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Two shots from Bradford County Fire Rescue this week. The first is of a Dec. 28 evening brush fire near Northwest County Road 235 and Northwest 122nd Place. The one-acre fire was contained without property damage or injury. The same was not true of a frightening accident that took place just before midnight on Monday. The single vehicle accident near Southwest County Road 18 and Southwest 162nd Avenue closed the highway to traffic, and a trauma patient rushed to a local hospital.



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MLK events announced

In honoring the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the Concerned Citizens of Bradford County is sponsoring the following events:

—Saturday, Jan. 14, is the annual Service Awards Banquet at The Woman's Club of Starke, 201 N. Walnut St. The banquet begins at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$35 for adults and \$15 for children 8 to 17.

—Monday, Jan. 16, is the annual MLK Celebration. This year the event will begin at 11 a.m. at the Florida National Guard Armory, 720 Edwards Road in Starke. Brunch will immediately follow the program.

For more information, please call the office at 904-964-2298 or 904-966-1100.

Food giveaway in Lawtey

Grace United Methodist Church with community partners, including UF/IFAS and Farm Share, will host a food drive on Saturday, Feb. 4, from 9 a.m. to noon at the church, which is located at 1822 Madison St. in Lawtey.

The is a drive-thru event, so please allow trunk access. For more information, please call 904-966-6299.

Talk show appearance highlights ESE programs

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—Clay County Public Schools Superintendent David Broskie followed up on an appearance by one of his students on a national talk show to highlight the district's services to ESE students.

RideOut Elementary first-grader Rosie was a guest on The Kelly Clarkson Show on Dec. 1. The student appeared during a segment that explained Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. The literacy program provides one free book a month to children from birth to age five, and Rosie utilized the Imagination Library to become braille-literate from an early age.

The student's mother, Liz Williams, opened the segment by telling Parton how the singer's Imagination Library played a role in Rosie's success as a reader. The first grader then joined Parton and Clarkson on stage and



Rosie, a first-grade student at RideOut Elementary, sits between her mother, Liz Williams (left), and Dolly Parton during an appearance on the Kelly Clarkson Show.

listened as the host sang "Amazing Grace" to her. Rosie returned the

favor by singing "The Lion Sleeps Tonight."

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Imagination library available in OP

In November, school board member Mary Bolla appeared before the Orange Park Town Council to tell the council about the literacy program.

She said Delta Kappa Gamma, an organization of women educators, in conjunction with the Clay Education Foundation, is sponsoring the Dolly Parton Imagination Library in zip codes 32073 and 32043.

Bolla said a newborn in Orange Park would receive "The Little Engine that Could" and then receive an additional one book per month until they reached the age of five.

"By the time they are five, they get 60 books," she said. "The final book is 'Lookout Kindergarten, Here I Come.'"

CCBC retains funds for RJE gym following questions

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

STARKE — Questions about the oversight and the ability to release the funds, as well as mounting costs placed, the RJE gymnasium project back in front of the county commission for discussion on Monday.

Those questions also filled the boardroom with supporters of the Concerned Citizens of Bradford County, which has been working for five years to preserve this cornerstone of the historic black high school.

Concerned Citizens President Alica McMillian wondered why in a community filled with landmarks — which have been saved or repurposed in part with public funds — the RJE project was running into obstacles.

"People don't realize this: There are landmarks all over Bradford County. We've got Santa Fe, the

old courthouse building, it's a landmark! The Woman's Club — it's a landmark! The Call Street District — it's a landmark! The Rosenberg Building — it's a landmark! RJE? It's a landmark!" she said.

Last May, the commission voted unanimously to contribute \$500,000 of its \$5.4 million in funding from the American Rescue Plan Act to the restoration of the RJE gymnasium, which among other things needs a new roof to stop the infiltration of water and continued deterioration of the facility.

A follow-up meeting with the former county attorney Will Sexton and Commissioner Chris Dougherty, serving as chairman, confirmed that everyone was on the same page about how the project and distribution of funds would occur, McMillian said. They were eager to get started on the time-sensitive project. They tasked

their attorney with drawing up a request for proposals for construction services but ran into problems getting information from the county to complete the RFP.

Fortunately, in addition to seeking a grant award on behalf of Concerned Citizens, the city of Starke committed an additional \$200,000 of its ARPA funds to the project in the event the grant application was unsuccessful. The city also got architect Paul Stressing involved in the project, and Stressing was able to reevaluate the scope of the project and recommend a more affordable option for completing the roofing work.

The bad news is that to fully renovate the gym, including restroom renovations, ADA compliance, electrical work, scoreboard and HVAC, could cost \$1.2 million. The good news is that Concerned Citizens is willing to work in phases, saving

wish list items while they continue to raise funds and seek a legislative appropriation. According to Stressing, they can accomplish the essential work of reroofing the building and sealing it from the elements by piggybacking on a state contract for less than \$500,000.

It felt to the Concerned Citizens that the county had withdrawn its support of the project, however.

McMillian said when the Concerned Citizens board approved the contractor and she brought that information to the county, no action was taken. She didn't know that until later in December when the contractor called her seeking a purchase order to move forward. When McMillian and her board followed up with the county manager, they found out questions had been raised about the project.

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Bolla said the Delta Kappa Gamma chapter supplied the seed money for the program, mainly through donations from retired teachers. The cost to the chapter for each child receiving the full complement of books is \$125.

“We are seeking donations from a variety of clubs and organizations, and we will be doing that for many years to come,” she said. “Our ultimate goal is to cover all of Clay County.”

One-fourth of students are in ESE programs

Broskie said during the Dec.

8 school board meeting that he got emotional watching the talk show segment with his wife Sue, who works in the district’s ESE department.

“I thought to myself: Look at the difference that’s made in one person’s life, and that is the mission of Clay County schools,” he said.

The superintendent credited the student’s teacher Gina Woods for teaching Rosie braille.

Broskie added that Rosie underscores the diverse student population Clay County Public Schools serves.

“There’s no cookie-cutter approach,” he said. “The range of students is tremendous, and providing a high-quality education for all students, regardless of their disability and the expectation of learning for all students is what we strive to do.”

He said that 11,000 out of the district’s total 40,000 students are in ESE programs.

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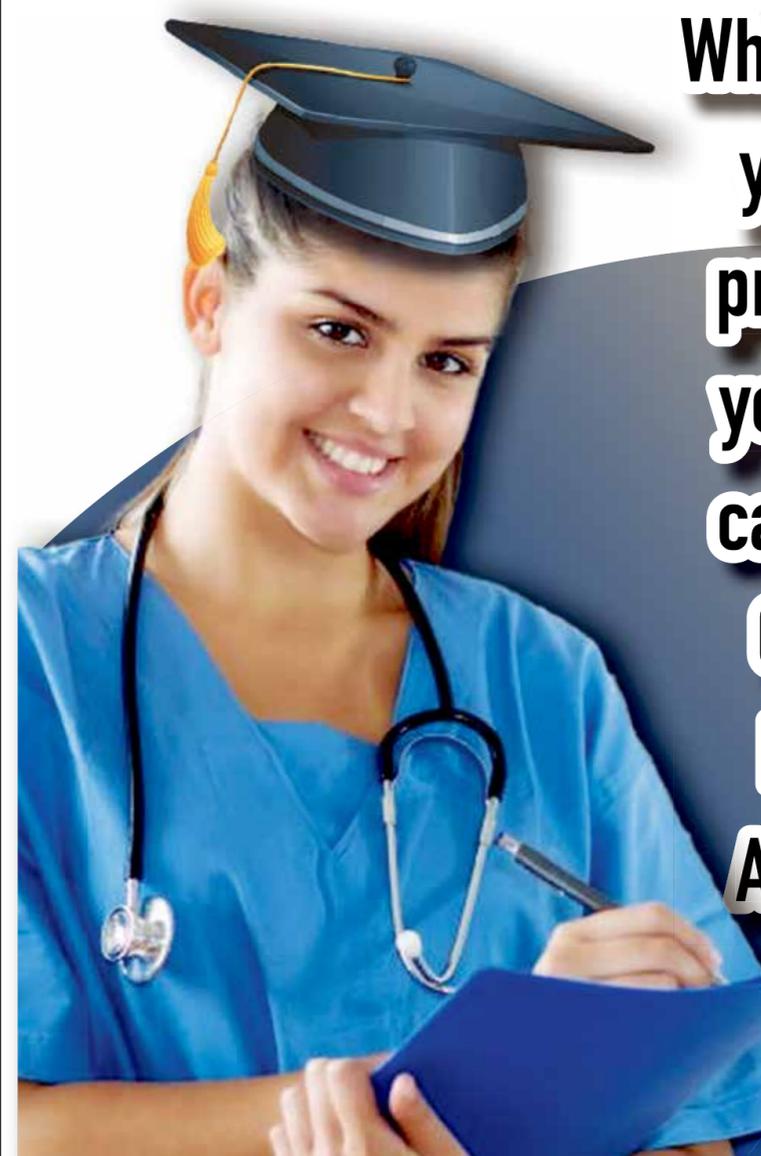
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Examining staffing and pay for Bradford County government

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

STARKE — We previously reported on the salaries of county officials and how they compared to median income of local households.

The formula used to determine the salaries is heavily influenced by population. The numbers for 2022-23 are:

—Sheriff - \$154,261.

—Clerk, Property Appraiser, Tax Collector and Supervisor of Elections - \$118,412.

—County Commissioners - \$37,095.

Two years out from the 2020 census, the state based these numbers on a population estimate of 28,725, and the number is not reduced by the inmate population at Florida State Prison and Lawley Correctional Institution.

As a reminder, the county's median household income is \$43,580, according to the census. The average household size is 2.54 residents. The median income is around 37% for what most constitutional officers earn, and more than 17% of residents live in property.

Does the pay of county employees look more or less like the average resident? Of course, that depends on the job in question, and the amount of time on the job. Last year, the county faced mandates to raise the salaries of law enforcement and emergency response employees. Not all the mandates were state funded. Regardless, they are among the most well-paid county employees.

Beginning with county commission employees, who are paid out of the general fund, the county manager has the highest salary at just under \$110,000. His assistant is at \$41,600.

Building and Zoning has three employees: the building official earning \$68,328, the zoning director earning \$51,438 and the administrative assistant at \$36,691.

The veterans service officer is paid \$41,225 annually. The administrative assistant at the senior center earns \$36,109. The county contributes between \$23,044 and \$34,299 to the agents in the agriculture extension office, who also earn a salary from UF. Also listed among the board employees are also two administrative secretary positions earning \$29,349 and \$32,531.

The community development office is dedicated to housing. Its director earns \$46,779, and the program assistant earns \$32,781.

The public library has a director earning \$48,713, while the recently retired assistant was earning \$48,568. That number — representing more than 40 years of experience — will be lower when a replacement is hired. The circulation supervisor earns \$33,862, while the eight positions in circulation and programs all earn \$30,493. That is also the housekeeper's salary. The information technology position pays \$36,109.

Moving on to the commission's public works department, which covers transportation, solid waste, custodial maintenance and mosquito control, the superintendent earns \$78,145 and the assistant superintendent earns \$50,128. The administrative assistant earns \$45,198. There is also a housekeeping and administrative support position for \$32,885.

Most positions in the road department involve operating heavy equipment. We counted 14, paying between \$31,200 (\$15 an hour) to \$41,766, although the higher end salaries include the lead grader operator and the supervisor of maintenance and housekeeping, who is also a heavy equipment operator. There is also a dump truck driver at \$56,430. Any position earning an hourly wage versus a salary would also be eligible for overtime during emergencies and disasters.

Also listed were three housekeeping and custodian positions earning between \$29,120 and \$31,595.

