound services would receive an indirect benefit. He added it would fit well in a community with several nearby detention facilities.

The need of it, however, was questioned because of the vacancy of nearby prison facilities. ICE moved into a Baker County prison, for example. But Sheriff Smith said the New River prison in Raiford is kept empty to house evacuated prisoners during a weather emergency.

Commissioner Diane Andrews, a former prison warden, said a prison is only as dirty as its leader allows.

"I just want to say, just listening to everyone's comments, my mind goes to the people who have been brutally murdered by some of these people that that are being arrested. ... This is a very ugly thing, but we can't take the reality out of it either. We have to remember these people have

been brutally, brutally killed, raped, murdered," Andrews said, to outcries from the public. Chairwoman Spooner had to call for order multiple times, and a few people were escorted out of the meeting during continuing discussion.

Sheriff Smith said people were getting roles confused, saying the county wouldn't be involved in beating on doors and making warrantless arrests. The county is providing a housing facility.

"Here, we have the right to make sure people are treated decent, humanely," he said, which might not be the case if the property was overtaken without the county's cooperation.

As for those with concerns about the location, primarily the Deerwood residents, he pointed out that the county jail and Lawtey prison are in residential areas. He said he'd listened to a lot of "mistruths and misunderstandings."

"That's usually the safest place to be. You're in a safe, quiet community. We're not looking for a big banner that says Alligator Alcatraz in front of a facility in Bradford County. We need an address and privacy fence. It'd be a whole lot quieter than jet engine motors cranking up all day long," he said of the prior plans to use the Douglas Building as an extension for MHD Rockland facility at the airport.

"The opportunity came for 1,200 jobs in my community. I've seen the damage done

by losing 100 jobs. These are living wage jobs at federal rates. They'll make a big impact in our community," Smith said.

"We've got thousands of convicted felons in our community housed safely, and you're in one of the safest places to sleep in bed at night. These people, most of them are here on violation of immigration status. They are not career violent criminals," he said, calling the plan an economic opportunity the county would not otherwise have.

"Whatever your opinion is, whether it be politically wise or your personal belief, it's happening. We can't stop it. It's the law being followed. We have a president who was elected into office and voted in unanimously — not unanimous, but overwhelmingly — voted into office," he said, interrupted by someone who said the five county commissioners could stop it.

They did not stop it, however. Commissioners Spooner and Riddick expressed their disapproval for the location, but the vote was 3-2 in favor of moving forward with the proposal.

If the proposal is accepted, there will be a period of negotiation, and if that is successful, the final agreement will be brought back to the commission for approval.

Wine and cheese meet and greet

The Democratic Women's Club of the Lakes Area will host an afternoon of sharing conversation and learning on Saturday, Jan. 24, at 2:30 p.m. for Democrats in the area. This is an antidote for isolation, an opportunity to socialize and hear about what Democrats are doing this year.

Delicious savory foods and desserts will be served as well as spirits and tea. Club officers will deliver a brief synopsis of

2026 objectives and share how it all gets done. All Democrats are welcome to attend. The address is 307 S.R. 26 in Melrose, about two blocks west of the stoplight. For further information call 904-860-6458.

Food distribution in Lawtey

A communitywide food distribution hosted by Feeding Northeast Florida and True Vine Ministry will take place Wednesday, Jan. 28, at 9 a.m. at the Philadelphia Baptist Church

in Lawtey.

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They are not content just waiting for heaven, they want God now. They want to know Jesus personally and intimately. They want to go deeper, climb higher and experience God in a way they have never known. One picture of that deeper hunger for God is found in Psalms 42:1-2 (NIV) "As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for You my God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?" I wish we were all desperately hungry for God. Would not that be glorious, that we as Christians would be hungry beyond measure for more of Jesus? There is nothing more wonderful than the indwelling of God in the human life. I have been saved (born-again) for 53 years, filled with the Spirit for more than 40 years. I have had the privilege of being the pastor of Rivers Flowing Church in Lawtey for the last 15 years. In the last 20 years I have experienced numerous encounters with God that have forever marked me. I have found my Lord to be more precious and wonderful than human words could ever express. Yet, after all these years, I am still hungry. Hungrier than ever for more of Him.

To know Him is to love Him. When He touches you, it creates a deeper desire to be touched again. When you hear His voice through the Word or the Holy Spirit speaks to your heart, you long to hear His voice yet again and again. The Apostle Paul makes this statement in Philippians 3:13-14 (NKJV) "Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead. I press toward the goal for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." I believe that God's purposes come to pass in our lives when our hearts get a real "God cry", when a real "God yearning" takes hold of our nature. How hungry are you for more of God? Blessings! -Pastor Rick

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MLK service calls for unity through nonviolence

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Taking inspiration from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s message of nonviolent change, the theme for the Concerned Citizens of Bradford County's annual service honoring his legacy was "Building Community, Uniting a Nation the Nonviolent Way."

President Glenda Ruise opened the service quoting King's words, saying, "There comes a time when we must take a position that's neither safe nor political nor popular, but we must take it because our conscience tells us it is right."

Our conscience should be our guide, not our political affiliations, should be how we make our decisions, she said.

In unity, the smaller crowd that braved the cold to be at the county conference center Monday, sang "Lift Every Voice and Sing" before pledging allegiance to the flag.

Speaker D'on Jeffers of Santa Fe College opened her talk with scripture from Romans, saying, "Be not overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."

"Our nation is increasingly being divided. Every single day you hear something on the news, something in the community, something in the society where we are being drawn further and further apart. We have a division in our homes, we have division in schools, and it brings division into our community. They're all interchangeable, and they're all connected," she said.

It doesn't matter if people are divided over race, wealth, religion; that is all the same as well, Jeffers said. Something they all have in common is they lead to violence in every aspect: violent words, deeds, policies. One thing she is sure to control with her Upward Bound students is verbal violence — language that humiliates, threatens or dehumanizes someone else.

"In my program, we don't say shut up, and we don't say anything that will tear down another person. We build each other up, and we foster a community or an atmosphere or a program where we are together and we stand together with each other," she said.

Jeffers set the record straight about nonviolence, saying it is not weakness.

"It's actually discipline, and it's strength, and it's moral courage. It takes intentionality to be nonviolent," she said. "We have to teach people that just because you feel it doesn't mean



D'on Jeffers spoke about every individual's responsibility to make peace.

that you're justified to do it. History proves that communities can change when ordinary people choose extraordinary compassion."

King was an example of an ordinary man who chose extraordinary compassion, she said.

Going back to Romans, Jeffers read, "Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable. Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone. Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God."

"There is a strategy for confronting wrong without becoming wrong ourselves," she said. "It's okay to confront wrong and to voice that something is wrong in the community, there's something wrong in the schools, there's something wrong with the way that we're doing things, but it's not okay to become wrong ourselves with no regard to others whatsoever."

Emotional control is necessary to prevent violence, she said. It's OK not to argue with a fool. You don't have to prove a point. It's OK to be on opposite sides of an issue. It's OK to be different.

"Matthew 5:9. 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.' He didn't say blessed are the people who have peace. He said blessed are the peacemakers, meaning

you are the person who's creating peace."

Another thing people have twisted about building community, Jeffers said, is about resolving conflict. People must be in relationship to reach a resolution.

"So, we're going to come to a table try to have a meeting and resolve what when I don't even know you? I don't care to know you as a person? So, you have to have a relationship before you can come to a resolution. You must be seen before you can enact change. If you're not seen and heard, you won't be able to enact change," she said.

If the nation is going to be united through nonviolent action, Jeffers said people must learn to speak truth with love.

"Upward Bound knows. I preach at them all the time, and I always tell them at the end, 'I do this because I love you, and if there's anything that I ever see that will be of a hindrance to you or who you are called to be in the future, I'm going to say it in love, because I'm a mama first, and I'm going to say it in love so you can be the person that God has called you to be.'"

This approach applies to speaking out and protesting, she said. She referenced the murder of Charlie Kirk and the reaction, even rejoicing, about someone who had been taken from his family. They seemed to think



Principal Chris Coffey spoke about the mission and successes at Bradford High.

it was justified because of his politics.

"That's not how God sees it, because if God sees it, if God gives us judgment, we should all pay the price that Jesus paid. Because none of us are right, none of us are justified, but God gives us grace," she said. "We have to be careful with our words. We have to be careful with our actions. We have to be careful and be mindful of how we make people feel. Take personal responsibility."

Nations change when people change, she said. "Ask yourself, am I contributing to peace, or am I contributing to discord? ... Choose to be a bridge instead of a barrier."

In closing, Jeffers asked everyone to commit to practicing nonviolence, listening before responding, serving someone different than you, addressing conflict with dignity.

Honorees

Ruise shared that the 2026 MLK Drum Major honorees Ceolar Hudson and Scott Roberts had been honored at a banquet over the weekend. Hudson has spent her 100 years giving to the community, including her many lessons learned. Roberts' success in business has used to support the community, and she said they are appreciative of his partnership.

Youth success

Appreciation was also expressed to Bradford High Principal Chris Coffey, who took the podium to say that Dr. King believed the future of education was in teaching one to think intensively and critically.

"That's something that we try to do each and every day at Bradford High School," he said. "In our mission statement, we talk about empowering our

students to become lifelong learners in a very diverse global community. We try to remind them of or have them think about, what are the jobs, the careers, the schools you want to get into, the businesses you want to open one day. And to picture those and to understand that you are not just competing with the students sitting around you in class, but you're competing with students across the state of Florida, across the entire United States and beyond for all of those opportunities. So, it's important to take their education seriously."

Student performance at BHS set records last year. Ninth and 10th grade showed the highest growth in English performance in the state. Geometry students had the second highest growth, and algebra students had the third highest growth. Those students along with the biology students had the highest test scores in the school's history, leading to the highest school grade in history. That contributed to the school district receiving its highest ever grade.

They are doing more to prepare students for life through college and career readiness course that incorporates financial literacy, Coffey said. And now entering its third year, the school's Cambridge program is allowing students to earn college credit on campus. The 136 credits earned amounts to nearly \$100,000 in college tuition savings. Cambridge diplomas are also helping more students achieve Bright Future Scholarships.

Coffey bragged about the school's band and sports programs as well. He also asked for family support, saying families are stretched thin and that can deprioritize education.

"Support our families and keep our teachers, staff and students in your prayers each and every day. Dr. King believed that real greatness comes not from what we achieve alone, but how we lift others along the way," he said, adding that's what they try to do at BHS every day.



Concerned Citizens' Glenda Ruise presided over the Dr. Martin Luther King Day service Monday.



Jaquan Bryant delivers the invocation.



Concerned Citizens of Bradford County President Alica McMillian recognizes contributions to their work.



Bradford County Commissioner Carolyn Spooner closes the service by blessing the food.



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Grant's millions will cost the city some time in redesign

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
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A major influx of revenue for a Starke water project will cause an unavoidable delay in progress.

Justin deMello explained the tradeoff to city commissioners, saying they are reevaluating plans to ensure they meet the intent of the grant.

DeMello, a vice president and engineer with Woodward and Curran, and his team work with the city on water and wastewater improvements and help identify funding sources for ongoing and future work.

DeMello discussed how they worked with the city to harden the city against Hurricanes Helene and Milton in 2024 as well as document the impacts on the city such as power outages, downed trees and sewer overflows. This helped the city obtain a major \$23 million award for the drinking water system.

"We did a great job, I think, and your city staff did a great job during the event, immediately following the event, making sure folks had power restored and other things, but then in the days and months after the event, to position themselves for these grant opportunities that subsequently came out of it," deMello said.

He congratulated the city, explaining while the funding is technically a loan, it comes with 100% principal forgiveness,

making \$23 million available for plans important to the city's growth. That includes upgrades to the city's water plants and a new elevated storage tank that will also help extend water down State Road 16 to the bypass.

Much of the work in the city's plan has moved through the design process and construction was getting close. The funding will, however, delay progress, deMello reported.

"Because of this, what I call massive windfall for the city, we are going to have to pause the construction process that we're currently on, make sure that all the planning documents that we've developed, as well as the designs, meet the intent of the grant that you guys have secured in order to move forward with the grant money," he said. "So, while a grant is incredible and it's worth stopping, applauding and cheering for that, I'll remind us that it is going to delay some of the progress on that work, because we need to make sure that it checks all the boxes."

Not everything will be covered by the grant but that creates an opportunity to identify additional upgrades the grant will cover.

"Our project that we were in process of design for your water system upgrades I think amounted to somewhere around \$16 million to \$18 million. Most of that project is going to qualify for this grant. Some of it

is not. Some of it, specifically the water meter replacement. We're planning to replace your water meters. Unfortunately, this grant, because it's related to storms and vulnerability and impacts to future events, they're not going to see that as an eligible expense," deMello said. "So, we still have some pieces of what we designed that will still need to be funded elsewhere, but that's going to leave a pretty substantial amount of additional grant funding that we can use for other priorities that weren't identified in those previous designs or planning documents."

For that, deMello said he was excited.

The water project to the bypass had been designed, and construction bidding was expected to take place in early 2026. The design for the wastewater extension is in progress and should be wrapped up by this summer, deMello said, with construction bids in the fall. Revisiting the water project design will likely push construction bids to the fall for that project as well.

"So, I'm looking at about a six-month delay in exchange for \$23 million," deMello said.

"This is all working towards the same goal, the same end game. So, we got a six-month pause due to a \$23 million increase. That's not bad news," Mayor Andy Redding said.

In recognition of America's 250th birthday, the 2026 festival theme is "From Pirates to the Present: Celebrating 250 Years of Literature in Florida."

Festival highlights include: —Keynote Speaker David Morton presenting "Writers in Paradise: Hemingway, Capote, Hurston, and Others Who Found Their Inspiration in Florida."

—A one-woman, one-act play by Pamela Marshall Koons exploring the life and legacy of Florida literary icon Zora Neale Hurston.

—A dedicated children's area featuring face painting from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and six children's book authors reading their original stories throughout the day.

—The Sunshine State Teen Lit Awards ceremony, where a total of \$1,000 in scholarships, sponsored by Steve Spurrier's HBC Foundation and gift cards donated by Lynx Bookstore will be awarded to the winning young writers.

Visit www.sunshinestatebookfestival.com.

Sunshine State Book Festival

The Writers Alliance of Gainesville is "Bringing Readers and Writers Together" at the seventh annual Sunshine State Book Festival. The festival will be held on Saturday, Jan. 24, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Santa Fe College Fine Arts Hall in Gainesville. One hundred authors will participate in the Author Expo, meeting readers and offering their books for sale.



Hope Christian delivers food to LAM

Hope Christian Academy students collected nonperishable food items during the first of December and donated them to Lake Area Ministries. Pictured (l-r) are LAM Co-director Barissa Payne, Hope Christian Academy Head of School Terry Denmark and LAM Director Tanya Dennis. Picture: Virginia Denmark.

New Circle K on the way



The intersection of U.S. 301 and C.R. 18 just outside of Hampton is seeing activity. The property in the northeast corner is being cleared to make way for a new Circle K convenience store and gas station.

Letters

Public deserves better notice

Dear Editor:

Whether for or against an issue, don't we all want officials to follow the law? This past week, the Bradford County Commission voted on a controversial issue to convert the old Douglas Warehouse into a 3,000-bed ICE/DHS detention center. The agenda was only published to the county website two days before the meeting, though Florida's Sunshine Law requires at least seven days' notice. And extra consideration should be given for controversial topics.

No matter which side of the issue you come down on, our common ground should be that we all want our elected officials to be transparent with the public and we want them to follow the

law.

Again and again, the county commission instructs staff to get the agenda out timely. But time and again, the public is denied adequate notice of the decisions to be made on our behalf. And all too often, important items are bunched into a consent agenda that gets no discussion, just a blanket vote.

There was a suggestion that they table the vote until the next meeting in order to give the public more notice, but a 3/2 vote denied that opportunity. And the county attorney did not suggest that it would be a good idea to follow the law as indicated by F.S.120.525 on Meetings, Hearings and Workshops.

If this were a case of not understanding the law, it would be one thing. But this is a common repeat performance for county commission meetings. The penalty is minimal, but the act is even more egregious if there was prior knowledge of the

law, yet it was ignored.

Is it the lack of a legal challenge that emboldens this repeat behavior because ignorance of the statute is not the case? I know, because I've given them multiple copies of the language over the years. And surely, the county attorney knows that the appropriate thing to do is to allow the proper notice before a vote so the public's right to notice is respected.

Let's ask our elected officials and staff to set the example of compliance with the law.

Sincerely,
Carol Mosley

Historic loss for community

Dear Editor:

Within the next few weeks, the community of Melrose will lose one of its most precious, historic buildings; the Mediterranean Revival Historic School House that sits on the corner of 26 and 21. This building has stood as a reminder of the importance of education and historic pride of the Melrose citizens. It is said that North Florida writer Marjorie Kannan Rawlings the author of the beloved book "The Yearling," would speak to the students in the auditorium. Generations of the community's children's voices have echoed in its halls. One of those voices was my sons a few decades ago. The building holds fond memories for many of us, especially for the Melrose High School Alumni before the school consolidation of the 1960s. The last senior class graduated in 1968.

The building was originally built in 1927. It burned in 1945 and was rebuilt using the original plans. A historic plaque was placed by the alumni in 2016. In the marker application signed by the school principal at the time, it states that the school is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

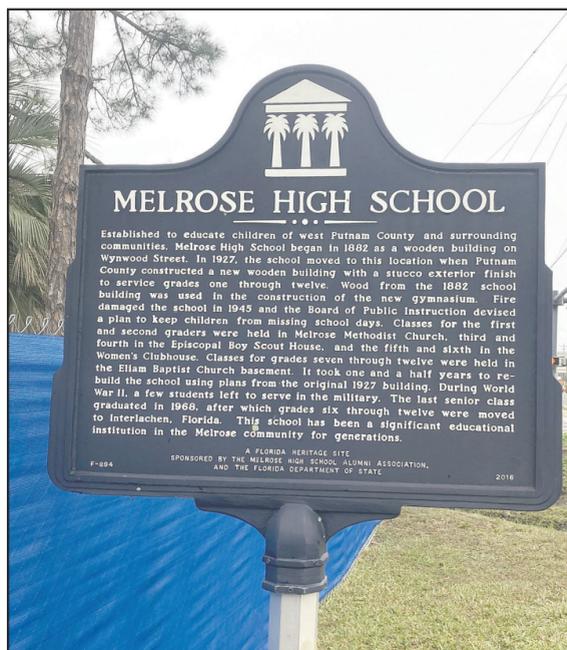
So then why is this building facing destruction? It has been

in public hands since 1927. The community is proud of this building! It is an anchor of Melrose's historical heritage. Would not the best care and maintenance be a primary concern of the citizens and our publicly funded schools entrusted with its care? In reality, many of us believed we were doing all we could to protect this piece of Florida's history, only to discover that our efforts were inadequate. Our public officials did not properly care for our school, either because the money and expertise were not available or other expenditures took priority.

Tuesday, Jan. 6, a lone member of the Melrose community pleaded with the Putnam County School Board to reconsider their decision to destroy the building. Other options could and should be considered, with more voices as part of the process. Yes, it was a late plea. Yes, there were rumors in the community. Yes, I am sure the Sunshine State Law was followed and notices were someplace. But so many of us were unaware that it did not feel like the school board had made a true effort to inform the community. Some residents have been given an opportunity to tour the building, grieve and take photos. But how do we process this permanent loss? Where can we go from here? How do we prevent a similar situation from happening again? How can we help other communities across the state who are losing their historic, public buildings every day? Our experience is not uncommon; I was told by the Florida Historic Preservation staff in Tallahassee.

We have some hard choices ahead of us. What do we truly value, and are we willing to stand up, speak our hearts and act on our values? There is much work ahead of us if we choose to protect our historic places. Many hands and hearts are needed in this important cause. Are you with me?

Putnam County School Board Representative for Melrose is



Linda Wagner. You can reach her at 386-546-7867.

Historic Melrose Inc. meets at 2 p.m. on Jan. 25, at the Homemakers Club. Their website is www.historicmelroseinc.org.

A special thank you to County Commissioner Josh Alexander for his inquiry into if the school board could reach out to the local historic society to repurpose

the building. Apparently, the building is so deteriorated, it would not survive being moved from the property. I truly appreciate your efforts on behalf of the Melrose community.

You can reach Mr. Alexander at 386-329-0206 or email him at josh.alexander@putnam-fl.gov.
Sincerely,
Sheree Sims

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY TOWN OF BROOKER ANNOUNCES THE AVAILABILITY OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM FUNDS

The Town of Brooker is seeking applicants that live within the Brooker town limits to participate in a program to assist homeowners with housing repairs. This program is funded by the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and is designed to pay for general code-related repairs and improvements for extremely low-, very low-, and low-income homeowners. Items eligible for repair include roofs, heating systems, plumbing, electrical, and other code related housing systems. Currently, the Town has funds available to assist a limited number of homeowners.

Applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements to be qualified for this program:

- Property is located within Town of Brooker town limits.
- The home must be owner occupied, meaning the applicant must be living in the home in order to be eligible for funding. Their property will not qualify for this program.
- The home must be claimed as homestead exemption.
- If you have a mortgage on the home and property, you must be current on all payments.
- Title on the home and property must be clear, with no liens. If there are persons on the title who are deceased, a death certificate must accompany the deed.
- Meet income guidelines that are based on the household's anticipated gross annual income and the number of household members. Annual gross income cannot exceed the amount shown on the chart below.

Income Limit by Number of Persons in Household							
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
\$43,200	\$49,350	\$55,000	\$61,650	\$66,600	\$71,550	\$76,450	\$81,400

CDBG AMI Limits (80%) – Effective April 1, 2025

If you would like to apply for assistance, please contact:

Cameron Farris
Project Manager | Accenture
PHONE: 850.681.2717
EMAIL: cameron.farris@accenture.com

You may also obtain an application from Brooker Town Hall which is located at 17435 Tetstone Avenue, Brooker, FL 32622. Office hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.

Applications must be postmarked no later than March 9, 2026, to be considered for the program. All applications are subject to review, ranking, and approval by the Town of Brooker Town Council. Maintaining the grant application score takes precedence over the scoring and ranking criteria as specified in the Housing Assistance Plan. You may submit an application after the deadline, but the application will be considered on a first come – first qualified basis subject to the availability of funds.

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Lake Region

Woman's Club celebrates Plaster's 95th

RV Resort employees collect shoes for high school students

BY JENN SAMSEL
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The Keystone Heights Woman's Club hosted its community games event in honor of Sue Plaster's 95th birthday on Friday, December 12th.

Maria Walker won the ugly sweater contest. She said she enjoyed the fellowship she had with other seniors and hoped more would join the fun.

"Great to be with all the golden girls all year long at the Woman's Club, and we really enjoy it. More people coming in to enjoy cards, dominoes, and whatever kind of game they wanted to play," she said.

The Woman's Club holds games events on the first and second Fridays of each month, with different themes each time. These events are open to the public, and lunch is available for \$5.



(Right) Sue Plaster, Natalie and Katie, Sue's daughters, Betsy Jo Outten, (left) Nina Rodenroth



Georgia Ross, Barbara Mason, Linda Grabowski, Melanie East

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Keystone Heights RV Resort employees Helen Lavarnway and Vince Esson initiated the "Walking Your Future" Sneaker Drive, successfully collecting 200 pairs of sneakers.

Lavarnway, the resort's community advocate and event planner, said she was inspired to take action after noticing a student whose shoes were torn and couldn't afford new ones. Rather than organizing a toy drive, she decided to ask residents of Keystone Heights to participate in a sneaker drive.

"As I looked at these children, it truly broke my heart. I couldn't help but wonder what was going through their minds, and whether they believed they would ever get the chance to build a career or find meaningful work in the future. No child should feel hopeless about their dreams," she said.

American Legion Post 202 contributed two large boxes of sneakers. The RV Resort donated



Helen Lavarnway (left) and Keystone Heights Junior-Senior High School Principal Laurie Burke.



One student looking at new sneakers.



American Legion Post 202 contributed two large boxes of sneakers. The RV Resort donated \$1,500, which helped purchase additional footwear.

Lavarnway delivered the shoes to the high school on December 16.

reported estimated wind gusts of 25 mph due to a cold front, which made battling the fire even more challenging, coupled with the low temperatures.

House fire shuts down C.R. 352, elderly resident loses home

BY JENN SAMSEL
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A residential house fire shut down portions of County Road 352, resulting in the loss of a resident's home.

The fire occurred at 5395 County Road 352 in Keystone

Heights on Sunday, January 18th, at 1:30 p.m.

Due to the trees surrounding the home, there was a significant concern about the fire spreading quickly, given the weather conditions. The National Weather Service

resident who was not injured; he unfortunately lost his home in the blaze.

The road reopened at 5:21 p.m., and the cause of the fire remained unknown.



Paula Middleton, Candy Hill, Santa Claus, Pat Golder



Mary Kennedy, Jayne Eddy, Beckie Raymond, Wilma Metcalf



Mary Lewis, Darlene Harp, Treana Harp, Sally Linton

CRANE

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was trained to all these different cities around the United States to carry lumber to build houses."

City leaders created what would become Laurel's signature annual event, the Loblolly Festival, which celebrates the city's history as a timber and sawmill town. Celebrated on the first Saturday in October, the festival attracts 35,000 people and boasts an economic impact of \$500,000.

The mayor of Keystone Heights compared the Loblolly Festival's economic impact to that of Jacksonville's Florida-Georgia football game.

"They come, they spend money, and then they leave," Rodenroth said of the visitors.

Rodenroth said Magee told her the key to a successful event concept is that it be unique—something no other city is doing.

"So, I kept thinking, how can we be different and unique?" Enter Andy the Whooping

Crane. Rodenroth said a Whooping Crane Festival would intertwine a thread of Keystone Heights History with a family-friendly, fun event.

She added that only one other City holds a Whooping Crane Festival now: Port Aransas, Texas, a city of nearly 4,000 year-round residents that swells to 60,000 during the summer tourist season. Port Aransas is located between Corpus Christi Bay and the Gulf of Mexico.

Rodenroth said her concept is still in its early stages. She has discussed the idea with City Manager Jamie Booth and other leaders.

She also admitted that the Whooping Crane Festival is unorthodox.

"Yeah, it kind of sounds like, out there a little bit, but I kind of like that," she said.

"I think we are continuing to get a lot of attention... and I think it's a cute idea."

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Crime

Recent arrests in Bradford, Union and Clay

The following individuals were recently arrested 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

Liz Elizabeth Bedford, 54, of Tampa, was arrested by Bradford deputies on January 15 for an out-of-county warrant.

Traffic stop leads to discovery of drugs

Terance Denard Davis, 37, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on January 13 for possession of cocaine and destroying evidence.

According to an arrest report, the defendant, driving a blue Hyundai Santa Fe, failed to come to a complete stop at the corner of U.S. 301 and Southeast 47th Place, near Starke's Holiday Inn Express.

Detective Hunter Redding and another deputy got behind the Hyundai, and according to Redding, "Detective Juen and I could smell the odor of burning marijuana. I activated my emergency lights, attempting to conduct a traffic stop on the vehicle. The vehicle did not stop and continued traveling in the parking lot. I activated my emergency sirens; however, the vehicle failed to stop and continued traveling in the parking lot at a slow rate of speed. After travelling for approximately 400 feet, the vehicle finally came to a stop in a parking space."

Detective Redding reported that he made contact with Davis, the driver and sole occupant of the vehicle, and again detected the odor of burnt marijuana coming from inside. When asked, Davis claimed to possess a medical marijuana card but was unable to produce it.

During the stop, Detective Juen observed a clear plastic bag with a torn corner in the lower center console area in plain view. The torn portion of the bag appeared to be wet, possibly with saliva. After Davis consented to a closer examination of the bag, officers discovered a white powder residue on the inside.

A field test of the substance yielded a presumptive positive result for cocaine, according to the report. Davis then consented to a full search of the vehicle.

"While conducting a search of the vehicle," Redding wrote, "Det. Juen located a polar pop cup containing a dark liquid, ice, and a burnt marijuana cigarette. Additionally, located in the cup was part of the ripped bag that contained the white powder residue. It appeared that Davis bit the bag, spit the piece of plastic containing the majority of the cocaine into the Polar Pop cup in an attempt to tamper/destroy evidence that he was in possession of an illegal narcotic."

Alicia Marie Deese, 47, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on January 15 for a probation violation.