As for solid waste, there were 14 full-time or part-time site attendants earning between \$22,880 to \$36,108. A general

labor position was listed at \$28,226 a year. Four driving positions, including three roll-off drivers and one dump truck driver, earn between \$34,965 and \$38,584. Finally, the solid waste and mosquito control director earns \$54,267.

Bradford Fire Rescue is larger than public works. With most employees being dual certified, there are only three positions listed as firefighters, with two earning the required minimum \$15 an hour, or \$31,200. The third earns \$33,072.

There are also 23 EMTs or EMT-firefighters earning \$31,200. The remaining six earn between \$33,072 and \$35,734.

Keep in mind, however, that most fire rescue employees are not working 80 hours per pay period. They are working 112 hours. The shiftwork results in mandatory overtime, so all hours over 80 are paid at time and a half. The \$15 minimum per hour becomes \$22.50. By the end of the year, that amounts to \$49,920, not \$31,200. With a high rate of turnover and additional overtime, some crews are working 120 to 160 hours, according to Fire Chief Ben Carter.

Moving on to paramedics and paramedic-firefighters, we counted 25 positions. Again, 11 of those are listed with the \$31,200 minimum. The remaining positions earn between \$31,324 to \$42,973, not including overtime. The Class VII paramedic earning \$42,973 takes home \$68,756, assuming the same 32 hours of overtime per pay period.

There are also several administrative positions and officers, beginning with the fire chief at \$94,827 a year and the EMS division chief at \$85,530. The next highest salary is for the longtime administrative assistant/office manager, who earns \$79,997. The training captain earns \$75,005. A second administrative assistant earns \$52,666. The fire marshal earns \$51,417.

There are also eight lieutenant positions, be they firefighter, EMT or paramedic. The pay range is from \$35,090 to \$47,070. Finally, is the medical director, who is paid \$42,141.

The board also oversees payroll for the supervisor of elections office. In addition to the supervisor of elections with the previously listed salary, there are

two deputy supervisors earning \$40,643 and \$56,722.

So, for the county commissioners' departments, the median salary (absent overtime) is \$32,885, with the lowest being \$22,800 and highest being \$109,990.

Sheriff

As far as constitutional officers go, the sheriff has the largest staff by far covering a number of departments. In the law enforcement department, the largest salary is the sheriff's \$154,261 as calculated by the state, with a median salary of \$46,229. The chief deputy earns \$83,708, and the operations major earns \$72,224. The captains of patrol and investigations each earn \$63,872. The lieutenant in emergency management earns \$62,669, and the lieutenants in investigations and school protection earn \$58,285 each.

Four deputies, two in narcotics and two in investigations earn between \$46,229 and \$46,777. The evidence tech is paid \$41,495. Three patrol sergeants each earn \$53,901, while the patrol corporal earns \$47,873.

Thirteen patrol deputies earn between \$45,003 and \$47,325, with 10 being on the lower end. The \$45,000 minimum was mandated by the state. There are six additional school protection deputies with the same pay range. Up to nine part-time deputies are authorized at \$14 an hour.

Rounding out the law enforcement division are the finance person at \$50,634, victim advocate at \$45,936, sheriff's assistant at \$40,716, and the civil clerk and front desk clerk at \$31,320.

In communications, there are 11 positions earning between \$35,120 and \$40,340, with eight being on the lower end. Three part-time positions are authorized at \$14 an hour.

Under court security, there is a bailiff earning \$42,867 and a supervisor earning \$52,901. Part-time law enforcement assistance comes in at \$29,232.

In corrections, the major earns \$72,224, the captain of operations earns \$61,354, and the lieutenants of operations and administration each earn \$52,586. The five sergeants in booking and security earn \$46,098, minus one who earns \$49,605.

There are a range of salaries among the 19 full-time



Jaydon and Jordan Ritchie (shepherds), Brandy Hillhouse (Mary), Mike Hillhouse (Joseph), and Afton Mann (shepherd). Pic: Michelle Adkins. Not pictured are supporting actors Kassy Hillhouse, Blayne Landon, Terry Denmark, Ernie Triest, Reise Feagle, Nate Feagle, Lucas Feagle, Tess Lowry, Lil Strickland, Tara Ritchie, Jacob Adkins, Alexander Adkins, Kyle Boyette, Felicia Johns, Elias Johns, Lily Jordan, Bella Russell, Connor Godwin. Tech and visuals: Justin Feagle and Louis Mann. Staging and costumes: Connie Myers and Bill Ratliff. Director: Virginia Denmark, HBC Worship Leader. Pastor: Dr. Larry Strickland

Hope delivers Christmas message

BY VIRGINIA DENMARK
Hope Baptist Church

Hope Baptist Church hosted its Christmas music and drama program, "The LAST First Christmas," on Dec. 18. The cast included children, youth and adults who told the birth-of-Christ story as shared in the Bible.

The premise was with all the uncertainties we are living

in today, what if this holiday season is the last time — the last year — we could have the opportunity to share the true story of Christmas — Jesus' birth?

The setting began with a shopping mall scenario featuring an entrance for holiday pictures. That scene quickly transformed into the Nativity. The "Ho, Ho, Ho"

above the arch became "Holy, Holy, Holy."

Singing a total of 10 featured songs were Tara and Paul Ritchie, Brandi Hillhouse, Ernie Triest, Justin Feagle, Terry and Virginia Denmark. Scripture Narrator was Chris Lowry. Lead actors were Pat Waldrop and Virginia Denmark.

correctional officers, with the highest being \$47,106. Most are between \$41,495 and \$44,103. There are a number of part-time positions authorized at \$14 an hour.

Additional jail positions include the nurse at \$52,200, maintenance at \$34,640, two administrative at \$33,408 each and one food service at \$31,320.

Rounding up the sheriff's office are the animal control officer at \$39,526, shelter manager at \$29,323, part-time animal control at \$13 an hour, the assistant emergency management director at \$50,960 and the emergency management planner at \$37,440.

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Keystone graduate continues record of achievement

Kelsey Waters
advancing at
Amazon.com

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — A Keystone Heights High School graduate is finding success at the world's leading e-commerce company.

Kelsey Waters, a 2014 KHHS graduate, joined Amazon.com in 2016 and now leads the company's launches of sort centers in North America.

Waters' career on Orchid Avenue included the 2012 Miss KHHS title, being FFA Senior Chapter President and earning first-team all-state as an outfielder on the softball team.

'You have cancer'

However, her biggest win in high school came against thyroid cancer.

"After a visit to the doctor to treat what Mom thought was strep throat, it was discovered that not only did I have an infection, but my thyroid was enlarged," she said.

Blood tests, sonograms, a needle biopsy and visits to an endocrinologist resulted in the 16-year-old and her parents making an in-person visit to the specialist on Sept. 21, 2011.

"I was told the three words you never want to hear," Waters recalled, "You have cancer."

The following month a surgeon removed nodules from her throat. Radioactive iodine treatment followed along with more blood tests and medicines that Waters was told she would be on for the rest of her life.

Eleven years later, she remains cancer free.

After graduation, Waters moved onto Stetson University on a softball scholarship. She now ranks among Stetson's all-time statistical leaders in batting average: .317, slugging percentage: .513, on-base percentage: .412, home runs: 15, total bases: 220, walks: 67 and stolen bases: 49. Her 12 career triples ranks second all-time in school history.

During her junior year in DeLand, she completed a marketing internship with Wilson Athletics and thought she would wind up either in sports marketing or coaching.

Wasn't interested, Mom intervenes

However, as graduation approached, a recruiter for Amazon contacted her on LinkedIn and encouraged her to apply for an area manager position within the company.

"I wasn't interested in applying at all at first because I wanted to remain close to sports," Waters said.

"My mom suggested: 'Why don't you apply and see what happens? You can always turn it down if you get the position.'"

Waters passed the initial phone interview, missed practice for an in-person interview in Tampa, and got an offer to join the company upon graduation from Stetson.

"Their offer was very attractive," Waters recalled, "and it would look good on a resume."

One feature of Amazon's offer was particularly appealing: stock options in a company whose value had risen by 528% over the previous five years.

"I committed myself to two years minimum with Amazon," Waters said, "and if I didn't like it, then I could go back to school, or I could pivot and do something different. I did not think I would stay longer than two years."

She started off in a sort center on Jacksonville's westside.

"As an area manager, you were responsible for the associate experience," Waters said. "We were responsible for the associate culture and also for getting packages from point A to point B, ensuring that they were sorted and transported per quality standards within Amazon and got out the door by the time that they were scheduled to leave so that we could hit the customer promise the next day."

Waters managed back-half nights, meaning she worked Wednesday through Saturday, from 2 p.m. to 2 a.m. or 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.



Kelsey Waters in an Amazon.com sort center.

'Not for me'

Waters said that as time went on, she thought her career with the company would be limited to her initial two-year commitment.

"I just began to realize that operations and logistics was not something I wanted to have as a full-time career," she said. "I missed being able to be creative. I missed solving problems versus being strictly execution-to-numbers, developing the same type of plan day after day, every day."

However, in 2018, she heard about an opportunity that fit within her background and skillset.

The company was about to open a new sort center in Atlanta, similar to the one Waters worked in.

"Typically, whenever you open up a new warehouse, they'll have experienced leaders from other local warehouses come in and help just make sure the building gets up and running to a strong start," she said.

Since her own sort center was short-staffed, the operations manager had yet to find an area manager to travel to Atlanta. Waters volunteered to drive to North Georgia to train the new warehouse staff on her days off.

"So, I volunteered to go up there for a few weekends in 2018 and fell in love with the idea of training people and creating new plans," she said. "That's where I got my first interest in program management, which is where I'm now."

Coaching, problem-solving and game-planning

In Amazon's launch team, Waters found a job that featured coaching, problem-solving and game-planning, roles that fit her athletic background.

Over the following year, while continuing as an area manager in Jacksonville, Waters kept in touch with the Atlanta program management group, building relationships and seeking advice

on how to land a position within the unit.

When a slot opened in 2019, she applied and during the interview process, found herself across the table from the people she had been in contact with over the previous year.

"By putting myself out there and setting up these one-on-ones, I actually had a good shot at the job," she recalled. "At least two of the people I had had one-on-ones and phone calls with sent me the link to apply. They were like: 'Hey, it's open, apply.'"

The Amazon Transportation Services launch team is responsible for standing up new warehouses, from site development and construction to identifying leadership and hiring and training personnel.

The company has several types of warehouses: fulfillment centers in which workers pick products from shelves and pack them into boxes, sort centers where boxes destined for customers are sorted and shipped to other sort centers, post offices, or one of Amazon's delivery stations, and the last-mile delivery stations which dispatch the company's vans: the blue-gray Mercedes Sprinters you see in your neighborhood every day.

The company also has specialty warehouses that cater to specific types of inventories, like soft lines or fresh food, and depots that meet high-demand periods like pre-Christmas.

Negotiation skills

After COVID, Waters' job converted to 100% remote with 50% to 75% travel, visiting new sites.

Waters said she had to develop a virtual presence and sharpen her negotiation skills.

"Negotiation skills were a big learning curve because you would come in, and you'd have different departments trying to maintain their standard and were running into blockers because somebody else wasn't ready," she said. "So, you had to be that partner that would seek a resolution and come up with solutions that would be a win-

win for all of the different parties while still maintaining your project on track. It's like a game of chess, but you're dealing with real people in a real-life world."

Career killer

Waters said two projects accelerated her progress within the launch team.

The first was a new warehouse in Orlando designed to handle the pre-Christmas rush.

"I'm a month-and-a-half, two months into the role," she recalled, "and the boss called and said, 'I need you to build this entire new site type for Amazon, and it's launching in six weeks. Go.' And I said, okay, I have no idea how to do that."

The typical launch period for a new warehouse is six months. Waters' challenge was to get the new facility going in one-fourth of the time. She had no blueprint, no best practices, and no prior experience to draw upon.