Tried to sell drugs at bar

Dale Robert Dykins, 64, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on January 11 for attempting to sell drugs without a prescription.

According to an arrest report, the defendant offered to sell gabapentin, for which he had a prescription, to a customer of Patriot's Saloon for \$2 a pill. The prospective buyer, however, walked outside and called the sheriff's office.

While one deputy was speaking with Dykins, he retrieved a pill bottle from the defendant's pants pocket, which was labeled gabapentin, 30 milligrams, 60 pills. The label indicated the medication had been prescribed to the defendant.

The reporting officer wrote that, "While Dale lawfully possessed gabapentin with a valid prescription, Florida law does not authorize a patient to sell, deliver, or offer medication to another person."

Harassed, stalked tattoo artist

Chelsea Marie Hill, 34, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Bradford deputies on January 15 for public order crimes and stalking.

According to the arrest warrant affidavit filed on July 31, 2025, the victim reported to authorities that he had been receiving harassing messages from multiple phone numbers, had his social media accounts hacked and deactivated, and suffered significant business losses as a result of the alleged harassment. The victim told investigators he had fallen three months behind on rent due to lost clientele after someone hacked his accounts and contacted his customers.

The incidents allegedly began approximately two years ago when Hill visited the victim's tattoo shop for a piercing and later returned for tattoo work. During a session for a cover-up tattoo on her chest while the two were alone in the shop, the victim reported that Hill made unwanted sexual advances, which he rebuffed, telling her he was engaged.

After being informed he would no longer provide services to her, Hill allegedly began an escalating campaign of contact attempts. An email sent in September 2024 showed Hill apologizing for her previous behavior and requesting additional tattoo work, according to the affidavit.

The harassment allegedly intensified in 2025. In June, the victim received text messages from a phone number registered to another individual, with the sender claiming to be Hill and making repeated sexual propositions. During these exchanges, the sender allegedly hinted at having information about who was behind the hacking incidents plaguing the victim.

"You really don't see anything wrong with what you have done and saying?" the victim responded in one exchange, according to screenshots included in the report.

The messages continued into July, with texts coming from different phone numbers. One message referenced the victim carrying a gun in his home, prompting him to tell investigators his indoor security cameras had been compromised. Another text made threatening references to the victim's partner and her family members in other states.

Investigators were able to trace one of the phone numbers used in the alleged harassment to a device that had accessed

the victim's Microsoft account without authorization. The IP address and phone number matched one of the numbers from which harassing messages had been sent.

The victim told deputies the constant harassment had become public knowledge, and he had posted on Facebook seeking help to identify who was hacking his accounts.

Calvin William Lane, 34, of Lake City, was arrested by Bradford deputies on January 15 for withholding support.

Threatened to kill neighbors, burn down house

Ty Braxton Morgan, 28, of Lawtey, was arrested by Bradford deputies on January 14 for simple assault, intimidation, and extortion.

According to the arrest report filed by Corporal Cody Wells, the incident began early Tuesday morning when Morgan called a woman, reportedly stating he was ready to harm someone. Morgan allegedly told the woman he was headed to his home in Lawtey and threatened to burn the residence down. He reportedly sent her a text message with similar threats earlier that morning.

The report indicates Morgan had earlier been involved in an argument at the home, during which he allegedly threw objects and shouted. Morgan's partner told authorities that Morgan has been diagnosed with bipolar disorder and has a history of volatile behavior during their marriage, including throwing objects such as beer cans and damaging her vehicle when angry. She also reported that Morgan has been in and out of therapy for substance abuse involving alcohol and cocaine throughout their relationship.

After leaving the couple's home, Morgan's spouse went to another residence to avoid further conflict. Around 2:30 a.m., Morgan allegedly arrived unannounced, opened a window, and threw his phone through it to wake his spouse.

When his spouse opened the door, Morgan allegedly began shouting accusations about infidelity. According to the report, Morgan threatened physical violence, stating that he would harm his spouse. A witness intervened, asking Morgan to leave. Though initially refusing, Morgan eventually departed in his vehicle.

Morgan then allegedly called the female witness again, repeating his threat to burn the home. Witnesses reported that Morgan also told family members he had a hammer in his vehicle and intended to use it, and made statements about harming himself with a gun. Bradford County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to the scene and detained Morgan, who was sitting in his vehicle in the yard. A search of the vehicle revealed:

- Two five-gallon fuel cans filled with gasoline in the back seat
- Three firearms (one pistol and two rifles)
- 145 rounds of .223 caliber rifle ammunition
- 54 rounds of 9mm pistol ammunition
- Various magazines
- A ball peen hammer

The pistol was found on the front passenger seat, with the ammunition, magazines, and hammer on the floorboard within easy reach.

Shane Patrick Mroz, 32, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on January 16 for disorderly intoxication and resisting an officer.

Paul Michael Payne, 46, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on January 11 for an out-of-county warrant.

Stole ATV

Carl Ashley Rowe, 44, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Bradford deputies on January 15 for vehicle theft and possession of drugs.

Didn't want to watch the kids

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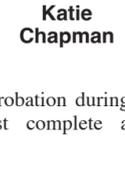


Travis Aldridge

Relapsed after detox

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A 45-year-old Starke woman was sentenced to 30 months with the Department of Corrections after pleading to battery on a person over 65 and grand theft auto.



Katie Michelle Chapman

3 years for having shotgun on back floorboard

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A 35-year-old Keystone Heights man was sentenced to three years in prison after deputies found a shotgun in the back floorboard of which he was a passenger, and officers determined the defendant was a convicted felon.



Devin Griffis

Devin Shane Griffis pleaded to the weapons charge on January 14. He was arrested on July 8,

Caught with stolen stereo and drug paraphernalia

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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A 35-year-old Keystone Heights man was sentenced to 30 months with the Department of Corrections after pleading to stealing a stereo from a Starke retailer and being in possession of glass pipes with methamphetamine residue on them.



Henry Wimberly IV

Kicked correctional officer in the groin

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A Florida State Prison inmate was sentenced to 15 months in prison after pleading to kicking a correctional officer in the groin.



Avery Hawthorne

Avery A. Hawthorne pleaded to battery on a law enforcement officer.

According to a Department of Corrections Office of Inspector General Probable Cause Affidavit, on December 10, 2024, three correctional officers

children.

According to an October 12, 2025, arrest report, the victim and defendant, who have a child together, argued because both wanted to go out for the night and wanted the other to watch the children.

Deputy Benjamin Norsworthy wrote in the report that he viewed a video of the incident captured from a Ring camera inside the home.

"In the video, I observed both (the defendant and victim) engage in a verbal argument," wrote Norsworthy in the report. "During the video, Travis is observed walking around the kitchen island towards (the victim). Travis then proceeds to

program at a Marion County substance abuse residential treatment facility.

According to an August 15, 2025, arrest warrant affidavit, the 71-year-old female victim allowed Chapman to stay with her following the defendant's release from a detoxification program.

"Katie moved in with (the victim) for approximately three weeks," wrote Deputy Cody Wells in the affidavit. "Katie was having withdrawal symptoms for the last few days and was bed-bound."

Wells added that after the homeowner refused Chapman's request to help her obtain drugs and her phone, "Katie became irate and got into (the victim's) face, yelling and demanding (the

2025, for the weapons felony and possession of marijuana, a misdemeanor. However, prosecutors did not charge him with the lesser offense.

According to an arrest report, Det. Franklin Ehrnreiter and Deputy Hayley Flynn were patrolling near the Keystone Heights Airport when they observed a red Toyota sedan traveling northbound on 100. A records check revealed the vehicle's registered owner did not possess a valid driver's license, prompting the officers to initiate a traffic stop.

While Flynn made contact with Griffis, who was riding as a passenger in the vehicle, she asked him to locate the vehicle's insurance paperwork. When Griffis opened the center console, Flynn observed what appeared to be marijuana in a clear plastic bag.

Griffis was asked to exit the vehicle and was detained. During a subsequent search, deputies

to felony petit theft and use or possession of drug paraphernalia.

According to an arrest report, a Walmart employee told deputies that two women were in the restroom snorting cocaine. After deputies identified the vehicle in the retailer's parking lot where the women were, they observed the defendant approach the gold-colored Mitsubishi, holding a stereo.

"Contact was made with Wimberly, who requested we get his cigarettes out of the driver's door," wrote Deputy James D. Hall in the report. "Wimberly gave consent for Cpl. Lovell to get the cigarettes from the driver's door. Upon opening the driver's door and looking in the pocket, Cpl. Lovell observed two glass pipes with residue inside them."

Following a Miranda warning, the suspect gave conflicting statements about the vehicle's ownership, first claiming to

witnessed the battery of a fourth officer.

Video corroborated the statements of witnesses and the victim, while refuting the claims of the defendant, who said the victim refused to feed him. He further claimed that after he got angry at the officer, the state employees dragged him out of his cell and beat him up.

At the time of the incident, Hawthorne was serving a three-year sentence for burglary in Highlands County.

He has also served time for battery on a person 65 years or older, robbery, and possession of a bulletproof vest. Those offenses occurred in Polk and Highland Counties.

On December 28, 2025, Bradford deputies arrested the defendant for urinating on a Bradford corrections deputy. However, prosecutors declined to charge Hawthorne for that offense.

strike (the victim), and then grabs her by the throat and shoves her towards the hallway, where he continues to strike her. In the video, I observed both (children) to be present in the same area."

The defendant pleaded on January 14 to felony battery-repeat offender. His prior convictions include sale, manufacture, delivery, or possession with intent to sell a controlled substance, no valid driver's license, fleeing or attempting to elude, driving with a suspended or revoked license, use or possession of drug paraphernalia, criminal mischief, domestic battery by strangulation, and possession of less than 20 grams of cannabis.

victim's) keys."

The two women then struggled over the victim's phone and car keys. Chapman threw the 71-year-old's phone under a chair, and when the victim tried to retrieve the device, Chapman snatched her keys from her purse, fled outside, and locked herself in the victim's 2016 Chevrolet Suburban.

As Chapman drove away, the victim twisted her knee while running along the vehicle, attempting to open the locked door.

Chapman's prior convictions include possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, use or possession of drug paraphernalia, driving with a suspended or revoked license, no valid license, and DUI.

discovered a camouflage Mossberg shotgun on the floorboard of the back seat. The firearm was not reported stolen, according to a records check.

A background check revealed that Griffis is a convicted felon. He told deputies the shotgun belonged to a friend and that he had borrowed it to take his son duck hunting. Griffis also stated he had purchased the marijuana from a man known as "Draco" in Highridge Estates.

The 35-year-old was arrested and charged with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and possession of not more than 20 grams of marijuana.

The defendant's prior convictions include reckless driving, no valid driver's license, felony driving with a suspended or revoked license, resisting an officer without violence, petit theft, culpable negligence resulting in injury, grand theft of a firearm, and grand theft.

own it, then stating he was in the process of purchasing it, and finally saying he was attempting to sell the car.

The 35-year-old denied the pipes were his property despite being in possession of the vehicle's key. The residue in both pipes tested positive for methamphetamine.

The suspect later admitted to stealing the stereo he put in the Mitsubishi and stated he had planned to exchange it with an old one.

As part of a plea agreement, prosecutors dropped a felony charge of possession of a controlled substance.

The defendant's prior convictions include petit theft, robbery, burglary, dealing in stolen property, no vehicle registration, felony driving with a suspended or revoked license-habitual offender, reckless driving, and fleeing or attempting to elude.

Pool contractor ordered to pay restitution

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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A swimming pool contractor was ordered to immediately pay \$80,000 in restitution and an additional \$50,000 over the next 120 months to settle two felonies of a contractor failing to refund excess value for work.

John James Prendergast, 50, owner of Blue Oasis Pools and Spas Inc., pleaded to the two felonies and was sentenced to 120 months probation.

The investigation began on June 13, 2022, when a Keystone Heights man contacted the Bradford County Sheriff's Office to report possible fraud. According to the complaint, the

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UNION COUNTY

Maxwell delivers tribute to MLK at county commission meeting

Local faith leader shares message of legacy, justice and continuing the civil rights icon's mission

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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Pastor Patrick Maxwell delivered a heartfelt tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at the January 19 county commission meeting, urging attendees to view the holiday as more than just a day off work or shopping sales.

"MLK is more than just a day to enjoy a day off. It's more than just a day to enjoy sales at DSW or Macy's, but it's a day to reflect on the life, the legacy, and impact that a great man had in the world," Maxwell told commissioners and community members gathered for the meeting.

Maxwell structured his remarks around four key aspects of Dr. King's life and legacy:

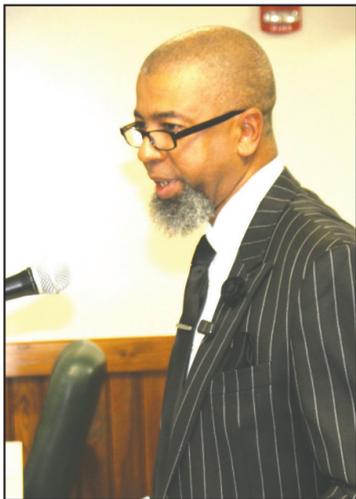
Courageous faith

Emphasizing that King was first and foremost a preacher whose civil rights movement was "birthed in prayer meetings and church basements and scripture,"

Maxwell highlighted King's famous quote: "Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase." He compared King's courage to the biblical story of Peter stepping out of a boat, noting that King "didn't wait for perfect safety" but "trusted God in the middle of danger."

Nonviolent Love

Drawing on Matthew 5:44, Maxwell reminded attendees that King "rejected revenge" and "chose Christ's way, which is to love your enemies." He quoted one of King's most famous sayings: "Darkness cannot drive out darkness. Only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate. Only love can do that." Maxwell noted that in today's climate where "it's more popular to hate than to love," King's example remains particularly relevant.



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Human dignity

Maxwell emphasized King's belief that racism was both a social and spiritual sin, rooted in the biblical teaching that every person bears God's image. He recalled the Sunday school song

"Jesus Loves the Little Children" to illustrate King's conviction that every person deserves dignity and matters to heaven.

Speaking truth

The pastor highlighted King's willingness to speak truth "even when it was dangerous," challenging racism, economic oppression, war, and moral hypocrisy. "Truth may cost you your friends. Truth may cost you

your comfort, but silence calls souls," Maxwell said.