"We essentially built an operational layout and worked to train operational leaders on something that didn't exist yet," she recalled, "I had to seek out people that were much smarter than me to understand: What's the target here? What's the goal? How do you envision reaching this goal?"

Her strategy was to get different perspectives on a particular problem, look for trends where those different perspectives aligned, and then craft a solution where the differing points of view coalesced.

How did it go?

"There were definitely some hiccups," she said.

If it failed, the project could have been a career killer. But Waters succeeded and, in the process, came in contact with senior managers.

'Wait, I went to school for that.'

Waters' second career accelerator came during a dinner meeting in Seattle with her boss's boss. The company calls these meetings skip levels: supervisors meeting with subordinates two levels below themselves.

During the meeting, the director of the launch team mentioned that he wanted the team to have more exposure with Amazon and that the team needed some type of marketing effort to raise the department's profile.

"And I said, 'Oh wait, I went to school for that.' So, I took it and ran with it and was able to create a series of newsletters and online news articles that were shared on the internal Amazon web page home screen," she said.

Helping athletes transition to the real world

Waters' latest promotion came last April, putting her in charge of launching sort centers in North America.

"It's been challenging," she said of the new job. "It's learning additional time management because now I'm managing time

and attention with eight different people and developing them. But I would say I've enjoyed the transition greatly."

"A typical day is never the same," she added. "It always changes, but it definitely consists of one-on-one professional development conversations with my team, and then we have our team calls throughout the week."

Waters said she keeps tabs on the projects her eight reports are working on and helps them overcome obstacles.

She calls her management style "push communication."

"I tell my people: 'Just let me know what's going on,'" she said. "'I don't want to have to chase you down or suck time out of your week for you to give me updates. Just go ahead and keep me in the loop at a high level and then go ahead and poke me specifically if you need help with a particular escalation.'"

Waters said she does not know how far her career at Amazon will take her, but she does have a passion for helping high school and college athletes transition into the real world.

"For me, athletics was my life, and I poured my heart and soul into it," she said. And that's what I did with work when I started. It served me well, but it also burned me out, and I got worn out very, very quickly because that's the only way I knew how to tackle something, with my heart and soul and everything that I had in me. So, it geared me up to be successful, but I had to learn how to balance regular life and work life."

She said investing her life into her church: The Church of the Eleven22 on Fleming Island and playing in a Starke slow-pitch softball league has helped her balance her time.

Keys to success

Looking back on her time at Amazon, Waters said relationships have been the primary reason for her success.

"Relationships for me have been very key," she said. "Seek out people who are smarter than you and who know the job better than you because they will be able to give you direction."

She added that sometimes those relationships can evolve into mentorships.

"Humility," she added. "Never think you're the smartest person in the room because there's always somebody to learn from."

Waters said that treating people with dignity and respect has been pivotal in her career.

"Treat them with love and compassion," she said. "That comes from my Christian background. The Bible says it's okay to be annoyed. So, I'm not saying you have to be the nicest person and never get annoyed or aggravated because it happens. But treat people with respect, be humble and understand that there's always going to be someone who exceeds at something better than you. Look at it as an opportunity to learn and grow yourself or to hear a cool story from someone who's got much more experience."

NOTICE OF ELECTION	AVISO DE ELECCION
2023 SUPER TUESDAY MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS City of Green Cove Springs City of Keystone Heights Town of Orange Park	ELECCIONES MUNICIPALES DEL SÚPER MARTES 2023 Ciudad de Green Cove Springs Ciudad de Keystone Heights Ciudad de Orange Park
Pursuant to Section 100.021 of the Florida Statutes, notice is hereby given that the 2023 Super Tuesday Municipal Elections will be held on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at each respective Municipality.	De conformidad con la Sección 100.021 de los Estatutos de Florida, se notifica que las Elecciones Municipales del Súper Martes 2023 se llevarán a cabo el martes 11 de abril de 2023, de 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m. en cada Municipio respectivo.
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In accordance with the Sunshine Law of Florida, this meeting is open to the public.	Nota: La Sección 286.0105, Estatutos de la 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.
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BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — Clay Electric members in District 1 will nominate candidates to replace deceased trustee Carl Hagglund during a Jan. 5 trustee meeting at First Baptist Church in Keystone Heights.

Hagglund died on Oct. 22 at the age of 82. District 1 encompasses portions of Clay and Putnam counties.

Members in three additional districts: 2, 4 and 6 are also meeting during the month to nominate candidates for the board of trustees.

Kelley Smith is the trustee for District 2. The meeting will be held Monday, Jan. 9 at the Sam

Hogg Pavilion, 160 S Electric Ave. in Palatka.

Carl Malphurs is the trustee for District 4. The meeting will be held Thursday, Jan. 12, at New Oak Grove Baptist Church, 18100 NW 262nd Ave. in Alachua.

Jimmy Wilson is the trustee for District 6. The meeting will be held Tuesday, Jan. 10, at the Middleburg Civic Center, 2102 Palmetto Street in Middleburg.

The co-op said in a news release that members who live in each district are invited to attend their district meeting.

"Your district is listed in the upper right-hand side of your electric bill statement," the utility said. "Registration for the

meetings will begin at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m."

Each year, trustee positions on the co-op's nine-member board of trustees are up for election. Members within the respective districts select one or two members as candidates for the board of trustees. All members vote for these candidates during the annual meeting election period, which runs from Jan. 17 through March 13.

Scholarships for high school seniors now available

Clay Electric will offer 28 \$2,000 college scholarships to

high school seniors this year.

The scholarship program is limited to any public, private or homeschooled high school senior whose home is served by Clay Electric and who will graduate at the end of the current school year.

Applications are available on Clay Electric's website, at each of the co-op's six district offices and at area high schools. Applications must be received by April 3.

The co-op said the primary considerations for awarding the scholarships are scholastic records, extracurricular activities, employment, community service, and recommendations.

Cloud of Robins highlights bird count

BY LAURA BERKELMAN
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MELROSE—The 33rd annual Christmas Bird Count of the Melrose Circle occurred on Dec. 15, as 61 participants fanned out across our assigned 15-mile diameter circle centered at the intersection of State Road 100 and County Road 219.

The area extends from Florahome to Earleton and Melrose Landing to Camp Blanding and the Mike Roess Gold Head Branch State Park.

Eighteen teams of volunteers in cars, on foot and in boats spent the day surveying the birds in as many portions of this big circle as we could cover.

Exciting finds this year included a virtual cloud of American Robins with an estimated flock size of 100,000 individuals, the rare Field Sparrow, and a very late-season Ruby-throated Hummingbird. Especially disappointing was the fact that no one spotted a Green Heron.

The final species count of 113 beat the average and tied for eighth place in the 33-year history of the local count but dropped from last year's historical high of 132 species.

However, thanks to those Robins, we set a record for the highest number of individual birds: While 122,718 individual birds were recorded by all teams, surpassing the previous count of 28,842 set in 2021, only 112,556 individuals will be reported.

Robins seemed to be everywhere! Every one of the 18 reporting teams spotted American Robins. In fact, they recorded 10,201 robins in addition to that giant cloud. And it's unusual for 100% of the teams to see any one species.

The next closest was 16 teams reporting Northern Cardinals. But since counts of large fast-moving groups are necessarily estimates and since some birds almost certainly cross from one territory to another, data reported to National Audubon

and Cornell University is rounded to the nearest level of magnitude. In other words, 110,201 American Robins are reported as 100,000. 3,016 Ring-billed Gulls are reported as 3,000, and so on.

Although we never know if a decline in the species count is due to an overall decline in species populations or just the conditions of a particular survey – the weather, the number and skill level of the participants – we do know that the rain reduced the effective hours of people in the field this year.

Santa Fe Audubon Society would like to thank the many private property owners who allow us to visit their properties to conduct this annual survey.

Christmas bird count by the numbers:

First-place year-species counted: 132 in 2021; individual birds counted: 112,556 in 2022; number of observers: 71 in 2021.

Second-place year-species



Melrose Circle Christmas Bird Count participants on an area lake. Photo: Mark Staples for Santa Fe Audubon.

counted: 126 in 2020; individual birds counted: 28,842 in 2020; number of observers: 64 in 2019 (tie).

Third-place year-species

counted: 123 in 2019; individual birds counted: 20,458 in 2021; number of observers: 64 in 2020.

2022 bird count: species

counted: 113 for 8th place; individual birds counted: 112,556 for first place; number of observers: 61 for 4th place.

Missions of the water management district explained

St. Johns district representative speaks in Keystone Heights

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—An intergovernmental coordinator for the St. Johns River Water Management District spoke to the Lake Region Prosperity Partners at Keystone Beach about his organization's missions.

Doug Conkey is a former Clay County commissioner, Clay Chamber president and Clay County YMCA of Florida's First Coast executive director.

The Massachusetts native and Naval Academy graduate spent 21 years in the Navy as an aviator.

Conkey has been with the water management district for over a year and serves as one of four of the organization's intergovernmental coordinators. He covers Baker, Bradford, Clay, Duval, Nassau and St. Johns Counties.

On Thursday, Dec. 22, Conkey gave the Lake Region Prosperity Partners, a council of the Clay County Chamber of Commerce, an overview of the district's missions and how it achieves its goals of preserving water quantity, maintaining water quality, flood control and natural resource preservation.

Creation and governance

Conkey said all five of the state's water management districts were created with the legislature's 1972 Florida Water Resources Act.

"The state realized: we better get our arms around this water situation, we're going to be running out of it pretty fast and aren't taking good care of it," he said.

Conkey added that the five districts center around Florida's five major water basins, with the St. Johns River and Suwannee River districts meeting in the Lake Region.

St. Johns covers the St. Johns River, which goes all the way down to the Indian River Lagoon," he said. "Over 12,000 square miles or, if you like big numbers, 7.8 million acres, all or parts of 18 counties including a



The St. Johns River Water Management District's Doug Conkey explains his organization's missions to the Lake Region Prosperity Partners at the Keystone Beach pavilion.

sliver of Bradford County right here by Keystone Heights."

Conkey briefed the group on St. Johns nine-member governing board led by Chair Rob Bradley and the district's staff, headed by Executive Director Mike Register.

Register, an engineer by profession, was appointed executive director in September 2021 but has been employed by the district for 30 years.

Water supply

Conkey explained that the district's activities revolve around its four core missions: preserving the water supply, maintaining water quality, flood control and natural resource conservation.

Preservation of the water supply is the goal most people associate with water management districts. The St. Johns district implements that goal through its North Florida Regional Water Supply Plan, regulating Upper Floridan Aquifer withdrawals through consumptive use permits and enforcing minimum flows and levels regulations.

Conkey said the water supply plan is now undergoing an update, and the district is seeking public comments for its draft report.

For Lake Region residents that may not appreciate the importance of the supply plan, the report held the key to replenishing Keystone Heights

area lakes.

When then-Senator Rob Bradley and then-district Executive Director Ann Shortelle were searching for a solution to decreasing water levels in Lakes Brooklyn and Geneva in 2016, the pair found the Black Creek Water Resource Development Project in Appendix J of the North Florida Regional Water Supply Plan.

The Black Creek project, now under construction, will bring up to 10 million gallons of water daily to the Lake Region through a system of pumps and a 17-mile pipeline.

As stated in the water supply plan, the project's primary goal is to recharge the Upper Floridan Aquifer through one of its two recharge areas: Keystone Heights. The other recharge area for the aquifer is near Valdosta, Georgia.

Water quality

Conkey said the second mission of the district is water quality, a goal highlighted during recent algae blooms in the Indian River Lagoon and in Doctors Lake between Fleming Island and Orange Park.