Passing the baton

Maxwell concluded with a call to action, referencing Micah 6:8 and using the metaphor of a relay race to describe the continuation of King's mission.

"Dr. King didn't finish the race, but he ran his leg faithfully. Now, the baton is in our hands," he said, drawing on his own

high school track experience to explain that "victory depends on passing the baton cleanly."

He challenged attendees with pointed questions about their own legacies: "One day, your name will be spoken for the last time on this earth. What will your legacy say? A life of comfort or a life of conviction?"

Maxwell concluded his talk by urging the community to "walk humbly, love boldly, speak truth, seek justice, serve faithfully."

New buffet features no frills home cooking

Gene Tanner opens Bigun's Place

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After more than a decade of successful catering, particularly for military clients, Gene Tanner has opened a new all-you-can-eat buffet restaurant in Starke that's filling a dining void in the community.

The eatery, which opened its doors on December 19th, offers a complete buffet experience for \$16 that includes a hot bar, salad bar, dessert bar, and drinks — all for one price.

"Number 1: I want this to feel like home," Tanner explained about his vision for the 150-seat restaurant near Little Caesars and TD Bank. "Number 2: I want it to be clean. Number 3: I want my servers to be good. And then Number 4: I want good food. I want Southern food. Not elaborate."

The concept fills a gap left by Western Steer's closure. With no other buffet-style restaurants in Starke offering a full salad bar and multiple hot food options, Tanner saw an opportunity to serve local families.

From catering to restaurant

Tanner's journey to restaurant ownership began at a barbecue competition in 2012 when someone approached him about catering a 200-person event. That single job launched a catering business that eventually grew too large for his home kitchen, which featured two commercial ovens capable of cooking 400 pounds of meat at once.

"My catering was way too big," Tanner recalled. "So, I said, 'Okay, I'll open my restaurant so I can cook in it and give me room.'"

Bigun's Place now serves dual purposes, hosting the buffet while providing kitchen space for his continued catering operations, particularly for military clients at nearby installations.

"I retired from the military, so I give a crap about those troops," said Tanner, who credits his military experience with teaching him the discipline needed to maintain quality standards.

Daily specials and southern favorites

The restaurant features different protein offerings each day while maintaining staples like fried chicken, which Tanner describes as "our steak." The



Gene Tanner at his restaurant, Bigun's Place.

weekly schedule includes pork chops on Tuesdays, chicken wings and stuffed bell peppers on Wednesdays, lasagna, chicken alfredo and beef stroganoff on Thursdays, seafood on Fridays, with lunch priced at \$18 and dinner priced at \$22, Tanner's unique barbecue on Saturdays, and fried ribs and chicken on Sundays, available from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The restaurant is closed on Mondays, and from Tuesday through Saturday, it operates from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Tanner said he uses the three o'clock hour to reset the buffet with fresh food.

Community response

Response has been positive overall, with customers praising the fried chicken, lasagna, and the fact that an owner walks the dining room speaking to guests. One food critic from Lake City visited and noted that having a full buffet setup at 2 p.m. with quality food was impressive for a new restaurant.

"People rave over our fried chicken. They rave over the lasagna," Tanner said. "We're not a gourmet restaurant, but it's Southern food."

However, Tanner has been surprised by some negative online reviews, particularly given the positive in-person feedback.

Some customers said the \$16 price tag has put them off. Tanner replies that a three-piece chicken combo at Popeyes goes for \$12.79, and the four-piece breaded catfish combo at Captain D's costs \$16.39. Bigun's, by comparison, offers an all-you-

can-eat food bar, salad bar, dessert bar, and drink for \$16.

At the same time, Tanner responded with a soup-salad-and-drink special priced at \$12 for budget-conscious families.

Tanner said he realizes that it is impossible to please everyone. Some complain about the chairs, others about the one-hour break between three and four p.m. But they never complain about the food. Never.

Tanner said he is focused on his four must-haves: feels like home, cleanliness, good service, and quality Southern food.

He also said that the joy of seeing families at his restaurant enjoying good food and each other's company outshines any negativity.

"I mean, and it's not the money aspect of it," he said about his business. "It's man, to see the people coming here and the joy ... I mean, you know what I'm saying? That sounds corny, but it's an absolute fact. I mean, it is cool to watch people eat and fellowship, and when they do. I mean, I've accomplished my job."

Tanner is still running his catering business, but while he used to serve up to 500 people per engagement, he is now limiting his catering jobs to 150.

With 25 employees and daily crowds averaging 100 or more customers, the restaurant is finding its footing after just over a week in business.

"We're brand new still. We're only going to get better," Tanner said. "I know that. There is no doubt we're only going to get better."

CRIME

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According to the report, a witness told her daughter she believed her boyfriend, Rowe, had taken a 2025 gray Polaris Sportsman without permission. The woman maintained possession of the only key to the vehicle and stated she never authorized Rowe to use it.

One of the victim's family members located the stolen ATV at Carter Road in Lawtey. When confronted, Rowe and family member became involved in a verbal altercation, prompting a request for law enforcement to respond before the situation turned physical.

Deputies arriving at the Carter Road address observed the two men arguing. According to Deputy Jones, Rowe attempted to flee and was grabbed by the family member to prevent his escape. Both men were initially detained.

Investigators found a flathead screwdriver on the right side footrest of the ATV. The ignition showed fresh damage consistent with tampering, and the screwdriver appeared to have been used to start the vehicle. The ATV's VIN number was confirmed to match the stolen vehicle.

After being read his Miranda rights, Rowe agreed to speak with Deputy Taylor Sanders. Rowe claimed a family member of the victim had given him permission to take the four-wheeler, but the family member denied this, stating she would have provided the key if permission had been granted.

Rowe admitted to starting the ATV with the flathead screwdriver and acknowledged the vehicle belonged to the victim. He stated he had been away from the residence with the

ATV for approximately one day.

The suspect also admitted to using methamphetamine earlier in the day. The defendant's girlfriend confirmed to deputies that Rowe uses methamphetamine and had been missing from their shared residence for a day.

During a search incident to arrest, Deputy Jones discovered a pill in Rowe's right pants pocket, which Rowe identified as Suboxone. When asked, Rowe stated he did not have a prescription for the medication.

One witness told deputies that Rowe claimed he took the four-wheeler "over a light bill," though the witness said he did not believe this explanation.

Union

Johnnie Lee Alexander, 59, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Union deputies on January 15 for petit theft and trespassing.

Michael Brown, 63, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Union deputies on January 13 for disorderly intoxication, causing a disturbance, and possession of drug equipment.

Cort Alan Frank, 33, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Union deputies on January 16 for a probation violation.

Vontavis Tyrea Meyers, 33, of Cocoa, was arrested by Union deputies on January 13 for a probation violation.

Casey Faith Williams, 50, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Union deputies on January 19 for failure to appear.

Clay

Norma Faye Callis, 37, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Clay deputies on January 11 for DUI.

Lance Joseph Labonte, 19, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Clay deputies on January 11 for domestic battery.

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victim entered into a contract with Prendergast on January 12, 2021, for a pool to be built on his Keystone Heights property for a total of \$71,450.

The victim made several installment payments totaling \$42,925 — approximately 60 percent of the quoted price — via checks. However, according to the affidavit, Prendergast failed to complete the work within the 90-day timeframe required by Florida law.

Despite the victim's repeated attempts to communicate with Prendergast and a formal demand letter sent as required by Florida statute, the contractor allegedly failed to respond or complete the unfinished work. The homeowner was eventually forced to hire another company to finish the pool installation.

During the investigation, detectives identified a second victim with an almost identical experience. On March 3, 2021, a Fleming Island resident entered into a written agreement with Prendergast for a pool to be built on his property for a total of \$66,700.

According to the affidavit, the victim made payments in accordance with the contract's payment schedule, which called for 10 percent at signing, 35 percent on the day of excavation, 15 percent at steel inspection, and 35 percent at ground inspection. Like the Keystone Heights victim, the Fleming Island man allegedly received incomplete work from Prendergast.

TAX

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—New construction such as a bus garage

Importantly, the funds would not be used for the new elementary school already under construction, which is being funded separately.

Tax structure and exemptions

The proposed half-cent sales tax would apply to the same items currently taxed in Union County, with the same exemptions: gasoline, medicines, and groceries would not be taxed. Additionally, purchases of tangible property would only be taxed up to the first \$5,000.

Currently, 31 other Florida counties have implemented

similar half-cent sales taxes for schools. Of Union County's existing one-cent sales tax revenue, the Board of County Commissioners receives approximately 80%, with the municipalities of Lake Butler, Raiford, and Worthington receiving the remaining 20%.

Under the proposed half-cent tax, the school district would receive 100% of the new revenue rather than splitting it with municipalities.

Support from commissioners

Commissioner Melissa McNeal, who homeschooled her children, made the motion to place the measure on the ballot, stating, "I think public education is very important, and we can't not have it. It's essential, I think, to raise the next generation."

Commissioner Mac Johns agreed, saying, "The voters need the right

to decide. We shouldn't sit here and dictate to the citizen that you don't have a right to vote on it."

Commissioner Donna Jackson acknowledged the shared financial struggles between the county and school system. "Our revenues have not kept pace with our expenditures," he said, noting both entities face difficult budget situations.

What happens if it fails?

When asked what would happen if voters reject the tax, Ripplinger was blunt: "There's going to be a lot more pain and misery, to be honest with you."

He warned that the level of services the district has been providing would likely decline, eventually affecting extracurricular activities. "If this does not pass, I fear that the level of services that we have been providing are going to decline and there will be a marked difference in what we can do in our school district for the

students of Union County."

Public outreach plans

Ripplinger said the school district would begin scheduling town halls, open meetings, and workshops to educate the public about the initiative

now that it has been approved for the ballot. All such meetings will be recorded and made available on the district's website.

"This is not something in which I take pleasure in asking for," Ripplinger said. "I hate asking anybody for help. I hate asking anybody for money, but we're at a point where if we don't do all that we

can... we have to look more inward to take care of our needs."

The half-cent sales tax referendum will appear on the ballot during the November general election, giving Union County voters the final decision on whether to provide additional funding for their local schools.

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Tornadoes defeat Hawthorne 70-63 for 13th victory

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Bradford High School lost a double-digit lead in the fourth quarter, but hung on to defeat host Hawthorne 70-63 in a boys basketball game on Jan. 19.

It was the final game of Hawthorne's MLK Shootout, which consisted of four total games. One of those was a 67-54 by the BHS junior varsity team over Hawthorne.

In the varsity game between the Tornadoes and the Hornets, Hawthorne (5-5) led by one point before Bradford (13-2) went on a 21-7 run to close out the first half. Maliki Cobarris got the

run started when he scored off a Jy'Quez Cason steal. Cobarris then drove the length of the court after a Kemontae Nixon defensive rebound, scoring to put Bradford ahead 17-14. Another Cason steal eventually led to a basket by Nixon off a rebound, while Breion Johnson scored off an offensive rebound as well to make it a 21-14 game.

Jordan Cason made a basket in between two made free throws by Hawthorne. The Tornadoes then got consecutive baskets from Jy'Quez Cason and Cobarris to make it an 11-point game at 27-16.

The Hornets' Nathan Jennings

drove to the basket for a score, drawing a foul in the process. He made the awarded free-throw attempt. Jennings then had a steal that led to a basket by Asher Lewis as Hawthorne cut the Bradford lead to six.

Bradford responded by scoring the final seven points of the half. Steven Carter made a three-point basket, while Cobarris and Jy'Quez each had a bucket for two points, sending the Tornadoes into halftime leading 34-21.

The Tornadoes began the third quarter with an 11-4 run. After Hawthorne's Dominick Harvey made a free throw, Bradford's K.J. Taylor sank a three-point, getting fouled in the process. He made the awarded free throw. Dylan Ruise added a free throw for Bradford before Jordan Cason got a basket to make the score 41-22. Jennings made a three-point shot for the Hornets, but Taylor followed by getting fouled on a drive to the basket. He made both free throws. Johnson then

scored off an offensive rebound to give Bradford a 45-25 lead.

Hawthorne steadily chipped away at the Bradford lead. A 9-2 run that began with less than four minutes remaining pulled the Hornets to within six points. Shaun Bowie knocked down a three-point shot for Hawthorne and then came away with a steal that led to Jennings getting fouled. Jennings made both free throws to make the score 64-56.

Bradford got a basket from Taylor, followed by four free throws by Hawthorne that made it a 66-60 game with approximately two minutes left.

The Hornets could only add two free throws to their point total the rest of the way, going 0 for 3 from the field and turning the ball over once.

Nixon had a strong second half for Bradford, scoring 11 points and finishing with 18. Cobarris and Taylor had 14 and 12 points, respectively, while the Tornadoes also got nine from Jy'Quez Cason, six each from Johnson



and Jordan Cason, three from Carter and two from Ruise. Bradford played Fort White this past Tuesday and will host Newberry on Thursday, Jan. 22, at 7:30 p.m., following a JV boys game at 4:30 p.m. and a varsity girls game at 6 p.m. The Tornadoes host Oakleaf on

Saturday, Jan. 24, with a JV boys game at 4:30 p.m., varsity girls game at 6 p.m. and varsity boys game at 7:30 p.m.

On Tuesday, Jan. 27, Bradford travels to Gainesville to play Buchholz, with the JV team playing at 6 p.m. and the varsity team playing at 7:30 p.m.

Whitehead is Sun Girls Swimmer of the Year

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Union County High School senior Eva Whitehead was named the Gainesville Sun's Girls Swimmer of the Year after winning her second straight state championship in the 200-yard individual medley.

It was also the second straight year that Whitehead earned the Sun's top honor.

Whitehead, who's going to swim at the University of Alabama, started her quest to repeat as a state champ in earnest at the District 2-1A meet. She placed third in the 200 IM with a time of 2:06.98 and also swam a fifth-place time of 1:05.93 in the 100 breaststroke.

At the Region 1 meet, she won the 200 IM with a time of 2:02.53. She had a third-place time of 1:04.58 in the 100 breaststroke, earning the right to compete at state in that event as well.

Whitehead swam a winning time of 2:00.01 in the 200 IM at state, placing her ahead of Bolles' Ella Gotham, who had a time of 2:01.63.

"I came in confident, knowing I had done it before and that I could do it again," Whitehead said after winning the title.