"Doctors Lake is a classic example because it's kind of sedentary," he said. "(The water) doesn't move much as opposed to the river. When the blooms get in there, it doesn't take long for those to turn deadly."

Conkey said the district's

water quality mission also played a role in the development of the Black Creek project. He pointed out that after federal regulators objected to transferring the tannin-stained water from the creek to the aqua pura in Lake Brooklyn and the aquifer, the district proposed a manmade wetland to filter the decomposing soil, leaves and tree bark from the water.

The wetland filter idea was based on a similar project near Doctors Lake that successfully removed phosphorus from surface water before it reached the lakeshore, lowering the risk of algae blooms in the inlet.

Flood control

Conkey said one of the district's lesser-known missions is flood control.

However, that objective came to the forefront after Hurricane Ian dumped around 20 inches

of rain in the Orlando area last September.

Conkey showed the group a slide of flood control structures on the Ocklawaha River.

However, the storm's impact centered to the east of those controls, in an area bordered by Lakes Jesup, Monroe and Harney in Seminole County.

Conkey also showed the group satellite imagery that revealed that the aftermath of the storm closely tracked the impact of a 100-year storm in the area.

He added that in response to the flooding brought on by Ian in the Orlando-Daytona area, the legislature ordered all water management districts to inventory critical wetlands and to earmark those lands for state acquisition.

Conkey described wetlands as non-structural flood control areas, Mother Nature's solution to excess rainfall.

He added that the lawmakers' directive to inventory and acquire wetlands is an admission of the value of the previously underappreciated swamps and bogs.

"They recognized that we can't stormwater-pond ourselves out of this," he said. "We can't build enough levees and dams. We've got to recognize that Mother Nature needs its natural defenses."

Natural resource preservation

Conkey said the district achieves its fourth mission: natural resource preservation through the acquisition and management of lands.

"We have almost 800,000 acres in the district alone that we either own outright or jointly with the North Florida Land Trust or other entities," he said.

Conkey added that the public has access to 98% of the district's

holdings.

"Trails, camping and boating," he said, "and there are some commercial activities, like harvesting alligator eggs."

He added that some of the district's lands are used for honeybee farming in Nassau County.

Another natural resource preservation activity the district oversees is mitigation bank management.

When developers impact a wetland, one option is to purchase credits from a mitigation bank to offset their wetlands impacts.

He added that one large mitigation bank close to the Lake Region is north of Camp Blanding, east of Highland.

"But because of our area's growth over the last three years, the mitigation banks are running a little dry on those credits, which are very expensive," he said.

Conkey said one important technique the district uses to manage its lands is controlled burns. He said the fires mitigate the growth of invasive species and lower the risk of wildfires.

"When I toured Black Creek three months ago, it was two months after a planned burn," he recalled, "and the flowers and the natural habitat were stunning. That's what we want."

Conkey explained that a lot of planning goes into the controlled burns.

"You just don't light a fire and let it go," he said. "It takes planning because there's neighborhood Y over here, neighborhood X over there. They've got to get the winds right because when (the residents) wake up and have ash coming over their homes, they want to know what's going on."

During his talk, Conkey also discussed the district's funding, budget and cost-share programs.

Education Foundation holding drawing for 2 vehicles and 1 vacation

The Bradford County Education Foundation is currently selling tickets to enter drawings for three prizes: a 2016 Dodge Charger, a 2006 Honda Rancher 350 4x2 and a four-day, three-night stay at a cabin in Ellijay, Georgia.

Tickets for the drawing for the Charger, which was donated by the Starke Police Department, are \$100. A total of 200 will be sold.

A total of 100 tickets, at a cost of \$50 each, will be sold to enter the drawings for the Rancher, which was donated by the Bradford County Sheriff's Office, and the Ellijay cabin (Blissful Bear). The cabin sleeps four.

Tickets can be purchased from any BCEF member. All profits go to help Bradford County public schools.

Plans are to hold the drawings

at next year's Northeast Florida Chamber of Commerce banquet, though they could be held sooner if the all the tickets are sold before then.

School board meets Monday

The Bradford County School Board will hold its monthly meeting 6 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 9. The meeting is open to the public and will take place in the boardroom at 501 W. Washington St. in Starke.

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Local government paydays about the same as in private sector

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Times Staff Writer

LAKE BUTLER — Have you ever wondered how much your elected officials and county employees make for the work they do? It's a matter of public record because all of these people work for the citizens of a state, county or city. All are paid from taxpayer funds and are, ultimately, responsible to those citizens. Let's take a look at just how much they make.

Elected officials, also known as constitutional officers, salaries are mandated by the state and are based on the population of the area they serve and the position they hold. Union County has a population of about 15,410, placing it in the lowest slot of the salary schedule, or Group 1. There is a base salary (the amount the individual earns when they are first elected) for each position and then the actual salary they earn in the present time. Increases from the base salary can come from annual raises, if approved for the position. Reported salaries include insurance (if provided), the governmental entities portion of their unemployment insurance,

employer FICA contribution and Florida Retirement contribution — which the base salary mandated by the state does not and these would be added as appropriate at the local level.

In Union County, the base and current salaries (2021-22 fiscal year) for the elected positions of Clerk of the Circuit Court/Comptroller, Property Appraiser, Supervisor of Elections and Tax Collector are all the same: \$21,250 base salary and \$106,004 current salary.

The position of County Sheriff pays \$423,350 base salary and \$115,914 current salary. County Commissioners make \$4,500 base salary and \$30,228 current.

The Superintendent of Schools position pays \$21,250 base salary and \$106,004 current salary. School Board Members have a \$5,000 base salary and a current salary of \$28,057.

Figures for elected officials are taken from tables posted online by the Office of Economic and Demographic Research.

Most Union County employees are paid hourly, but a few are salaried positions. The county is also going through the process of compressing

hourly rates and salaries in many departments, calculating the raise in salaries to comply with the mandatory Federal \$15 minimum wage taking effect in 2026. It is necessary to do that now to remain competitive in pay and retain employees as much of the private sector jobs have already implemented any necessary increases. Also, pay in certain departments that receive revenue from Medicare, such as EMS, have already received their raises, as required by law to have been raised to \$15 by Oct. 1, 2022.

The process of compression is a means to ensure that all employees are treated equitably. If the lowest paid worker will receive a \$2 per hour raise to meet the coming \$15 minimum then all the employees in that department will all receive the same percentage raise.

The county has only four salaried positions on its payroll, the rest are hourly. Salaried positions are: County Coordinator, Emergency Medical Services Director, Union Solid Waste Director and Transportation Trust Fund Director. Currently the County

Coordinator is paid a salary of \$3,349.99 bi-weekly, the EMS Director is paid \$2,773.08 bi-weekly, the Union Solid Waste Director is paid \$2,121.17 bi-weekly and the TTF Director is paid \$2,299.27.

The Human Resources position pays \$16.97 per hour, while the Assistant Superintendent of the Road Department position pays \$16.45 per hour.

Secretaries in various county offices make \$14.85-15.45 per hour, while a roll-off driver makes \$15.91 per hour and the animal control technician makes \$14.36 per hour.

In the Union County Road Department, Dump Truck/Equipment Operators Class 1 make \$14.00-14.85 per hour, Class 2 DT/Equipment Operators make \$15.45-15.91 per hour and Class 3 DT/Equipment Operators make \$16.48 per hour.

Inmate Supervisors make between \$12.00 – 13.39 per hour. While Collection Site Attendants make \$11.00-12.72 per hour.

The city of Lake Butler does not employ as many people as does the county and uses a step pay plan to give employee pay increases. Step 1 is the entry

level in the system and raises (step increases) in city positions are based on performance, productivity, annual evaluations, certifications held, training classes completed to raise their job skill level and years of service. These raises are 0.03% of current salary for moving up to levels 2-6 and 7% per level thereafter. The city is adjusting its pay rates upward and is currently paying a base/entry level pay amount of \$12 per hour but is already planning on making the mandated increase to \$15 in the future. Other than hourly employees, the city has four salaried positions as well.

Street and General Maintenance employees in steps 1-6 make \$27,040-31,347 per year. The Parks Supervisor makes \$33,541-38,883 per year. The Supervisor of Utility Maintenance is paid \$33,541-38,883, while the Deputy Public Works Director is paid \$41,605. The Public Works Director is paid \$51,608-59,482, while the Public Works Director is paid \$51,608-59,828.

A Utilities Operator makes between \$33,541-38,883, while the Utilities Supervisor makes

\$41,605-48,232. The Deputy Public Works Director of Utilities is paid \$51,608-59,828.

Salaried employees include the Accounts Receivable Clerk (\$33,541-38,883), the Deputy City Clerk (\$41,605-48,232), the Deputy City Manager/Finance Officer (\$68,890-79,862) and the City Manager (\$85,509-99,128).

In addition, a city worker who works mosquito control after hours makes an additional \$25 per hour, while working animal control adds an additional \$3,651.82 per year to their earnings.

While some of these rates seem high for a small county such as Union it must be remembered that it is not only necessary for the county or city to fill the positions with quality applicants it is also imperative to keep those employees on staff rather than letting them get experience in their area and then move on to a higher paying position after a time. With this in mind those making the budgets must make sure that the pay for each position reflects a competitive rate with other area employers.

Residential growth in Union but no commercial

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Times Staff Writer

Mobile homes once again topped new single family home construction in Union County. This makes the sixth year of this trend.

A total of 32 mobile homes were permitted in the county in 2022, down 5 from the previous year. Of these 12 being either double or triple wide homes.

New construction single family home construction was up from the previous year — 27 in 2022, up from 24 in 2021.

In 2020 the taxable value of all property in Union County (including new construction) was \$262,261,099, resulting in \$49,387,692 ad valorem tax income for the county. In 2021 the total increased to \$293,720,858. From 2020 to 2021 ad valorem tax rolls showed an increase of \$31,459,849.

For 2022 the property value assessed for taxes increased to \$312,328,669, an increase of \$18,607,811 in the taxable value of all of the properties in the county. This increase in the tax rolls has brought about an increase in the total of the ad valorem taxes charged property owners for the 2022 tax year to \$51,218,152.

Commercial construction has lagged in the county, with no new construction in 2022, but efforts are being made by both the county and the city of Lake Butler to remedy this situation through work towards economic development.

Union County by the numbers

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Times Staff Writer

(Editor's note: Figures used in this document include the 2020 U.S. Census, the 2020 State of Our Union Popular Annual Financial Report, the 2020 Florida Vital Statistics Annual Report and the Florida Correctional Populations according to the 2020 U.S. Census — with Union County figures listed as being from 2012.)

Union County is a unique place in many ways and has an identity all its own. It was founded on May 20, 1921, when it was separated from New River County (which was made up of what is now Bradford and Union counties). Since that time Union County has grown in population but has largely followed a more agricultural path than has Bradford.

Union is the smallest county in the state of Florida in terms of land area (physical size) at 243.56 sq. miles, and fourth smallest in population (64th out of 67 counties, if the inmate population is excluded). If the inmate population is added into the total, as it is in many cases, the total population of the county is 59th in the state. The most recent figures available are a total population of 15,410 (16,147 according to the 2020 census), with 4,972 being inmates. In other words, about two thirds of the population lives in the county on a voluntary basis, while about a third have no choice in the matter. Very often, the total population is what is considered in governmental paperwork, like appropriations, grants and other

funding sources, and this can be both a good and bad thing, but most often advantageous.

Union County is known for having an excellent school system, ranking higher than many of the larger, more prosperous counties in the state. There are about 2,300 students enrolled in Union County schools. For the population overall, 10.5% have earned college degrees (bachelor's degree or higher). 46% of every dollar in county property taxes go to the school district to pay the local portion of school funding. The remainder of school funding comes from state and Federal sources.

Economically, Union is behind most of the other counties in the state and is, in fact, considered to be an economically disadvantaged county when funding and grants are considered. The per capita income in the county is \$22,188, with a median household income of \$55,139. The employment rate in the county is 30.6%, with the unemployment rate being about 6.7%, but it should be remembered that these numbers include only those persons within employment range, based mostly on age.

There are about 126 employers in the county, the five largest being (in order) the Department of Corrections (all institutions) with 1,422 employees (36.5% of total employment), Centurion (RMC and UCI) with 416 employees, the Union County School Board with 347 employees, Pritchett Trucking with 310 employees and West Frasier with 140 employees. When PRIDE is figured into the

corrections employment total (with DOC and Centurion), work in corrections totals 1,890 jobs, accounting for 47.92% of the county's workforce, which is estimated to be 3,944. There are a total of seven correctional institutions in Union County, making it second in the state in both number of prisons and jails per square mile and per capita.

Agriculture is the second largest source of employment in the county. There are about 308 farms, averaging 175 acres each. The breakdown is about 50% used for pasture and rangeland, 28% to wood and timber and 20% to crop production. Of the total acreage of the county, 87% (of the total 159,218 acres in the county) qualify for an agricultural tax exemption. According to figures published by the University of Florida, agriculture in all its forms accounts for 1,149 jobs in the county.

Between corrections and agriculture, these sources provide about 75% of all employment in the county. The remainder of the jobs filled by Union County workers are either local (small business, healthcare, food service, etc.) or out of town in other counties.

Despite the fact that corrections and agriculture employ the majority of the county's workforce, these two enterprises have a marked negative effect on the county's tax base. Correctional institutions are owned by the state and pay no ad valorem taxes. Lands used for agricultural purposes receive tax exemptions which reduce or eliminate the taxes paid for these properties. Because of this,

Union County has less land to tax than any other county to start with and this is greatly reduced by the above mentioned factors.

There are 4,713 housing units in Union County, with 4,008 total households, about 70% of which are owner occupied. The median gross rent is \$671. The median value of owned housing is \$112,600. Homes owned, with monthly mortgage payments, cost the owner about \$1,080 per month. Homes without a mortgage cost the owner about \$277 per month. According to the 2020 Census, 20.7% of individuals in the county live below the poverty level, as do 9.4% of the families. There is some growth in housing in the county, with about 50 new construction permits issued each year.

The median age in Union County is 39 years, with almost 15% of the population being age 65 or over (including about 6% over age 74). In addition, about 10% of county residents under age 65 are disabled. These are residents who are largely dependent on a fixed income for living expenses, many with higher than average health care costs. In addition, about 10% of persons under age 65 have no health insurance. The life expectancy in the county is listed by the Florida Department of Health as 78.4 years in 2020, down from a high of 80.1 years the previous year, quite possibly as a result of the COVID pandemic.

FPL contributes to O.J. Phillips park

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Times Staff Writer

LAKE BUTLER — Union County commissioners got a pleasant surprise at their most recent meeting when a representative from Florida Power and Light attended the meeting to deliver a check to help with the enhancements being done at the O.J. Phillips Recreation Complex.

Prior to the pandemic, the county had been awarded a Florida Recreation Development and Assistance Program grant to install additional fencing and lights at the facility, but in the current economy the funds requested for the materials needed to do the job had increased in price substantially. This left the county with a \$165,000 grant that would not be sufficient to complete the project as planned.

Commissioners confirmed that American Rescue American Rescue Plan Act funds could be used for this, but had not moved forward with the expenditure, instead asking County Coordinator Jimmy Williams to explore options in bringing the project to completion without additional spending.

The county had recently signed a franchise agreement

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New housing permits up significantly

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

(Note: A truncated version of this story appeared last week. The full story is printed below. We apologize for the error.)

Permits for new single-family houses in Bradford County jumped 69% in 2022, according to the Building and Zoning Office.

After slight drop to 59 last year, the number of permits pulled for new houses through Dec. 21 was up to 100, including four that were pulled inside the city limits of Starke.

Many of the others — 31 permits — were for new homes in the 32091 zip code outside of the city limits. The Keystone Heights and Melrose areas within Bradford County claimed the highest number of new housing permits — 38.

More than a dozen projects exceeded \$300,000 with the most expensive being a \$600,000 near Sampson and Crosby lakes.

In addition, 79 mobile homes were installed or replaced, just shy of the 81 mobile homes last year.

Residential accommodations expanded otherwise with the opening of Arborside Preserve. The 120-unit apartment complex was permitted last year, opening the first of its two phases in the spring, while phase two was completed later.

The Keystone Heights RV Resort continues to expand. The permit for a new bathhouse counts as one of the four new commercial construction permits pulled in 2022. The venue Belle Oaks Barn in Brooker pulled a permit for a chapel. A new ministorage facility off of Southeast Ninth Avenue in the Keystone Heights area was permitted an office and restroom facility.

The fourth and highest profile new commercial project for 2022 was MainStreet Family Care. The urgent and primary care center across from Walmart pulled its permit in May and opened its doors in November.

Just up the highway, the Holiday Inn Express, which began construction last year, remains a work in progress, although Aleshia Wilsey in the building office said the hotel is close to opening. A certificate of occupancy has not been issued yet.

While new commercial construction was limited, some expensive remodels took place, including Walmart. According to city records, the exterior and interior remodel was estimated at \$2.37 million.



Arborside Preserve offered new apartment living with 120 units.



Harbor Freight has already interviewed candidates for jobs.



Aldi provided a new grocery shopping experience after remodeling its Deerfoot location.

Aldi, which opened next to Tractor Supply in the Deerfoot Shopping Center, spent \$1.9 million to open its Starke location this year. Pizza Hut also moved into the shopping center, closing its sit-down location next to the courthouse, and spending \$300,000 on the remodel of its new location.

Now Harbor Freight is working on opening its Starke location in the Bradford Square Shopping Center, with the remodel estimated at \$250,000. Five Below is said to be joining them in the shopping center.

“We’ve started seeing an upswing in redevelopment of some of our larger vacant properties in 2022, and if the local real estate market continues to hold steady, I think you’re going to see that trend continue and potentially increase next year,” said Brandon Ludwig, Starke’s director of community services.

Also next year, Bradford’s first new school in 30 years will be ready by summertime, and 2023 will see the railroad wrap-up construction project wrap up.

her the RJE gymnasium should be torn down.

Thompson vocally supported the award of ARPA funds for the RJE project last year. He later explained that he visited the gym with a contractor after that vote and was surprised by the gym’s damage, including the east and south walls.

Stressing didn’t deny the condition of the building, but he said the steel-frame building has good bones and could be restored, albeit for more money than originally thought. However, to tear it down and rebuild would cost \$5 million or more, he said — money the Concerned Citizens would likely ever receive.

Stressing is giving of his time to the project because of the gym’s history of serving Bradford County and its potential once fully restored, he said.

“You have a very unique building here, not only from the historical standpoint, but you’ve got a building that is the hub of the community and has that

sense of neighborhood,” he said.

He will serve as project manager and told the board there will likely be no more than two draws for the project: the first for the materials being sourced and the second at the successful completion of the roofing project, which will also fully seal the building envelope and provide some handicapped restroom access. The county will remain custodian of the funds.

That scenario went over better than turning over the funds to the Concerned Citizens, the legality of which was questioned, but which was only proposed when reluctance was expressed to the amount of work the project could create for county staff. Federally funded projects are audited and records must be meticulous.

McMillian countered, wanting to know who was overseeing the expenditure of the remaining \$5 million in ARPA funding.

Stressing did say the commission was doing its job and asking the right questions about expenditures involving

amount of \$8,125 was presented to commissioners by Saviak at the board’s November meeting.

FPL routinely practices such community philanthropy in supporting its communities in the areas of youths sports and wellness initiatives.

“In this situation the project for which the money will be used is well aligned with our community outreach,” Saviak said.

Saviak went on to say that FPL want to make a difference in the communities they serve and is a strong supporter of

expanding and enhancing existing facilities. She said the company also supported the Union County School District through providing an energy curriculum and by sponsoring a robotics competition.

“We try to help when it will make a difference and help youth,” Saviak said. “In Union County we see youth leagues that get strong parental and community support and this is one of the criteria we use to pick who we help through community investment and impact.”

Crime

Recent arrests in Bradford, Union and Clay

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

Bradford

Da’Qoun O’Brian Blackshear, 24, of Melrose was arrested on Dec. 29 for out-of-county warrants.

Nancy Elizabeth Brewer, 43, of Starke was arrested on Dec. 30 for battery.

Shadera Kylene Coleman, 25, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on Dec. 25 for criminal mischief with property damage.

Garrett Vincent Culverson, 34, of Starke was arrested on Dec. 30 for larceny, dealing in stolen property and possession of drug equipment.

Lundy Neus Edwards, 27, of Jacksonville was arrested on Dec. 29 for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Brandon Austin Elam-Gamble, 25, of Palatka was arrested by Bradford deputies on Dec. 28 for a probation violation.

Robert Francis Fernekes, 57, of Jacksonville was arrested on Dec. 28 for failure to appear.

Dejor Jaerail Hill, 32, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on Dec. 28 for criminal mischief with property damage, battery, burglary and aggravated battery.

Gerald Hugh Howard, 49, of Macclenny was arrested on Dec.

29 for an out-of-county warrant. Ashley Danielle Lee, 35, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on Dec. 25 for trespassing.

Mercedes, Leane Manning, 28, of Jacksonville was arrested by Bradford deputies on Dec. 28 for a probation violation.

Ja’Quez Deshondre Mosley, 22, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on Dec. 25 for hit and run and criminal mischief with property damage.

Michelle Lee Nelson, 46, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on Dec. 24 for DUI.

Brooke Sabrina Rayfield, 21 was arrested by Bradford deputies on Dec. 27 for DUI and possession of drugs.

Jessica Leeann Gibbs Roberson, 35, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on Dec. 24 for larceny.

Luis Enrique Santos, 28, of Charlotte, North Carolina was arrested on Dec. 30 for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Tamara Nicole Sprinkle, 38, of Starke was arrested on Dec. 28 for a probation violation, possession of drugs and possession of drug equipment.

Jessica Ann Widner, 32, of Starke was arrested by Starke police on Dec. 30 for possession of drugs.

Dustin Taylor Wise, 28, of Lawtey was arrested by Starke police on Dec. 28 for an out-of-county warrant, possession of drugs, possession of drug equipment and resisting an officer.

Union

None reported

Clay

Nathan Allan Bevan, 36, of Keystone Heights was arrested

by Clay deputies on Dec. 24 for driving with a suspended or revoked license-habitual offender.

Kenneth Paul Blair, 78, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on Dec. 25 for a probation violation.

Charles Wade Holland, 35, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on Dec. 30 for grand theft auto.

Michael Vernon Moreland, 21, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on Dec. 27 for leaving the scene of a crash involving property damage.

FHP searching for hit-and-run suspect

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — The Florida Highway Patrol said two pedestrians were injured when a vehicle hit the pair near First Baptist Church and fled the scene.

Troopers said in a news release that a 19-year-old Jacksonville man and a 17-year-old Keystone Heights girl were walking along Walker Avenue (State Road 100) near Myrtle Street when the collision occurred.

“An unknown vehicle traveling westbound collided with both pedestrians and left the scene, the state agency said. “Evidence on scene indicated the unknown vehicle could be a 2016 - 2018 White Chevy Silverado. The vehicle will have damage on the passenger side near the headlight assembly.”

FHP said the male pedestrian suffered critical injuries and the female escaped with minor injuries in the 5 a.m., Monday, Jan. 2 crash.

Anyone with information about the crash or on the suspect vehicle may contact the Florida Highway Patrol by dialing *FHP on a mobile device.