Whitehead not only had the top 200 IM time in Class 1A. She swam faster than the champions in two other classes. Tampa Academy of the Holy Names'



Eva Whitehead, who's going to swim for the University of Alabama, was named the Gainesville Sun's Girls Swimmer of the Year for the second straight year.

Catherine Dieffenthaler had a time of 2:05.73 to win the 2A title, while Ponte Vedra's Juli Cavalcanti had a time of 2:02.03 to win the 3A title.

Only Class 4A state champ Brynn Lavigueur of Windermere Prep — a University of Texas commit — swam a faster state time at 1:58.23.

It was almost a two-championship performance for Whitehead. She finished as the runner-up in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:03.09. That left her trailing Fort Lauderdale NSU University School's Nyila Di Sarno, who won with a time of 1:02.68.

"I was coming in (seeded) fourth," Whitehead said. "I was just kind of hoping for the best, so I'm happy with it."

Whitehead became the sixth UCHS student-athlete to successfully defend a state title and the first to do so since boys weightlifter Christian Simmons in 2023.

BHS rolls to 76-56 win over Baker Co.

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Steven Carter and K.J. Taylor combined for 25 points as part of a 33-point first quarter in the Bradford High School boys basketball team's 76-56 win over visiting Baker County on Jan. 17.

It was a game between teams with a combined three losses, but the Tornadoes were dominant at the start to improve to 12-2.

Baker (19-2) scored the game's first basket, but Bradford then went on a 13-0 run that began with a Carter three-pointer. Breion Johnson added a basket off an offensive rebound before Taylor scored five straight points, getting a basket off a steal and then draining a three-point shot. Maliki Cobarris had a three-point

basket also to give the Tornadoes a 13-2 lead.

The Tornadoes also had an 11-1 run in the first quarter. It, too, began with a Carter three-pointer. Johnson scored following a turnover before Carter was fouled on a three-point shot. Carter made 2 of 3 free throws to put Bradford up 20-6.

Carter went to the foul line again, making both of his free-throw attempts. A Baker free throw was then followed by a score from Taylor, who drove to the basket for two points and a 23-7 Bradford lead.

Bradford's Kemontae Nixon had a big second quarter, scoring three baskets off offensive rebounds and scoring eight total



Breion Johnson (right) and Baker County's Joel Carver battle for a rebound. Johnson scored six points during the Tornadoes' 33-point first quarter.



Kemontae Nixon (left) looks to score underneath the basket, while Baker County's Jacoby Blake prepares to contest the shot.

points in the quarter to help send the Tornadoes into halftime leading 45-28.

The Tornadoes opened the second half with an 8-2 run. Cobarris and Baker's Jacoby Blake traded baskets before Taylor and Jy'Quez Cason both had layups off Jordan Cason assists to give Bradford

a 21-point lead. Cobarris then added a basket to make it a 53-30 game.

Baker narrowed Bradford's lead to 15, closing out the third quarter with a 12-4 run. The Tornadoes went 2 of 17 from the field during that span, which also

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Bradford girls defeat Wildcats 34-13

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Bradford High School bounced back from a loss, defeating visiting Baker County 34-13 on Jan. 17.

The Tornadoes (10-7) held out most of their starters in the first half against a depleted Wildcats team that had most of its players

suspended from an incident in a previous game.

Ar'Nayshia Griffin finished with 11 points, while Bradford also got seven from Cayson Hampton, four each from Ky'lee Johnson, Jayda Sambolah and Kailyn Teal and two each from A'drionna Hankerson and Kah'myra Hankerson.

Bradford entered the game off a 48-40 loss at Hilliard on Jan. 13. Griffin and Riley Shuford scored 16 and 12 points, respectively, while Hampton added 10 points.

The Tornadoes also got two points and five blocked shots from Wynter Barrington. She and Griffin led the team in rebounds with seven each.

Bradford played Eastside this past Tuesday and will host Newberry on Thursday, Jan. 22, at 6 p.m. The Tornadoes host Oakleaf on Saturday, Jan. 24, at 6 p.m. and Suwannee on Monday, Jan. 26, at 7 p.m.

On Wednesday, Jan. 28, Bradford travels to Alachua to play Santa Fe at 7 p.m.

UCHS boys rally late, but fall to 'Cats

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Union County High School outscored visiting Baker County 6-2 in the final minute, but it wasn't enough for the Tigers to overtake the Wildcats in a 64-60 loss in a boys basketball game on Jan. 15.

It was the Tigers' third loss in four games, with two coming against schools in larger classifications.

The Tigers (8-4) fell behind 9-3, but closed the gap to one point, getting a basket from Adrian Manns off a Jaylen Pierre assist, a free throw from Pierre and basket off a jump shot by Jackson Andersen-Davis.

It was 13-10 when Baker (18-1) scored six of the eight final points of the first quarter. The Wildcats' Dalton Lynch scored off a turnover that gave Baker a nine-point lead. Union's Garrison Smith scored off a floater in the lane to send the Tigers into the second quarter trailing 19-12.

Union put together a 14-0 run in the second quarter to take a six-point lead. An Andersen-Davis basket was followed by an

R.J. Odom three-pointer — his third of the half. An Odom steal led to an Andersen-Davis basket off a Smith assist. Manns scored off an offensive rebound and was fouled on the play. He made the awarded free-throw attempt to make it a 26-24 game in favor of the Tigers.

Manns followed up his three-point play with a blocked shot on the defensive end. He and Tyrese Chandler then had consecutive baskets to give the Tigers a 30-24 lead.

Baker answered with six straight points, but Chandler scored with 30 seconds remaining to give Union a 32-30 lead going into halftime.

It was a rough start to the second half for Union, which missed its first 10 field-goal attempts, but the Wildcats were able to build only a two-point lead. Manns blocked three of Baker's first six field-goal attempts, including one from beyond the three-point arc.

Smith scored on a baseline drive, while Andersen-Davis



Adrian Manns (center) battles for a rebound between Baker County's Joel Carver (far left) and Robert Chick.

NOTICE OF ELECTION
2026 SUPER TUESDAY MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS
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Pursuant to Section 100.021 of the Florida Statutes, notice is hereby given that the 2026 Super Tuesday Municipal Elections will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at each respective Municipality. Pursuant to Section 100.342 of the Florida Statutes, notice is hereby given that a special election will be held for the City of Keystone Heights for the Municipal Super Tuesday Election on Tuesday, April 14, 2026.

City of Green Cove Springs
321 Walnut St., Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043
Seats One (1) and Two (2) for a three (3) year term of office on the Green Cove Springs City Council.

City of Keystone Heights
555 S. Lawrence Blvd., Keystone Heights, FL 32656
Seat Four (4) for a three (3) year term of office and *Seat Five (5) for a one (1) year term on the Keystone Heights City Council.

Town of Orange Park
2042 Park Ave., Orange Park, FL 32073
Seats One (1) and Two (2) for a three (3) year term of office on the Orange Park Town Council.
Qualifying for all seats will open Monday, February 2nd at NOON and remain open until Friday, February 6th at NOON at the Clay County Supervisor of Elections Office.
Those interested in qualifying for Seats on the aforementioned City or Town Councils must be a qualified elector, a citizen of the United States and meet all other qualifying requirements as outlined in each respective Municipal Charter.
A Run-off Election, if necessary for any Municipality will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of May.
For further information, please contact the Clay County Supervisor of Elections
Office at (904) 269-6350.
In accordance with the Sunshine Law of Florida, this meeting is open to the public.
Note: Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, states that if a person decides to appeal any decision by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at a meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purposes, he or she 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.
* Correction to the 1/18/26 notice of election.

AVISO DE ELECCION
ELECCIONES MUNICIPALES DEL SÚPER MARTES 2026
Ciudad de Green Cove Springs
Ciudad de Keystone Heights
Ciudad de Orange Park

De conformidad con la Sección 100.021 de los Estatutos de Florida, se notifica que las Elecciones Municipales del Súper Martes 2026 se llevarán a cabo el martes 14 de abril del 2026 de 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m. en cada Municipio respectivo. De conformidad con la Sección 100.342 de los Estatutos de Florida, por la presente se notifica que se llevará a cabo una elección especial de votación para la Ciudad de Keystone Heights para la Elección Municipal del Súper Martes el martes 14 de abril del 2026.

Ciudad de Green Cove Springs
321 Walnut St., Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043
Asientos Uno (1) y Dos (2) por un período de tres (3) años en el Consejo de la Ciudad de Green Cove Springs.

Ciudad de Keystone Heights
555 S. Lawrence Blvd., Keystone Heights, FL 32656
Asiento Cuatro (4) por un período de tres (3) años y *Asiento Cinco (5) por un período de un (1) año en el Consejo de la Ciudad de Keystone Heights.

Ciudad de Orange Park
2042 Park Ave., Orange Park, FL 32073
Asientos Uno (1) y Dos (2) por un período de tres (3) años en el Consejo Municipal de Orange Park.
La calificación para los asientos se abrirá el lunes 2 de febrero a mediodía y permanecerá abierta hasta el viernes 6 de febrero a mediodía en la Oficina del Supervisor de Elecciones del Condado de Clay.
Aquellos interesados en calificar para Asientos en los Consejos Municipales o Municipales mencionados anteriormente debe ser un elector calificado, un ciudadano de los Estados Unidos y cumplir con todos los demás requisitos de calificación como se detalla en cada Carta Municipal respectiva.
Una segunda vuelta electoral, si es necesario para cualquier municipio, se llevará a cabo el segundo martes de mayo.
Para obtener más información, comuníquese con la oficina del Supervisor de Elecciones del Condado de Clay, (904) 269-6350.
De acuerdo con la Ley Sunshine de Florida, esta reunión está abierta al público.
Nota: La Sección 286.0105, Estatutos de Florida, establece que si una persona decide apelar cualquier decisión de la junta, agencia o comisión con respecto a cualquier asunto considerado en una reunión o audiencia, necesitará un registro de los procedimientos, y que, para tales fines, él o ella puede necesitar asegurarse de que se haga un registro literal de los procedimientos, el cual incluye el testimonio y la evidencia sobre los cuales se basará la apelación.
* Corrección al aviso de elecciones del 8/1/26.

DeSiena brings love of sports to Bradford Sports United

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Deana DeSiena's life has revolved around sports, so it would make sense that the perfect job would center around athletics.

DeSiena, a Pennsylvania native, is the recreation director for the newly established Bradford Sports United — a position that suits her and her wardrobe preference.

"I was always dressed up," DeSiena said of her previous job. "I would go in a pantsuit or a dress or a skirt. I like to dress up, but I like to be in athletic clothes because I grew up in them."

A life of sports, which included a stint as a field-hockey player at Division I Lock Haven (Pennsylvania) University, led DeSiena to earn a degree in Sports Management, so her position with Bradford County's new youth-athletics organization would seem to be a great fit.

DeSiena said her husband was the one who made her aware of the position with Bradford Sports United. She said he told her, "Just apply. It might not be something that you want to do forever, but it's right up your alley. You went to school for this."

So, she applied, making her one of 40 to do so. Bradford



Deana DeSiena is the recreation director of the newly created Bradford Sports United. With a degree in Sports Management and a love of sports, she's eager to create athletic opportunities for youth.

Sports United board member Danny Riddick, who's also a Bradford County commissioner, said that group was narrowed to six. The six finalists were interviewed, with DiSiena being the first one.

"When she got done with the interview, she walked out, and we all kind of looked at each other like, 'Wow.'"

"All six of them were

awesome. I think all six of them would have done a fantastic job, but without a doubt, out of the six — and I'm not knocking any of them — (DeSiena) was the best choice. I truly believe that with all my heart. This is who God wanted in place."

Just as she made an impression on the board, the board made an impression on DeSiena.

"I got there and interviewed

with everyone," she said. "Just from the start, I said, 'I think this is going to be my board. I think we're going to work really well together.'"

Like Riddick, DeSiena credits God with how things worked out.

"My husband, my in-laws, my parents — everyone was just praying for me to find something that was going to suit me, not just for a month or two, but for the long term," DeSiena said.

Playing sports and working in sports

What sports did DeSiena play growing up? The easiest question to answer would be what she didn't play. The same thing goes for her brother.

"You name it, and my brother and I have probably played it," DeSiena said, adding, "We were always doing something and always active."

DeSiena said she experienced one year without sports as a child when she partially tore the anterior cruciate ligament in one of her knees from being on a trampoline.

"My parents made me learn the piano," DeSiena said. "That was the only time I wasn't around

sports, but my parents still made me do something."

It wasn't until she was in seventh grade, though, that she began playing the sport she would go on to play collegiately.

"I didn't know what field hockey was," DeSiena said, "but I knew I didn't want to play soccer anymore, so I started playing it."

She would keep playing it, going on to become a member of the Lock Haven University team from 2021 through 2024. DeSiena didn't play her first two years, with a back injury preventing her from playing as a sophomore. However, she played in 35 games her junior and senior seasons, starting in 30 of them.

For DeSiena, the chance to be a collegiate student-athlete did more than allow her to continue playing a sport she enjoyed. The practices and games were hard, but they instilled confidence in DeSiena and taught her such skills as communicating with others and time management.

"I had great coaches who not only taught us to be strong players, but strong women and people," DeSiena said. "That experience, without a doubt, is going to and already has impacted my life."

Playing field hockey and taking classes at Lock Haven was a "full-time job," DeSiena said. The Sports Management major, though, made the time to do other things. She worked for Lock Haven's athletic department most of the time she was there.

"I did event management," DeSiena said. "I worked their parking lots. I worked their ticket sales. I worked their press boxes for baseball and lacrosse games. I announced them over the PA."

DeSiena worked a couple of hours a week at Lock Haven's

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Starke Kiwanis poker tourney set for Jan. 30

The Kiwanis Club of Starke's next Patsy Welch Memorial Poker Tournament will be held Friday, Jan. 30, at The Downtown Grill.

Registration begins at 6 p.m., followed by play at 6:30 p.m.

Buy-in is \$60, which includes high hand and refreshments.

Cash prizes are awarded for first, second and third places.

Prayer, support lead to youth athletic program's reality

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Bradford Sports United is a reality.

It has a board of directors and an athletic director. It's currently registering children for baseball and softball.

Board member Danny Riddick, who's also a Bradford County commissioner, admitted he sometimes can't believe it, though, but then he has to ask himself, "Why are you doubting? You've been praying about this."

Yes, Riddick is part of a group of people who are passionate about providing athletic opportunities for youth, but that passion is only part of the reason Bradford Sports United exists.