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Clerk

Like most other constitutional officers, the clerk of courts earns \$118,412. His chief deputy clerk and finance director each earn \$83,761. The court security coordinator earns \$53,893, the finance and accounts payable clerk earns \$54,329, the finance clerk earns \$49,920, and the criminal deputy and accounts payable clerks earn \$45,760.

this much money. Commissioner Chris Dougherty thanked them both for providing answers he said the commission had been lacking until that day.

McMillian said Concerned Citizens has done its due diligence all along in seeking funds to preserve this landmark — a landmark that is not just for one community, but for all of Bradford County, black and white. She said they weren’t seeking a handout and had never asked the county to do everything for them. They, as members of the same community, are only asking for help shouldering the burden.

The recording clerk earns \$41,600, the child support clerk earns \$36,920, and there is a floating clerk who earns \$35,360. Six deputy clerks earn between \$37,440 and \$54,038. There is criminal court clerk at \$33,280.

Property appraiser

Under the property appraiser at the previously listed salary, there is the assistant property appraiser, who earns \$76,112. There are also six deputy appraisers who earn between \$31,877 and \$42,199.

Tax collector

The tax collector’s salary having already been listed, next up would be the administrative assistant making \$65,324 and branch director making \$52,965. The remaining positions are clerk positions. Two are responsible for both taxes and licensing, and they earn \$39,572 and \$40,000. The remaining seven are licensing clerks classified as either Level I or II. Their pay ranges from \$31,200 to \$35,880.

representation, and she asked for the public’s understanding. She also declared the matter decided.

“This is done,” she said. “Every question we have been asked has been answered today. Whose fault was it that we didn’t ask the right questions on the day we approved this? Ours. You’ve educated us very well, Mrs. McMillian. You have taken the steps that you needed to take, and now it’s time for us to take the steps that we need to.”

The motion to approve the \$500,000 once again was made by Commissioner Carolyn Spooner, with a second from Thompson. The vote was 5-0.

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including who would be the custodian of funds. To their great dismay, they were informed the funding could be in jeopardy.

There was no communication with Concerned Citizens about any change until they sought out that information. Had they not done so, their attorney, Temika Hampton, pointed out that they wouldn’t have known further discussion of the ARPA funding had been scheduled for the commission’s Jan. 3 meeting. She questioned the board about why the goal post for this project keeps moving.

McMillian criticized the lack of communication and inaction. For the contractor’s information to sit on someone’s desk for 19 days was unacceptable, she said. She also revealed how disturbed she was when she called her representative, Commissioner Kenny Thompson, and he told

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with FPL and was therefore on the list of governmental entities with which FPL kept a dialog.

“We have ongoing conversations with community leaders about community needs quite often,” said FPL External Affairs for North Florida Carol Saviak. “This need was brought to our attention through discussions with county officials.”

The check from FPL, in the



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Obituaries

William Blackwelder

William "W.O." Blackwelder, 89, of Middleburg died at his home Friday, Dec. 30, 2022. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Christine (Taylor) Blackwelder; his second wife, Joenell (Wilkinson) Blackwelder; and a brother, Samuel Blackwelder.

Survivors are his sister, Cybil Gene Douglas of Worthington Springs; stepson, William Daniel (Joanne) Thompson of Deltona, and numerous extended family members.

Visitation will be at Oak Grove Baptist Church, Saturday, Jan. 7, beginning at 12 p.m. Funeral services will follow at 1 p.m. with Pastor Harry Conaway and Pastor Kermit Mathews officiating. Interment will follow at Oak Grove Cemetery.

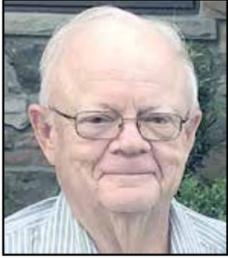
Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 620 E. Nona St., Starke, 32091. 904-964-6200. www.jonesgallagherfh.com.

Amos Beutke

Amos Anderson Beutke passed away at his Alachua home on Saturday, Dec. 31, 2022, from pancreatic cancer. Born at his family's farmhouse in 1939 to Fred and Theresa Beutke, Amos was a lifelong resident of Alachua. He was part of Santa Fe High School's first graduating class in 1957, where he was an active FFA member and earned the American Farmer Degree. He worked at the U.F. Dairy until he was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1962 during the Vietnam War. He served two years on active duty in Stuttgart, Germany and was in the Army Reserve for four years. He started as a lineman for the Southern Bell Telephone Company in 1964 and worked for the company, which later became BellSouth, for 38 years until his retirement as an assistant manager in 2002. He was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Alachua. Known for his sense of humor and the ability to strike up a conversation with anyone he met, he enjoyed farming, woodworking, and restoring historic tractors. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather. He was preceded in death by his wife of 52 years, Sharon; and a sister, Vada Horner.

He is survived by his daughter Allyson (David) DeVito of Lexington, Kentucky; son, Jason (Kristen) of Brooker; grandchildren, Judson, Adley, Haddon, and Makayla Beutke; sister, Naomi Lundy of Eustis; and two nephews and their families.

The family will receive friends on Friday, Jan. 6, from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. at Williams-Thomas Westarea, 823 NW 143rd St. A graveside service will be held on Saturday, Jan. 7, at 10:30 a.m. at Newnansville Cemetery with Pastor Fred Lundy officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Santa Fe FFA Alumni, 16213 NW US 441, Alachua, 32615. Please visit his memorial page at www.williamsthomasonline.com. For further information contact, Williams-Thomas, Westarea, 352-376-7556. PAID OBITUARY



Chantel Castro

Chantel Leann Castro, 20, of Keystone Heights passed away Friday, Dec. 23, 2022, near Keystone Heights due to injuries sustained in an automobile accident. She was born in West Palm Beach and had been a resident of Keystone Heights for the past 17 years. She had attended the Keystone Heights Junior/Senior High School, where she enjoyed playing volleyball. She later graduated as a home-schooled student. She had attended the First Baptist Church of Keystone Heights. She enjoyed her dance classes and recitals with the Star Quality Dance and Cheer Center in Keystone Heights. She was bubbly, full of life, and a free-spirited, young lady. She had an infectious smile and laugh that will never be forgotten.

Surviving are her parents, Bambi and Carlito Hernandez of Keystone Heights; her maternal grandmother, Cindy Crawford of Keystone Heights; her maternal grandparents, Roland and Diana Crawford of Loxahatchee; her great-grandmother, Jackie King of Keystone Heights; two brothers, Rashaun Hernandez and Caydon Hernandez, both of Keystone Heights; and a sister, Carlina Hernandez of Keystone Heights.

Her Celebration of Life was held Saturday, Dec. 31, at Masters Funeral Home in Palatka. Burial followed at the Etoniah Cemetery in Bardin. Friends may sign the online register at www.themastersfuneralhomes.com.

Masters Funeral Home of Palatka was in charge of arrangements.

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Wesley Civils

Wesley Allen Civils, 88, of Raiford, passed away on Monday, Dec. 26, 2022, at Catie's Hospice House, Ocala, after an extended illness. He was born on July 25, 1934, in Dover, North Carolina to Lonnie and Minnie Civils. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Raiford and a veteran of the United States Army. He was a master electrician and worked in construction most of his life. He was also an avid hunter and liked to fish. He was a loving grandfather and great-grandfather to all. He was preceded in death by his parents; and his wife, Deloris Conner Civils.

Survivors include his sons, Wesley (Donna) Davis and Leslie Davis, both of North Carolina; daughter, Margaret Davis of North Carolina; stepdaughter, Hilda (J. R.) McLeod of Raiford; a sibling, Faye Jones of North Carolina; one grandson, Eric David of North Carolina; eight stepgrandchildren, 12 stepgreat-grandchildren; and three stepgreat-great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at First Baptist Church, Raiford, on Thursday, Dec. 29, with Rev. Tommy Smith officiating. Interment followed at Conner Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of Ocala.

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Randal Chitty

Randal (Randy) F. Chitty, 65, of Winter Park, passed away very peacefully, on Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2022, surrounded by his loving family. He was born on March 22, 1957, in Starke. He graduated from Bradford High School with honors in 1975 and graduated from the University of South Florida with a degree in business administration and finance. He met the love of his life, Candi, in 1984, and they were married in 1986. He began his career working for RCA in Jacksonville, and then moved into the energy business as East Coast Sales and Marketing Director for Heritage Propane. He and Candi founded two successful companies. In 2001, they founded their Quality First Healthcare Consulting, Inc., and in 2008 they started their second companion company, Quality First Management Solutions, Inc. He was one of those people who was easy to like, easy to talk to, and an encourager, a servant of Jesus Christ, with no pretense and just an authentic person. He was generous, fun loving, and kind. Both he and his wife had a zest for life, loved adventure, and traveled to exotic places and islands. In their younger married life they toured the United States and parts of Europe on their Harley motorcycles. They also enjoyed participating in the Foreign Student Exchange Program. During different years, they hosted students who were from Germany, France, and Austria, who lived with them and attended high school for a year. He loved spending time with his extended family and friends. He lived and experienced life to the fullest and got the most out of each day. His friends and family often spoke of him as a fantastic guy and, certainly, one of a kind. He requested that a funeral not be held, but instead, that a "Celebration" of his life, and his future Heavenly life, be held for his family and friends. He requested that flowers be omitted, but those wishing to would consider making a donation to a Christian ministry that was close to his heart that he supported. In 2003, he had the opportunity to travel to Russia with his pastor of the Switzerland Community Church, to teach Christian principals in business. It was one of his most memorable Christian outreach missions. It is the Slough Ministries International (SMI), 341 West Adelaide Drive, St. Johns, 32259. Donations can be made in his honor. Another ministry that he and Candi favored and supported was Gina's Blessings, a ministry of Bill & Tina McRae, 6079 Kingsley Lake Drive, Starke 32091. This ministry was started in honor of Tina's twin sister, Gina, who died of metastatic colon cancer, which was the same disease that took Randy's life. He was preceded in death by his father, Randal F. Chitty.

He is survived by his wife, Candi J. Chitty; his mother, Joan Chitty Rogers; daughter, Erin E. (Juan) Varela; grandchildren, J. C. Varela, Sofia Varela and Gabrielle Varela; sisters, Karen (John) Woody and Sandra Anderson; four nieces; one nephew; and six great-nieces and nephews.

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Patrick Crews

Patrick G. Crews, 61, passed away at his home on Saturday, Dec. 31, 2022. Born Jan. 29, 1961, to John F. and Georgette D. Crews, he was a lifelong resident of Lake Butler. He has been a dedicated employee of West Fraser (formerly Gilman's) Timber Company for almost 40 years. He married his middle school sweetheart, Danita Gibbs, in 1979, and they have had a fulfilling 43 years together. He and Danita enjoyed traveling all over the country, camping, and going on cruises. He also enjoyed fishing, watching Gator football, and firing up the grill. He loved a project and was a handy man around the house. His favorite task was being "Pop-Pop" to his grandchildren. It was unusual for him to miss any game or event that they were participating in. He had a big heart and the love he had for his family and friends will be deeply missed. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Georgette Crews; and his brothers, John Allen Crews and Eric Deligne Crews.

He is survived by his loving wife, Danita Crews; his children, Anna-Marie Carra (Keith) Kirby, Amanda Rae Crews, and Austin Taylor Crews all of Lake Butler; his grandchildren, Raegyn Kirby, Morgyn Kirby, Daelan Courson, Keigyn Lei Kirby, Kynleigh Hurst, and Kannon Hurst; his sister, Linda (Frank) Taylor of Macclenny; sister-in-law, Phyllis Crews-Hall of Lake City; and a host of extended family and friends.

A service to honor him will be held at First Christian Church, Lake Butler on Friday, Jan. 6, at 11 a.m. The family will receive friends for a visitation from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 5, at Archer-Milton Funeral Home. He will be laid to rest immediately following the funeral at Crews Cemetery.

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Eric Davis

Eric DeWayne Davis, 45, of Starke passed away Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2022, at North Florida Regional Medical Center in Gainesville. He was born Jan. 13, 1977, in Jacksonville. He was the owner and operator of Davis Tile and was an expert tile setter. He attended Calvary Baptist Church and was an avid hunter and fisherman. He also enjoyed traveling and, especially, taking cruises. He was preceded in death by his parents Ansel E. and Theda (Moseley) Davis Sr.; a brother, Ansel "Buddy" Davis Jr.; and Theresa Harris (his birth mom).

Survivors are his wife, Jennifer (Swanson) Davis of Starke; children, Jacob Davis, Kaleb Davis, Josh Davis, all of Starke, DeAnna Davis of Orange Park, and Jonathan Davis, also of Starke. Also left behind are his siblings, Mike (Susan) Davis of North Carolina, Jeff (Lisa) Davis of South Carolina, Michael (Virginia) Harris and Debbie (Fred) Wetzal, both of Clay Hill and Ashley (Todd) Icard, of Keystone Heights; his father-in-law, Bobby Swanson of Starke; a sister-in-law, Susan Davis of Clay Hill; stepdad, Mike Harris of Maxville; and his beloved dog, "Gator."

Memorial Services were held on Saturday, Dec. 31, at Dewitt C. Jones Chapel with Pastor DeWayne Jowers officiating.

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Harry Hopkins Jr.

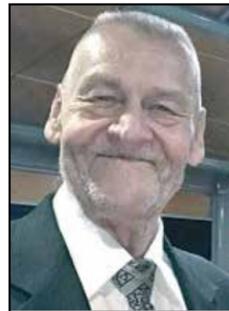
Harry "Big Hank" Hopkins Jr., 71, of Keystone Heights passed away Monday, Dec. 26, 2022, at St. Vincent's Medical Center in Middleburg following a brief illness. He was born Feb. 23, 1951, in Albany, New York to the late Harry and Isabelle "Bonnie" (Bosworth) Hopkins Sr. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War and was retired as a New York State Corrections Peace Officer. He was not only an avid Harley motorcycle rider for his entire life, but he was also known for his many talents including mechanical, construction, and home repairs, including building his own home. He shared his talents with all of his family and friends. His additional hobbies included traveling, coin collecting, "fishing," hunting, card playing, football, and playing pool. He was very patriotic and loyal and had great respect for the United States of America, but most of all, he loved being with and sharing time with his family and friends.

His survivors are his wife of 55 years, Jeanie (Havnen) Hopkins of Keystone Heights; their children, Harry Hopkins III, of Atlanta, Georgia, and Erica Bassett of Keystone Heights; along with siblings, Cynthia (Joseph) Riener, Robert (Mary) Hopkins, Guy (Dawn) Changa, Michael (Teresa) Changa; and his spouse's family. He was also lovingly called "Papa" by four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A local church service will be held at Faith Presbyterian Church in Melrose on Saturday, Jan. 7, and then a Celebration of Life will be in New York on Saturday, Jan. 28.

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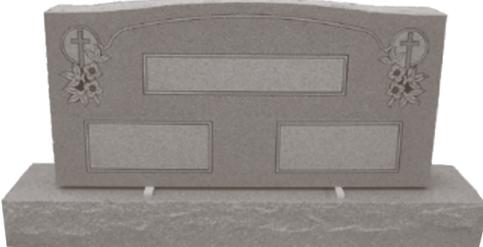
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Obituaries

Frederick Killin

Frederick Allen Killin, 76, of Keystone Heights died in Georgia on Saturday, Dec. 31, 2022. He was born Nov. 21, 1946, in Battle Creek, Michigan to the late Ernest A. Killin and Rose (Wingate) Booth. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his stepfather, Nelson I. Booth. He is survived by his sister, Jackie (Samuel) Robinson of Jacksonville; nieces, Jennifer Young and Rene' Brigman; and one nephew, Jay Blake Jr. Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, January 5. Interment will be at the Keystone Heights Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 620 E. Nona St., Starke, 32091. 904-964-6200. www.jonesgallagherfh.com.

Betty Millican

Betty Millican, 92, of Keystone Heights passed away at her home Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2022, following an extended illness. She was born Sept. 11, 1930, in Putnam County to Dolphus and Gladys (Young) Turner. In 1949 she married the love of her life, Tommy Millican, and they began building their lives in the Keystone Heights community. For 73 years, theirs was a love story filled with devotion to each other, their family and community. She was a loving mother to her daughter, Vanessa, and son, Ross. She was actively involved in their lives and was their most loyal cheerleader. She adored her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, treasuring the memories made with each of them. She deeply valued the relationship with her siblings and found great joy in spending time with them. She was a faithful and active member of the First Baptist Church for 70 years, serving in various ministries. For all those who knew her, she was a friendly, graceful and generous lady with a quick wit and a clever sense of humor. She had the gift of making everyone feel special. In addition to her parents; she was preceded in death by her brother, William Turner; and sisters, Carolyn Hunt, Doris Taylor, and Dorothy Hennies.



She is survived by her loving and devoted husband, Tommy Millican; and their two children, Vanessa (Ernie) Triest of Theresa and Ross (Patti) Millican of Fleming Island; grandchildren, Amy Triest Davis, Thomas Ross (Courtney) Millican, Emma Elizabeth (Ty) Corfield, and Audrey Raye Millican; and great-grandchildren, Jenna Louise Moss and Eleanor Mae Millican; siblings, Junior Turner, Hilda Kersey, Charlotte Hersey, Barbara Shaw, Lana Dowdy; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Jan. 3, at First Baptist Church with Pastor Jim Prose officiating. Interment followed at Keystone Heights Cemetery.

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

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Mary Williams

Mary Virginia Williams, 84, of Worthington Springs, passed away on Saturday, Dec. 31, 2022. She was born May 21, 1938, in Lake Butler to Angus S. and Sarah Virginia Bielling of Lake Butler. She graduated in 1956 as Valedictorian from Union County High School and attended Stetson University in Deland. She grew up on the family dairy farm in Union County. She married the love of her life, Walter Franklin Williams, of Worthington Springs on Sept. 8, 1957. She and Walter lived, farmed, and raised their four sons in Worthington Springs. They opened Williams Town and Country, a full-service gas station, in 1971, and Williams L.P. Gas in 1983, where she continued to work until she went to be with her Lord. She was a lifetime member of Sardis Baptist Church. She was a woman of faith, who had a gentle and quiet spirit. She loved her family and always had a smile on her face. She was preceded in death by her parents, Angus and Virginia Bielling; her husband, Walter; and two sons, Jeffrey and Leslie.



She is survived by sons, Doyle (Melissa) Williams of Lake Butler and Karl (Pam) Williams of Worthington Springs; nine grandchildren, Christine (Elizabeth) Everson, Eric (Marla) Williams, Meagan Collins, Katie (Austin) Thomas, Allen (Laurie) Williams, Nicholas (Megan) McSweeney, Kyle (Emma) Collins, Jordan (Grace) Williams and Brooklyn Williams; and 16 great-grandchildren.

A service was held on Wednesday, Jan. 4, at Sardis Baptist Church. She was laid to rest at Elzey Chapel Cemetery immediately following the funeral service.

Arrangements were under the care and direction of Archer-Milton Funeral Home, Lake Butler. 386-496-2008 www.archerfuneralhome.com

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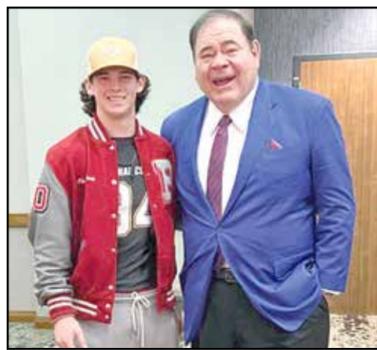
Lucy Wright

Lucy L. Wright, 93, of Starke died at her home on Thursday, Dec. 29, 2022. In addition to her parents; she was preceded in death by her siblings, Donald Wright Jr., Flossie Steele, and Andrew L. Wright.

Survivors are her children, Rhonda (Joseph) Sikes and Donna King, both of Starke, William (Peggy) Wright of Callahan, Sandra (Paul) Daniels of Ohio and Ernest (Jill) Padgett of Virginia; and many extended family members.

There are no scheduled services at this time.

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Bradford High School junior Chason Clark (left) visits with David Baker, former president and CEO of the Pro Football Hall of Fame, during his time in Texas participating in the U.S. Army National High School Combine.

BHS' Clark takes part in combine, named a '23 Army All-American

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Bradford High School football player Chason Clark got the chance to interact with some of the best players in the country at his position and take instruction from coaches when he was invited to take part in the U.S. Army National High School Combine, which was held in conjunction with events surrounding the annual U.S. Army All-American Bowl in Frisco, Texas.

"It was such an honor to go there and have all those insane athletes around and a bunch of big-time college coaches there helping us to become better players," Clark said.

Clark, a junior linebacker, was one of 600 underclassmen invited to take part in the event. That was an honor in itself, but by the end of the combine, which was held Dec. 15-18, he was selected to be a U.S. Army All-American for 2023, which means he'll get to play in next year's U.S. Army All-American Bowl, which features some of the best seniors in the country.

The combine is similar to what college players go through leading up to the NFL draft. Clark participated in the vertical jump, recording 34 inches, as well as the shuttle run.

He was most looking forward to the 40-yard dash. Clark said he's been working hard on

improving his speed.

His efforts have paid off.

"I ran my fastest time," Clark said. "I think the last time I ran was like a 4.62. (At the combine), I ran a 4.51. I had a great time on that one."

So great that when he heard what his time was, he said his response was, "Lord, that's fast."

Clark said he and his fellow linebackers had a surprise when they were told they would participate in a drill in which they spun around and caught balls.

"In the middle of a practice, they just threw us all in a line, and we started doing it," Clark said. "That one I ended up doing really good on. They were like, 'You must be a tight end, too.'"

As a matter of fact, Clark is. Besides the team-high 101 tackles he made on defense this year for Bradford, he was second in receiving yards with 216 and receiving touchdowns with three. His 36-yards-per-catch average led the Tornadoes.

Clark had the chance to interact with former coaches like Scott Frost, who led UCF to great heights before taking the job at the University of Nebraska (his alma mater). He also met David Baker, the former president and CEO of the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Of course, he also met a lot of fellow high school players and

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Taking a ride back through time

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

After completing her exams to wrap up the fall semester at Santa Fe College, Delaney Crosby headed to central Florida, but it wasn't to enjoy anything that's appealing to most tourists nowadays.

No, she took a step back in time, while also putting to use the skills she's been honing at New River Ranch.

Crosby, a 2022 Bradford High School graduate, took part in the Dec. 4-10 Great Cattle Drive, a re-enactment to celebrate of 500 years of cattle in Florida. She spent seven days helping to move 1,000 head of cattle 78 miles, traversing what the event described as "Old Florida-style lands."

She was given the opportunity by Wayne and Carita Wall of New River Farms, where she works. The Walls also participated in the event.

"I enjoyed it," Crosby said. "I got to meet a lot of people and hear lots of stories."

The approximate 500 participants, who rode on horses or in wagons, were encouraged to dress in 1800s-era attire.

"We dressed and kind of played the part," Wayne Wall said.

Crosby said she had to do some research to get an idea of how people dressed in the 1800s.

"I went to Goodwills and found outfits," she said. "That's how I did it. We made our own (attire)."

"It turned out I got a lot of compliments on my outfits."

The event occurred during finals week at Santa Fe College.