"The main reason this is having success is because of God," Riddick said.

Riddick said he began talking with former Jimmy Crosby — the city of Starke's former chief administrative officer/city clerk — about creating a youth sports organization around Thanksgiving in 2024.

"Then, we actually brought it up in a (Tourist Development Council) board meeting," Riddick said. "He and I kept talking about it. The next thing you know, we got other people involved."

The exploratory stage of creating such an organization included talking to community members who are or were involved with youth sports.

"We started putting names together of people we thought would have some good input and influence," Riddick said.

A couple of informational meetings were held to address how to create a good youth sports program. The most important question, though, was: "Will it work?"

Riddick said once he and others who were involved began to feel confident that they could create an organization that would indeed work, it was time to make presentations to the Bradford County and Starke commissions. The city and the county voted to enter into a memorandum of understanding with each other to provide financial support of Bradford Sports United.

Bradford County's Tourist Development Council is also providing financial support.

Next came putting together a board, which, besides Riddick, consists of Cathy Bradley, Clint Collins, Josh Davis, Joann Jackson, Gene Melvin and Mary Shaw.

"All seven board members are Christians," Riddick said. "We all pray about this. We pray before every meeting. We pray during the week. I get text messages all the time: 'Hey, man. Praying for this, that we'll make the right decision. God will lead us.'"

Board members, of course, prayed during the interview process for selecting a recreation director. Deana DeSiena was chosen out of six finalists (see related story).

More sports

Riddick's two grandsons play in youth flag-football league hosted by Trinity Baptist Church of Keystone Heights.

"I think there are 250 children (in that league)," Riddick said. "If you ever go there on a game night...probably half of Bradford County is there."

One of Riddick's grandsons also plays soccer in Keystone. Youth soccer, as is the case with youth flag football, isn't offered in Bradford County.

"I know what a burden it is on the parents to have to go drive to another county for practices," Riddick said. "I was like, 'Why can't we have that here?'"

That's where Bradford Sports United comes in — providing youth sports opportunities and adding to what's been offered in Bradford in the past.

DeSiena wants to be able to say that Bradford Sports United offers "something for everybody."

No child left behind

DeSiena said she wants to do more than just be a part of helping provide sports opportunities for youth. She also wants to remove barriers to children playing a sport, saying she wants to ensure that "kids have equipment and the support that they need to be able to play because we are very keen on saying, 'No child left behind.'"

If Bradford Sports United has the funds to provide equipment to a child, it will do so. If it can create a stockpile of equipment through donations, it will do so.

"If we're not giving it out for them to keep, at least they have something to use that's theirs for the season," DeSiena said. "Then, it can get passed down to

the next kid."

Programs and organizations exist to help with financial barriers to playing youth sports. For example, as a part of its Facebook post regarding baseball and softball sign-ups, Bradford Sports United is providing a link to Every Kid Sports. Through donations and sponsors, Every Kid Sports helped more than 19,000 children access sports opportunities in 2025.

Community support

Bradford Sports United hasn't been in existence long, but DeSiena said the organization

has already received donations as well as hearing from people who want to know how they can help.

"Anything helps," DeSiena said. "Your time helps. If you want to come work at the snack stand for an hour, wonderful. If you want to donate a bat or a glove or cleats or pants or something like that, that works, too. You want to do soccer balls?"

"Whatever it is, anything helps. We're just happy that people want to help kids."

Riddick said, "It's awesome. Even people who were skeptical or hesitant about this whole thing — I've seen a lot of them come around and really wanting to get

involved in it now because they see the passion of everybody involved."

Besides donations and volunteers, Bradford Sports United also needs ideas and opinions.

"All feedback right now is good feedback because we're coming off the ground," DeSiena said, while Riddick added, "We definitely need input to help us."

For more information about Bradford Sports United or to help in any way, please call 904-454-0125 or send email to info@bradfordsportsunited.com.

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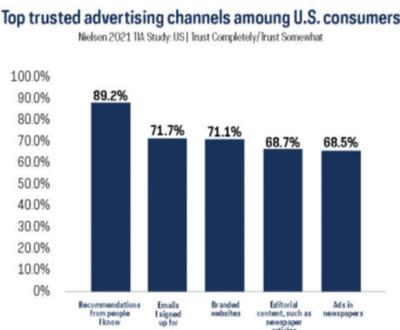
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Legal Notices

Legals for the week of Jan. 22, 2026

BRADFORD

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 04 2025 CA 000457
VYSTAR CREDIT UNION,
Plaintiff,

UNKNOWN HEIRS, SPOUSES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, CREDITORS, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF DEBRA ILENE HUNTER F/K/A DEBRA ILENE MILLER; LORA O'MARA; APRIL M. OLIVER; AMY R. EBENAL; HOLLY BROWN A/K/A HOLLY WHITTINGTON; RONALD ADAM MILLER; CHRISTOPHER J. MILLER; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2, Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: Unknown Beneficiaries, Heirs, Spouses, Devisees, Grantees, Creditors, and All Other Parties claiming by, through, under or against the Estate of Debra Ilene Hunter f/k/a Debra Ilene Miller 18737 Charlotte Avenue Brookler, FL 32622

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS STATED, and any unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and other unknown persons claiming by, through, and under the above-named Defendant, if deceased or whose last known addresses are unknown.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Bradford County, Florida: LOT 10 AND 11, BLOCK 15, WARD CITY, NOW KNOWN AS THE CITY OF BROOKER, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 21 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA. LESS AND EXCEPT THEREFROM THE EASTERLY 25 FEET OF SAID LOT 11. (WC)

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 18737 Charlotte Avenue, Brookler, FL 32622 has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Adam G. Schwartz, Esq., the Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 819 SW Federal Hwy, Suite 301, Stuart, FL 34994, within 30 days, and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on the plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.
DATE: December 29, 2025
BY: Kanetra Jenkins
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

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Notice of Self Storage Sale
Please take notice Safe and Easy Self Storage located at 7192 SE 9th Ave Starke FL 32091 intends to hold a sale to sell the property stored at the

Facility by the below list of Occupants who are in default at an Auction. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.lockerfox.com on 2/5/2026 at 10:00 AM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods, furnishings and garage essentials. Kirsten Carroll unit #102; Dexter Clayton unit #43. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2025-134-CP
DIVISION:

IN RE: ESTATE OF LOIS ROWE MANNING, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Summary Administration)
TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of LOIS ROWE MANNING, deceased, File Number: 2025-134-CP, by the Circuit Court for Putnam County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Post Office Box 758, Palatka, Florida 32178; that the decedent's date of death was 22 May 2025; that the value of the estate is \$3,1686 and that the name and address to whom it has been assigned by such order are: NAME Frederick Aloysius Francis Williams, IV
ADDRESS 22830 Lynwood Avenue Lawley, Florida 32058
ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

All creditors of the estate of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent other than those for whom provision for full payment was met in the Order of Summary Administration must file their claims in this court WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE. ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this Notice is JANUARY 15, 2026.
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REGULAR MEETING NOTICE
Bradford Soil and Water Conservation District will hold a REGULAR MEETING on Tuesday, February 3, 2026 at 4:30pm at UF/IFAS Extension located at 2266 N Temple Ave, Starke, FL 32091
1/22 1tchg-BCT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
2024 CA 000274
PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION,
Plaintiff,

VS.
RACHEL PARSONS; UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, SURVIVING SPOUSE, GRANTEES, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RACHEL PARSONS; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA-DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; NICOLE VERNITA PARSONS A/K/A NICOLE PARSONS; MICHELLE A. PARSONS A/K/A MICHELLE PARSONS; MAURICE GAYLE, SR. A/K/A MAURICE GAYLE; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS

Defendant(s)
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sale will be made pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment. Final Judgment was awarded on January 12, 2026 in Civil Case No. 2024 CA 000274, of the Circuit Court of the EIGHTH Judicial Circuit in and for Bradford County, Florida, wherein, PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION is the Plaintiff, and RACHEL PARSONS; UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, SURVIVING SPOUSE, GRANTEES, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RACHEL PARSONS; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA-DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; NICOLE VERNITA PARSONS A/K/A NICOLE PARSONS; MICHELLE A. PARSONS A/K/A MICHELLE PARSONS; MAURICE GAYLE, SR. A/K/A MAURICE GAYLE; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS are Defendants.

The Clerk of the Court, Denny Thompson will sell to the highest bidder for cash at 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida 32091 on March 12, 2026 at 11:00:00 AM EST the following described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:
LOTS 12, 13, AND 14, BLOCK 11, LIVINGSTON, TRUBY AND COMPANY'S ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF STARKE, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed.
WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on January 15, 2026.
CLERK OF THE COURT
Denny Thompson

Deputy Clerk
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1/22 2tchg 1/29-BCT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: 2024-CA-000425
Division: C
JOHN A. PALUMBO,
Plaintiff,
vs.
ALONZO C. STEWART, GLORIA A. STEWART, VEROS CREDIT, LLC, FLORIDA PREMIER ROOFING, LLC, et al.
Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE
Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in Civil Case No. 2024-CA-425 in the Circuit Court of the 8th Judicial Circuit in and for Bradford County, Florida, wherein JOHN A. PALUMBO, Plaintiff, obtained judgment against ALONZO C. STEWART and GLORIA A. STEWART, et al., Clerk of Court, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at 11:00 a.m. on the 9th day of April, 2026 at the Bradford County Courthouse lobby, 945 North Temple Ave., Starke, FL 32091, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

Commence at the NW corner of the intersection of State Road No. 16 (formerly known as State Road No. 48) and State Road 229-A in the SE1/4 of NE1/4 Section 36 Township 5 South, Range 21 East and run Northerly along the West Right of Way line of State Road No. 16, a distance of 730 feet for a Point of Beginning; Thence continue Northerly along the West Right of Way line of State Road No. 16, a distance of 150 feet; thence Westerly at right angles to State Road No. 16, a distance of 290.4 feet; thence run Southerly parallel to State Road No. 16, a distance of 150 feet; thence run Easterly 290.4 feet to the Point of Beginning, lying and being in S1/2 of NE1/4, Section 36, Township 5 South, Range 21 East.
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said Southwesterly R/W line, for a distance of 16.69 feet to a set 1/2" iron rod; thence run South 54 degrees, 11 minutes, 23 seconds West for a distance of 233.76 feet to a set 1/2" iron rod; thence run South 15 degrees, 50 minutes, 53 seconds East for a distance of 17.76 feet to a set 1/2" iron rod; thence run North 54 degrees, 11 minutes, 23 seconds East for a distance of 239.82 feet to the Point of Beginning.
LESS AND EXCEPT
A parcel of land lying in the South 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Section 36, Township 5 South, Range 21 East, Bradford County, Florida; said parcel being more particularly described as follows: commence at a found 20 penny nail located in a curve concave to the Northeast and having a radius of 5779.58 feet at the intersection of the North R/W line of County Road 229-A and the Southwesterly R/W line of State Road 16 and run in a Northwesterly direction along the arc of said curve as measured along a chord having a bearing of North 40 degrees, 11 minutes, 21 seconds West along said Southwesterly R/W line, for chord distance of 729.53 feet to a found 1/2" iron rod; thence continue in a Northwesterly direction along the arc of said curve as measured along a chord having a bearing of North 36 degrees, 11 minutes, 26 seconds West for a chord distance of 76.71 feet to a found 5/8" iron rod and end of said curve; thence run North 35 degrees, 48 minutes, 37 seconds West, along said Southwesterly R/W line, for a distance of 73.29 feet to a found 1/2" iron rod; thence run South 54 degrees, 11 minutes, 23 seconds West for a distance of 239.82 feet to a set 1/2" iron rod for the Point of Beginning. From the Point of Beginning thus described run South 15 degrees, 50 minutes, 53 seconds East for a distance of 148.14 feet to a found 1/2" iron rod; thence run North 35 degrees, 48 minutes, 37 seconds East for a distance of 139.24 feet to a found 1/2" iron rod; thence run North 54 degrees, 11 minutes, 23 seconds East for a distance of 50.58 feet to the point of Beginning.
I HEREBY CERTIFY a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished to all parties on the attached service list by e-Service or by First Class U.S. Mail on this 12th day of January, 2026.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: 2024-CA-000425
Division: C
JOHN A. PALUMBO,
Plaintiff,
vs.
ALONZO C. STEWART, GLORIA A. STEWART, VEROS CREDIT, LLC, FLORIDA PREMIER ROOFING, LLC, et al.
Defendants

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
To satisfy the owner's storage lien, KO Storage LLC will sell at public lien sale on February 18, 2026. The personal property in the below-listed units, which may include but are not limited to: Household goods, boxes/fotes/bags, clothing, bedding, tools and toys. The public sale of these items will begin at 10AM on February 11, 2026 and end at 12PM on February 18, 2026. The public sale will take place on www.storage-treasures.com. KO Storage of Starke - S Walnut St, 1650 South Walnut Street, Starke FL 32091. (952)-491-6837
Time: 12:00PM CST
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Public sale terms, rules, and regulations will be made available on www.storage-treasures.com. All sales are subject to cancellation. We reserve the right to refuse any bid. Payment must be by credit/debit card, we do not accept checks or cash. Buyers must secure the units with their own personal locks. To claim tax-exempt status, original RESALE certificates for each space purchased is required. By KO Storage LLC, 10301 Wayzata Blvd, Minnetonka, MN 55305. (952)-491-6837.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2025-CA-000087
LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC,
Plaintiff,
v.
GIANNA MORRISON, et al.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE is hereby given that Denny Thompson, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Bradford County, Florida, will on February 26, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. ET, at the front Lobby of the Bradford County Courthouse, 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, FL 32091 in accordance with Chapter 45, F.S., offer for sale and sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Bradford County, Florida, to wit:
The Southerly 114.25 feet of Lot 12, OTT'S SUBDIVISION according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 33, of the Public Records of Bradford County, Florida. Together with that portion of a closed alley lying between State Road and Lot 12, Bradford County, Florida. Being more particularly described as follows:
Begin at the Southeast corner of said Lot 12; thence North 17 degrees 04'26" East along the Easterly boundary of said Lot 12, 114.25 feet to a point; thence North 72 degrees 54'33" West, 139.18 feet to the

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA 2024 CA 000059 NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, Plaintiff,

VS. UNKNOWN HEIRS BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, SURVIVING SPOUSE, GRANTEE,; CANNON SHEA FOSS, IN THE CARE OF HIS MOTHER AND NATURAL GUARDIAN.; CONNER STERLING FOSS, IN THE CARE OF HIS MOTHER AND NATURAL GUARDIAN.; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS

Defendant(s). NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sale will be made pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment. Final Judgment was awarded on January 12, 2026 in Civil Case No. 2024 CA 000059, of the Circuit Court of the EIGHTH Judicial Circuit in and for Union County, Florida, wherein, NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC is the Plaintiff, and UNKNOWN HEIRS BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, SURVIVING SPOUSE, GRANTEEES,; CANNON SHEA FOSS, IN THE CARE OF HIS MOTHER AND NATURAL GUARDIAN.; CONNER STERLING FOSS, IN THE CARE OF HIS MOTHER AND NATURAL GUARDIAN.; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS are Defendants.

DISTANCE OF 190.36 FEET TO THE INTERSECTION WITH THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF COUNTY ROAD NO. S-238 -A; THENCE RUN NORTH 01 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 24 SECONDS WEST, ALONG SAID EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 380.95 FEET TO THE INTERSECTION WITH SAID NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 19; THENCE RUN NORTH 88 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 52 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID NORTH LINE, A DISTANCE OF 204.39 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed. WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on January 14, 2026. CLERK OF THE COURT Kellie Hendricks-Rhodes BY: C. Hollingsworth Deputy Clerk ALDRIDGE PITE, LLP Attorney for Plaintiff 401 W. Linton Blvd., Suite 202-B Delray Beach, FL 33444 Telephone: 561-392-6391 Facsimile: 561-392-6965 Primary E-Mail: ServiceMail@aldridgepite.com TO BE PUBLISHED IN: The Union County Times

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

CASE NO.: 63-2025-CA-0053 TD BANK, N. A., a national banking association, Plaintiff, vs. LINDA ANDREWS SCOTT (A/K/A LINDA P. SCOTT); UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LINDA ANDREWS SCOTT (A/K/A LINDA P. SCOTT), IF ANY; JEFFREY ANDREWS; KIMBERLY ANDREWS; TENANT and UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION, IF ANY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated January 12, 2026, and entered in Case No. 63-2025-CA-0053 of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Union County, Florida wherein TD Bank, N.A., is Plaintiff, and Linda Andrews Scott (a/k/a Linda P. Scott), et al., are Defendants. The Clerk of this Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder at in the lobby of the Union County Courthouse at 55 West Main Street on February 26, 2026, at 11:00 a.m., the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure, to wit: A PARCEL OF LAND LYING, BEING AND SITUATE IN SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 18 EAST, UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY

DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE WEST 1/2 OF EAST 1/2 OF SAID SECTION 31, AND RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 48 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID WEST 1/2 OF EAST 1/2 OF SECTION 31, A DISTANCE OF 426.28 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE HEREAFTER DESCRIBED PARCEL OF LAND: THENCE CONTINUE RUNNING SOUTH 89 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 48 SECONDS EAST, CONTINUING ALONG SAID NORTH LINE OF THE WEST 1/2 OF EAST 1/2 OF SECTION 31, A DISTANCE OF 828.50 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID WEST 1/2 OF EAST 1/2 OF SECTION 31; THENCE RUN SOUTH 01 DEGREE 12 MINUTES 10 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID WEST 1/2 OF EAST 1/2 OF SECTION 31, A DISTANCE OF 302.53 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 85 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 45 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 832.29 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 01 DEGREE 03 MINUTES 51 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 249.50 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

TOGETHER WITH A NON-EXCLUSIVE PERPETUAL 30.00 FOOT EASEMENT FOR INGRESS, EGRESS AND UTILITIES, LYING, BEING AND SITUATE IN SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 18 EAST, UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST

CORNER OF SAID SECTION 31 AND RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 09 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 31, A DISTANCE OF 1293.53 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 25 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 37.92 FEET TO THE INTERSECTION WITH THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF STATE ROAD NUMBER 238; THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 35 SECONDS WEST, ALONG SAID NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF STATE ROAD NUMBER 238, A DISTANCE OF 180.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE HEREAFTER DESCRIBED 30.00 FOOT EASEMENT, SAID 30.00 FOOT EASEMENT BEING PARALLEL WITH AND LYING 30.00 FEET TO THE LEFT (WESTERLY, NORTHERLY AND SOUTHERLY), OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LINE (AT CHANGES OF DIRECTION RIGHT-OF-WAY LINES SHALL BE SHORTENED OR LENGTHENED TO FORM POINTS OF INTERSECTION); THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 25 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 217.20 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 35 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 137.85 FEET TO THE INTERSECTION WITH THE SOUTHERLY EXTENSION OF THE WEST LINE OF LOT 15, "PROVIDENCE NORTH", ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 24, PUBLIC RECORDS OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE RUN NORTH 01 DEGREE 19 MINUTES

31 SECONDS WEST, ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY EXTENSION, A DISTANCE OF 223.04 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 15, "PROVIDENCE NORTH"; THENCE CONTINUE RUNNING NORTH 0 1 DEGREE 19 MINUTES 31 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID "PROVIDENCE NORTH", A DISTANCE OF 2158.31 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID "PROVIDENCE NORTH"; THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 20 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID "PROVIDENCE NORTH", A DISTANCE OF 69.00 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 01 DEGREE 11 MINUTES 51 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID "PROVIDENCE NORTH", A DISTANCE OF 15.50 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF WEST 1/2 OF EAST 1/2 OF SAID SECTION 31; THENCE RUN NORTH 01 DEGREE 12 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID NORTH 1/2 OF WEST 1/2 OF EAST 1/2 OF SECTION 31, A DISTANCE OF 2650.78 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID WEST 1/2 OF EAST 1/2 OF SECTION 31; THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 48 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 31, A DISTANCE OF 303.79 FEET TO THE END OF SAID 30.00 FOOT EASEMENT (LEFT (SOUTHERLY) RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE TO BE SHORTENED OR LENGTHENED TO TERMINATE ON A LINE WHICH BEARS SOUTH

OO DEGREES 25 MINUTES 12 SECONDS WEST FROM SAID END). PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 31-05-18-00-001-01-2. Property Address: 9534 NW 44th Lane, Lake Butler, FL 32054

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KELLIE HENDRICKS RHOADES, CPA Clerk of the Circuit Court BY: C. HOLLINGSWORTH Deputy Clerk ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFFS: Danielle Rundlett Burns, Esq. Duane Morris LLP 5100 Town Center Circle, Suite 400 Boca Raton, FL 33486 Email: DRBurns@duanemorris.com The above is to be published in the Union County Times

COMMISSION MEETING The Union County Board of County Commissioners will hold their February Business Meeting/Town Hall Meeting on February 2, 2026 at the Providence Community Center, 8562 SW 84th Court, Lake Butler, Florida at 6:00 PM. 1/22 2tchg 1/29-UCT



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Dave Alvarez

Loren David "Dave" Alvarez, born on Sept. 28, 1955, passed away Monday, Jan. 12, 2026.

Barbara Barksdale

The world lost a bright light on Sunday, Jan. 11, 2026, with the passing of our devoted mother, Barbara Barksdale. Barbara was born to James Wagner and Pearl (McAlhany) Horne on Sept. 29, 1927, in Reevesville, South Carolina. The Hornes and their baby left South Carolina for Florida when her father was transferred there by Seaboard Air Line Railroad (now CSX). She grew up in Hampton, where her mother ran a general store and her father was the depot agent. She, along with her four siblings, enjoyed growing up in a small town and attending school there. Students from Hampton were bussed to Bradford High School in the ninth grade to finish their education, and that's where she met her future husband, Robert Barksdale. After graduating from high school in 1945, she attended Florida State College for Women in Tallahassee for a year before moving to Jacksonville to work for Southern Bell. Robert and Barbara were married Feb. 9, 1947, at First Baptist Church of Hampton. During their first year of marriage, Barbara helped out in the family clothing business, Barksdale's Department Store. Then, in 1948, their first baby was born, followed by two more little ones within the next eight years, and Barbara became a full-time "mommy." Barbara was very active in her children's lives, being a Cub Scout den mother, and was always eager to volunteer to chaperone Girl Scout activities, school trips and band trips. Her home was always a welcoming spot for the neighborhood children and for friends who dropped by for afternoon coffee. The Barksdales purchased the Florida Theatre in Starke in 1962 and worked alongside each other to make a success of this new venture. Barksdale Theatres, Inc. eventually grew to six indoor and two drive-in theaters in several southeastern states. Their hands-on work ethic never faltered during their 46 years in the movie theater business. In 1976, the Barksdales moved to Humboldt, Tennessee, to run several of their theaters in west Tennessee. During her early married years, Barbara was active in the Starke Women's Club and Beta Sigma Phi Sorority. Being of the Baptist faith, the Barksdales were members of the First Baptist Church of Starke and The Church at Sugar Creek (formerly First Baptist Church) in Humboldt, Tennessee. Spending time with family was one of Barbara's greatest joys. She enjoyed getting together for family reunions and traveling with her brothers and sisters on road trips and cruises. Barbara was truly the "heart of the home" and took great joy in treating her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren to special gatherings twice yearly in various locations for the Barksdale Birthday Bash and the Barksdale Christmas Bash! The Barksdales returned to Starke in 2012 after selling their last remaining movie theater. It has been wonderful for the family to have them nearby again. She touched countless lives with her kindness, grace, and generosity.

Left behind to cherish her memory are her children, Bobbie Sue (James) O'Brian, Robert "Robby" Barksdale Jr., and Vicki Sparks. She was lovingly called "Grandma" by her four grandsons, Cody, Benjamin, Matthew, and Justin; and by her eight great-grandchildren, James, Ellie, Lily, McKenna, Emmie, Evie, Monroe, and Maverick, all of whom she loved dearly. She is also survived by her brothers, J.W. Horne Jr., of Gulf Breeze and William (Bill) Horne of Hampton; and a host of loving relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Robert; her parents; and her two sisters, Betty Horne Murray of St. George, South Carolina and Martha Horne Williams of New Port Richey.

The family of Barbara and Robert Barksdale invite you to join them as they celebrate the lives of their parents in a joint memorial service to be held Sunday, Jan. 25, 2026, at Foundation Church, 200 N. Walnut St., Starke 32091. Visitation will be at 2 p.m., followed by the service at 3 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Community Hospice and Palliative Care, 4266 Sunbeam Road, Jacksonville, 32257 or to Foundation Church: 200 N. Walnut St., Starke 32091

Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 620 E. Nona St., Starke, 3209. 904-964-6200 www.jonesgallagherfh.com

PAID OBITUARY



Rev. Thomas Gensel

Rev. Thomas Edward Gensel, 96, of Melrose passed away Saturday, Jan. 17, 2026, in Gainesville. He was born on Oct. 12, 1929, in Shamokin, Pennsylvania, to Henry and Martha (Cummings) Gensel and had served in the United States Army. He grew up in Clarksburg, West Virginia and dedicated his life to serving others through his faith and music. He was a true man of God and made a lasting impact as a pastor in various churches throughout North Carolina, West Virginia, and Florida from 1960 to 1995. He earned his Doctorate in Ministry from The Theological School at Drew University, reflecting his commitment to his calling. In addition to his pastoral work, he shared his love for music by teaching band and choir at several high schools. He had many hobbies that brought him joy, including fishing, playing chess, and lapidary work. He took pleasure in life's simple moments and was always ready to share a story or a laugh. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Cathy Maynard.

Left behind to cherish his memory is his loving and devoted wife of 70 years, Mary Gensel; and their children, Nancy Rivers, Anna Buchanan, and Linda Sedlacek. He was a proud grandfather to nine grandchildren and great-grandfather to 16 great-grandchildren, who will miss his warm spirit and unwavering support.

The family will receive friends at Keystone Heights Methodist Church on Saturday, Jan. 24, at 10 a.m., followed by a funeral service at 11 a.m., with Pastor J.T. Taylor officiating. Interment will be at Bridgeport Cemetery in West Virginia.

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

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Billy Norman

We are saddened to announce the passing of Billy Charles Norman, 79, who passed away peacefully Sunday, Dec. 14, 2025, at his home in Mayflower Arkansas, surrounded by his loving family. Billy was born to Herbert and Murlar Brannen Norman on Jan. 29, 1946, in Lawtey. He graduated from Bradford County High School in 1964. In 1989, he married the love of his life, Edith Fay Norman, and they enjoyed an amazing life together until her death in 2009. Billy was a hardworking man who worked construction during his younger years and enjoyed being self-employed until his retirement. After retirement, he moved back to Florida and enjoyed fishing in the lakes around Leesburg. After his wife's passing, he came back to Bradford County, where he farmed 27 acres that he enjoyed growing a variety of fresh vegetables on. He could grow about anything he wanted. But I will tell you, he grew the best dang tomatoes you ever ate. His children and grandchildren were his pride and joy. They will remember him for his kind heart, unwavering love, and dedication to his family. He leaves behind a legacy of love and cherished memories. He was preceded in death by his parents; his infant brother, Wayne; his loving wife Fay; son, Douglas Scott; and son-in-law Quinton Gordon.

He is survived by daughters, Lisa Norman Hansen of Starke, and Kim Gordon of Mannford, Oklahoma; son, Buddy (Sharon) Norman of Greenbriar, Arkansas; sister, Carolyn Yarbrough of Lawtey; seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Billy will be greatly missed by all that knew and loved him.

A graveside service will be held Saturday, Jan. 24 at 11 a.m. at Dyal Cemetery, Starke, followed by a celebration of his life with friends and family in Starke.



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Student Recreation Center and was a graduate assistant there the spring of her senior year.

"I ran all their intramural sports," DeSiena said. "I was there every day, but Monday through Thursday I was running co-ed volleyball and co-ed basketball."

Going into her senior year, DeSiena worked for the Williamsport Crosscutters, a team in the Major League Baseball Draft League, which showcases draft-eligible amateurs. She was a manager in food and beverages and also helped organize the game-day experience, overseeing pre-inning and in-between-inning events.

DeSiena's non-playing sports experiences began before she even got to college. She worked with children in her local youth organization and umpired for 8U games.

"I was always, always in sports," DeSiena said.

Her experiences with the youth organization and at Lock Haven proved to be what she really enjoyed.

"College and recreation were probably my two favorites," DeSiena said. "I didn't not like the stadium (work with the Crosscutters), but I like to be involved with the athletes. The position that I like, which is that kind of background-managing part — I would probably never get to do that at a stadium, so I



Deana DeSiena is pictured playing field hockey for Pennsylvania's Lock Haven University.

think where I'm at is perfect."

Moving to Florida

DeSiena moved to Florida after she got married in July 2025. Her husband, Joseph, is a Jacksonville native. Their paths crossed in Pennsylvania.

"We met at Lock Haven in Bible study," DeSiena said. "That was our junior year."

Joseph was playing baseball at Lock Haven after playing at junior colleges in Georgia and Maryland. DeSiena said it was, of course, fun to do the PA announcing at Lock Haven baseball games with Joseph being on the team.

Their meeting was no mere coincidence.

"God's hand was on this whole thing," DeSiena said. "Why would a kid from Jacksonville be in Central Pennsylvania? It's amazing."

So, how does DeSiena like being in the Sunshine State? She said she loves the Southern accents and finds them funny at times, but she added that "everyone's so sweet."

"It's been nothing but a great experience," DeSiena said of her new home, adding, "I can't complain."

She certainly has no complaints about the weather.

"Christmas was crazy," DeSiena said. "They said it wasn't even that warm, but we were at the beach. I was like, 'This is weird. It's snowing at home.'"

Play ball!

It's not quite time to yell, "Play ball!" However, sign-ups are now underway for the Bradford Sports United baseball and softball seasons. To register, use the QR code accompanying this story, or follow the link on the Bradford Sports United Facebook page. Age groups are 4-6 (tee-ball), 7-8 (Rookies), 9-10 (Minors), 11-12 (Majors) and 13-16 (Seniors).

DeSiena is working to make Bradford Sports United so much more than baseball and softball.

"Deana's got big plans with basketball, pickleball and racquetball," Riddick said. "I mean, you've got four awesome racquetball courts down there (at



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the Edwards Road Complex) that never get used. The facilities are there. You just need someone to manage them."

DeSiena said she's excited to see how Bradford Sports United grows, with the overriding goal being to put smiles on faces.

"The only thing I want is for the kids to be happy," she said.

She also wants families to be happy. DeSiena said she doesn't want to see parents drop off their kids and return later to pick them up. She wants children and their families to feel like they have "a community" at the sports complex.

It's a community DeSiena is ready to be a part of. In fact, she'll be tempted to join the children in whatever activity they're involved in, saying, "I want to go play with them."

That makes sense for someone whose entire life has evolved around sports, and she'd be ready to go play, too, because now she has a job she can wear her athletic clothes to.

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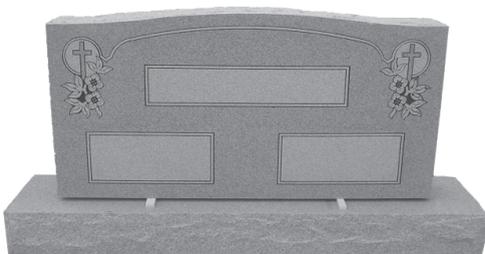
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scored off a Chandler assist to give Union a 36-34 lead. The Wildcats then went on a 14-3 run. Union went 1 of 5 from the field and committed five turnovers during that span. Baker's Lynch scored seven points off three of those turnovers. His basket off a Robert Chick steal put the Wildcats up 50-39.

Pierre was able to score on a drive to the basket and draw a foul. He made the ensuing free-throw attempt to send the Tigers into the fourth quarter trailing by eight.

A three-pointer by Rhett Rhoden and a basket by Jacoby Blake off a Chick steal helped the Wildcats built an 11-point lead early in the final quarter. Baker later went up by 12 when a blocked shot by Joel Carver led to a transition basket by Lynch.

A Pierre three-pointer brought the Tigers' deficit to single digits. Montrell Woods then scored off

a baseline drive to make it 57-50 with 3:46 to play. After a Manns blocked shot on the defensive end, Union got two free throws from Woods to pull to within five points.

Baker's Jamarion Goodman scored on a drive to the basket, drawing a foul in the process and making a free throw to put the Wildcats ahead 60-52.

It was 62-54 when Pierre scored off his own steal with 57 seconds remaining. The Tigers then forced a tie ball, with the possession arrow favoring Union. Woods rebounded his own miss and put it back in the basket to leave the Tigers trailing 62-58 with 32 seconds left.

After the Wildcats' Brady Jacobs made two free throws with 29 seconds on the clock, Woods scored off another rebound to make it 64-60. The Tigers then forced a backcourt turnover. That led to a Smith three-point attempt, which would have made it a one-point game, but the shot rimmed out with less than five seconds remaining.



Montrell Woods (left) dribbles past Baker County's Jamarion Goodman.

Woods, who had eight points in the fourth quarter, finished with a team-high 12, while Odom and Pierre had 11 and 10, respectively. Union also got nine points from Mann, eight from Andersen-Davis, six from Smith and four from Chandler.

Union entered the game off a 58-50 win at Hilliard on Jan. 13. Chandler and Smith scored 18 and 14 points, respectively, while Andersen-Davis and Odom each had eight points. The Tigers also got five points from Woods, three from Manns and two from Pierre.

Andersen-Davis and Manns each grabbed seven rebounds, with Manns also blocking three shots. Chandler had six rebounds.

Odom and Pierre led the team in assists with five each.

The Tigers, who played Clay on Jan. 17, will host Trenton on Thursday, Jan. 22, at 7:30 p.m. and Lafayette on Friday, Jan. 23, at 7:30 p.m. The junior varsity team will play prior to each game at 6 p.m.

Union travels to play P.K. Yonge on Saturday, Jan. 24, at 5 p.m., following a JV game at 3:30 p.m.

On Monday, Jan. 26, Union plays a triple-header at Dixie County. The JV boys will play at 4:30 p.m., followed by the varsity girls at 6 p.m. and the varsity boys at 7:30 p.m.

The Tigers play at Suwannee on Tuesday, Jan. 27, with the JV team playing at 6 p.m. and the varsity team playing at 7:30 p.m.

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Chuck Kramer enters 'next phase' toward retirement

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Chuck Kramer is still on the air in the morning at Eagle Country 106.3-FM, but he took another step toward the eventual change of ownership of WEAG and his retirement with the last official Chuck Kramer Show on Jan. 20.

Kramer told listeners this week it was "the beginning of the next phase," with that resulting in the morning show now being what he calls "the transition edition of the Chuck Kramer Show."

"It's still going to be Chuck Kramer, so don't get scared," Kramer said.

At some point, however, Kramer won't be on the air, but he said he doesn't know yet what his last day at the station will be.

Kramer, his wife, Mary, and his daughter Lyn Veliz — who collectively own WEAG as Dickerson Broadcasting Inc. — announced in September 2025 they were selling the station, bringing about Kramer's retirement after 65 years in radio. He's spent the last 34.5 years at WEAG after moving to Bradford County from New Jersey.

"I'm going to miss it," Kramer said. "I'm going to miss the listeners and the advertisers. I say every Thanksgiving, 'Thank you for your support.' When I do that, I mean that. Those aren't just empty words."

The station is transitioning to being under the ownership of Florida Broadcast Media Group Inc., which was created specifically to buy WEAG. Dave Krieger is the president.

"He'll be coming later this week," Kramer said of Krieger during his Jan. 19 morning show.

Kramer shared some information he knows for sure with his listeners.

"With regard to the station and what's happening, they're still going to have a local show in the morning, and they're going to have a lot of news and music and talk and sports, Kramer said. "It'll be radio like you've never heard before. That's what I can say."

"Another thing I'm privy to is they're going to call it 'Real Community Radio.'"

Kramer's career has consisted of "doing all the shifts and



Chuck Kramer is seated in the area where he has entertained WEAG listeners for more than 34 years. The last official Chuck Kramer Show aired on Jan. 20, though Kramer will continue to be a part of mornings at WEAG with what he describes as the transition edition of the Chuck Kramer Show.

formats you can think of," he said. He talked about the format change at WEAG, saying it played love songs when he arrived before switching to country music in 1993.

"Then, about five, six,

maybe seven years ago, we started integrating top 40 in the morning and country along with everything else," Kramer said.

Kramer said he never gave thought to whether he'd have such a long career at WEAG

when he arrived in 1991. He remembers a conversation he had with Ruth Dickerson, who co-owned the station with her husband, Ben. She welcomed him and asked him what he thought about his new job. He

told her, "I'll give you a year." That was just in case things didn't work out.

It's safe to say they worked out. Kramer and his family found a home at WEAG and a home in Bradford County.

Bradford will continue to be home.

"We're not moving," Kramer said.

Though he's spent so many years doing the morning show, there's one part of that routine he'll be glad to give up in retirement.

"I will miss the show and the people, but what I won't miss is the 4:15 alarm clock," Kramer said.

That's still a little way into the future, however, as he's still got a few early mornings ahead of him as part of the transition edition of the Chuck Kramer Show.

In a statement provided to the Telegraph-Times-Monitor in September 2025, Krieger said WEAG will continue to have a morning show after Kramer's retirement.



K.J. Taylor goes up for two of his 10 first-quarter points against Baker County.

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consisted of four turnovers.

The Wildcats' run began and ended with three-pointers by Joel Carver, with the second basket coming from way beyond the arc and beating the buzzer.

Carter scored six points in the fourth quarter, ending his night with a game-high 19.

Taylor and Cobarris finished with 16 and 14 points, respectively, while the Tornadoes also got eight from Nixon, six each from Johnson and Dylan Ruise, four from Jy'Quez Cason and three from Bryston Williams.

The win capped a 2-1 week for

Bradford.

On Jan. 13, the Tornadoes defeated visiting Westside 49-37, getting 19 points from Cobarris. Bradford also got seven points from Taylor, six each from Ruise and Jordan Cason, five from Johnson and three each from Carter and Nixon.

Nixon grabbed a team-high nine rebounds, while Jordan Cason led the team in steals with three.

Bradford hosted Columbia on Jan. 15, losing 67-55. Cobarris led the team with 23 points, while Taylor had 12. The Tornadoes also got six points from Nixon, five from Jy'Quez Cason, four from Jordan Cason, three from Carter and two from Johnson.

Steven Carter takes a three-point shot against Baker County. He scored 13 points as part of the Tornadoes' 33-point first quarter and finished with 19 points.



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KHHS ties top-10 Episcopal in boys soccer

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Keystone Heights High School hosted the eighth-ranked team in

the Florida High School Athletic Association/MaxPreps Class 2A power rankings, finishing in a 1-1 tie against Episcopal in a boys soccer match on Jan. 16.

The Class 3A Indians trailed 1-0 before A.J. Nilsen scored off a Noah Jaramillo assist in the second half.

Keystone (11-7-3) entered the

match off a 1-0 win at Williston on Jan. 13, getting a penalty kick goal from Jaramillo and a shutout from goalies

The Indians, who haven't lost since Dec. 10, 2025, are the second seed in the District 4-3A tournament. They have a first-round bye and will play either third seed Eastside or sixth seed

Interlachen in a semifinal match on Friday, Jan. 23, at 5:30 p.m. at Santa Fe High School. If Keystone wins that match, it will play top seed Santa Fe, fourth seed Palatka or fifth seed North Marion for the championship on Tuesday, Jan. 27, at 7:30 p.m. at Santa Fe.

at Interlachen High School. If Keystone wins, it'll play top seed Interlachen, fourth seed Eastside or fifth seed Santa Fe for the championship on Monday, Jan. 26, at 7 p.m. at Interlachen.

Tochterman had six points, while Hill and Leger had five and four, respectively. Bell had three points, while Harnage added two.

Hill and Tochterman each had eight rebounds.

On Jan. 9, Keystone lost 52-39 to host Baldwin. Barry and Tochterman scored 12 and 11 points, respectively, while Will Begue had eight. Harnage and McClure each added three points, while Parker Pescara had two.

Barry and Hill had seven and six rebounds, respectively.

Keystone got 12 points from Barry in a 72-37 loss to host Duval Charter on Jan. 13. Also scoring were Tochterman with eight points, Baylor Ford with six points, Leger with four points, Begue with three points, McClure with two points and Harnage with one point.

On Jan. 16, Keystone got 16 points, 12 rebounds and four blocked shots from Barry, but lost 75-65 to host Palatka on Jan. 16.

Tochterman scored 14 points, while Bacorn and Harnage scored nine and eight, respectively. The Indians also got seven each from Ford and McClure and two from Leger.

Keystone was scheduled to play at Crescent City on Wednesday, Jan. 21, at 7:30 p.m. and will host Interlachen on Friday, Jan. 23, at 7:30 p.m. The Indians travel to play Stanton Prep on Tuesday, Jan. 27, at 6 p.m.

Keystone boys defeat Stanton, but now on 4-game skid

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Keystone Heights High School picked up a boys basketball win after the Christmas break against Stanton Prep, but the Indians have since lost four straight to fall to 3-13 on the season.

The Indians hosted Stanton on Jan. 5, getting a double-double from Cooper Barry in a 56-32. Barry had 15 points and 10 rebounds, while also coming away with four steals.

Dereon Tochterman scored 10 points, while Keystone also got eight from Destin Harnage, seven from Donald Hill, five from Brandon McClure, four each from Luke Bacorn and Zane Leger, two from Will Begue and one from Rylan Bell.

Bacorn grabbed seven rebounds, while Harnage and McClure each had six.

The Indians lost 52-37 to visiting Crescent City on Jan. 6, getting 17 points and seven rebounds from Barry.

KHHS girls soccer team loses regular-season finale

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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The Keystone Heights High School girls soccer team lost 6-1 to visiting Episcopal on Jan. 16, giving the Indians three straight losses to end the regular season.

Stats weren't available by deadline.

On Jan. 12, the Indians lost 4-2 to visiting Middleburg, getting one goal each from Taylor Buchanan and Kaylee Park. Kayden Huntley and Halea Lam each had an assist.

Keystone lost 3-2 to host Williston on Jan. 13. Buchanan and Park each scored a goal, with Lam assisting on both.

The Indians (6-11-3) are the second seed in the District 4-3A tournament. After a first-round bye, they'll play either third seed North Marion or sixth seed Palatka in a semifinal match on Thursday, Jan. 22, at 5:30 p.m.



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