"I had to finish all of my essays and assignments a week early, which was very difficult," said Crosby, who was taking a full course load, "but I happened to pass all of my classes with 'B's and higher — my first semester of college."

The Great Florida Cattle Drive began in 1995 (Florida's 150th birthday) as a way of reminding people of the state's cattle history, which began when animals were brought to the state by the Spanish in the 1500s. In the 1800s, pioneers began rounding up wild cattle and driving them to ports for export.



ABOVE: Delaney Crosby and her horse, Doc, are pictured on the Great Florida Cattle Drive. LEFT: Great Florida Cattle Drive participants moved cattle 78 miles across "Old Florida-style lands."

Thus, the start of the cattle business in the U.S.

"Everybody thinks horses and cattle came from out west, but Florida was actually the first state to have cattle in it," Wall said.

The cattle business isn't simply part of a bygone era. Florida has five of America's 10 largest cow herds today. The Great Florida Cattle Drive that Crosby and Wall were a part of crossed part of Deseret Ranch, which consists of 295,000 acres and is one of the largest cattle ranches in the country.

"Florida is still one of the top five cattle industries in the United States," Wall said.

Reliving history and bonding with horse

The 2022 Great Florida Cattle Drive, which was postponed from December 2021 because of covid, began at Kirchman

Foundation's Lake X Ranch near St. Cloud and ended at Sliver Spurs Arena in Kenansville. In between the two points, participants got a taste of life on the trail, which included sleeping on the ground.

Crosby said participants were limited to carrying a maximum of 60 pounds.

"We had to be careful about what we brought," she said. "We brought three outfits for a week. That's kind of how everybody was."

Participants didn't have to carry food or cooking utensils. Bagged lunches were provided, while meals were prepared at campsites.

"We had cooks come in and cook for us," Wall said, adding, "Back then, you had to cook whatever you found, I guess."

Each day consisted of traveling 10-15 miles.

"We would get up around 4:30

and saddle horses," Wall said. "Then we'd break our camp down and pack it up and be ready to move out by 8."

Crosby said she's sort of an early riser anyway, but added, "Not 4 o'clock early."

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Local DAR chapter meets on Jan. 9

The Col. Samuel Elbert Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, will meet on Monday, Jan. 9, at 10:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall of Keystone United Methodist Church (4004 S.R. 21). Chapter Registrar Jane Argo Romeo will serve as

hostess.

Do you have a Revolutionary War-era patriot in your family tree? If you would like to find out, DAR can help with its genealogical resources. Any woman 18 years or older, regardless of race, religion or

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Area residents who took part in the Great Florida Cattle Drive included (l-r) Austin Norman, Connie Woodward, Carita Wall, Wayne Wall, Delaney Crosby, Katie Rhoden and Kara Rhoden.

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The biggest eye-opener wasn't having to open her eyes that early in the morning. It was the magnitude of what she and the other participants were doing.

"That's the most cows I've ever moved," Crosby said.

Crosby said one of the reasons she wanted to participate in the event was to give experience to her 2-year-old horse, Doc. She said the horse, which she's had since May, wound up doing better than probably 75 percent of the horses at the event.

"I had to keep a good eye on him because a lot of horses struggled, but he was prepared," Crosby said. "I had to work with him months ahead of time to make sure he was ready."

Crosby said she had confidence

in Doc. The only things she worried about were him getting sick or becoming lame or too sore to be ridden.

"He held up pretty good," Crosby said.

A lot of times, Wall didn't see Crosby during the drive until they stopped to set up camp each day, but he enjoyed the opportunities he did have of watching her take part in a unique opportunity and become a really good horse rider in the process.

"She was able to handle that horse work, and I trusted her to make good decisions for her horse and for herself, to not put herself or her horse in a bad situation," Wall said. "When I would see her in the afternoons, she was just happy."

Spending so much time with her horse was one of the highlights of the drive for Crosby.

"I got to bond with my horse more," she said. "I got to learn

more about my horse. I was with my horse like 24 hours, seven days."

Bonding with horses is part of what Crosby does working at New River Farms.

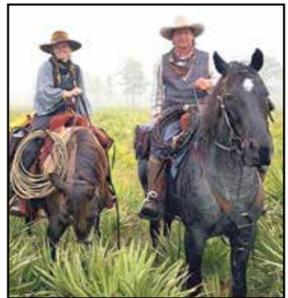
Horses... and a whole lot more

Crosby has been around horses for four years. Her grandmother, Dannette Williams, gives riding lessons and owns 20-25 horses.

"We did barrel races and stuff, but I really wanted to do more cow work, and I wanted to train," Crosby said. "There was a girl there (at her grandmother's) who trained mustangs. I'd go to lessons early to help her out with the mustangs."

"I kind of slowly started to realize that's what I enjoyed — to train."

She got her opportunity when Wall approached her at the Bradford Agricultural Fair, where she was showing a pig. Wall said Matt Waters, who's Crosby's uncle, told him she needed a job. He asked her if she knew how to ride and had her come out to New River Farms so



Delaney Crosby (left) and Wayne Wall on the trail at the Great Florida Cattle Drive.

he could give her a tour and have her ride some of his horses so he could gauge where her skills were at.

Once she was hired, she jumped right into doing whatever needed to be done.

"Her first job, we went to Texas and picked up two horses," Wall said.

Crosby said, "We came back at 3 a.m."

"She has worked from daylight to dark here a lot of days, sometimes until 1 or 2 in the morning," Wall said.

Some of the duties at New River Farms are training horses to become used to being ridden and performing certain jobs on the farm.

"She was used to riding horses that were broken," Wall said. "Then you get on a young horse — he's moving forward, slowing down, going left, going right. It's hard to keep your seat. It's hard to stay balanced."

Wall said the Great Florida Cattle Drive showed how much Crosby has learned working with New River Farms horses.

"To see Delaney come from not growing up on a big farm to be able to get a horse that nobody's ever rode, to break him out and be able to take him on that — it was really good to be able to see her do that, to understand the work it takes to get a horse prepared to become a good horse and to be able to rope off him and pop a whip off him and ride him where you want to ride him, in and out of traffic."

"That takes a lot of time and a lot of work."

Crosby has been around all kinds of animals growing up and has exhibited in the Bradford Agricultural Fair's goat, poultry and swine shows. Horses are her favorite animals to be around, she said, explaining she likes



A horse at New River Farms gets some attention from Delaney Crosby (foreground) and Austin Norman.

the bond she's able to form with them.

It's a good feeling when she works with a horse at New River Farms and gets it to respond to her and the training she's putting it through.

"It makes me feel like I'm doing it right," Crosby said.

Working with horses is only part of her job at New River Farms. Wall said Crosby has trimmed goats' feet, fixed fences, prepped fields for planting hay by operating a 16-foot Batwing mower and using a windrower to cut hay, which she has also moved and stacked in the barn. She has hauled cattle to market, picked up feed and cleaned out the barn and its stalls.

"She has done everything we do on this farm," Wall said.

Crosby has even palpated cows, which, if you didn't know, is inserting your hand into the cow's rectum to determine if it's pregnant.

"I've always wanted to do that, as funny as it sounds," Crosby said.

Wall said he likes to give youth

opportunities to work on New River Farms, saying, "We try to take on students every summer when school's out to keep them out of trouble and for some who don't have that opportunity to work on a farm or to even understand the agriculture side of the world is. We raise cattle. We cut hay. We train horses. It's a good agricultural experience for a teenage kid that could change their lives. We try to offer that to kids."

They have to want to do it because it's a lot of work"

Crosby admitted it's not the kind of work that's meant for everybody, but she enjoys it and sees it as always being a part of her life.

"I want to do what Wayne does," Crosby said. "I'm in college, and I want to go into nursing, but I still want to be a part of the horses."

And if there's another Great Florida Cattle Drive event in the future? Crosby didn't hesitate to say that she would definitely take part in another such re-enactment.

CLARK

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made some friends along the way. One of those friends, who lives in Mississippi, recently contacted Clark about the fact he had been in contact with the University of Tennessee.

"We've talked about every two days ever since (the combine)," Clark said. "We plan on keeping

in touch."

Clark said the combine wasn't about players competing against each other to prove who was better. Everyone there was good. The goal was to get better and have a good time, he said.

The combine was all about football, but for Clark, it was also a chance to represent Bradford County — something he embraces and uses to inspire himself.

"It feels like I've got something on my back. It feels like I've got something more than football on me," Clark said. "It gives me a little bit more fuel for my fire."

And why wouldn't he relish representing home? He said he's amazed when he goes onto social media and sees so many people sharing posts about his accomplishments or polls in which people can vote for him for being one of the state's best

defensive players.

"It's such an honor," Clark said, adding, "It's so cool to see. I'll get on Facebook, and I don't even know I'm up for a vote. I'll see all these people re-posting it, saying to go vote for me."

"It's such a nice thing to see." Clark believes being selected for the combine will help more colleges become aware of him, but he also sees it as paying dividends for his teammates.

"I think it'll really help Bradford also," he said. "If people are coming to see me, they'll also see my brothers."

As of now, Clark has talked to coaches from such schools as Florida, UCF, USF, Notre Dame, Louisville, Wake Forest and Eastern Michigan. He's still eagerly awaiting that first offer.

"It's heavy," he said of the anticipation. "At this moment, I'm talking to a lot of schools.

A lot of schools are interested in me, telling me they're planning on offering soon. It's like, 'So close. Come on. We're almost there.'"

Clark is also looking forward to the start of the 2023 season. It's been only a month since Bradford's last game of 2022, but he's not ready to take a break.

"That's going to be a good day when we're back on that field," Clark said. "I love football."

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BRADFORD

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DAVID L. GREEN; DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS, A NEW YORK BANKING CORPORATION; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DAVID L. GREEN; UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE (Please publish in BRADFORD COUNTY TELEGRAPH)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 21st day of December 2022, and entered in Case No. 2022-CA-0190, of the Circuit Court of the 8th Judicial Circuit in and for BRADFORD County, Florida, wherein NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A MR. COOPER is the Plaintiff and DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS, A NEW YORK BANKING CORPORATION, DUSTIN ALAN COBB DEVIN ANTHONY COBB UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF DAVID L. GREEN DAVID LEON GREEN KENNETH WADE GREEN ROBERT ANTHONY GREEN LOGAN EVAN JENKINS UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF KIMBERLY MARIE COBB; and UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. DENNY THOMPSON as the Clerk of the Circuit Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the east front door of the Bradford County

courthouse, 945 North Temple Ave, Starke, FL., 11:00 AM on the 23rd day of February 2023, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:
PARCEL A:
A PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA AND BEING LOT 23 OF AN UNRECORDED MAP OF SEMINOLE RIDGE UNIT NO. 6, AS SURVEYED BY JOSEPH G. KNAPP, SURVEYOR, DATED JANUARY 29, 1974; SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

POINT OF BEGINNING IS THE INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SOUTHEAST 82ND AVENUE (ALSO KNOWN AS SEMINOLE RIDGE ROAD) WITH THE SOUTHWESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SOUTHEAST 73RD LANE; THENCE PROCEED SOUTH 33 DEGREES, 48 MINUTES, 09 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID SOUTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SOUTHEAST 82ND AVENUE, A DISTANCE OF 104.47 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 64 DEGREES, 11 MINUTES, 30 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 205.97 FEET; THENCE NORTH 26 DEGREES, 14 MINUTES, 08 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 145.15 FEET TO A POINT ON AFORESAID SOUTHWESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SOUTHEAST 73RD LANE; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES, 09 MINUTES, 31 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 125.13 FEET; THENCE NORTH 56 DEGREES, 11 MINUTES, 51 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 79.88 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. BEING THE SAME LANDS AS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORD BOOK 416, PAGE 51, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA. AND PARCEL B:
A PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND BEING LOT 24 OF AN UNRECORDED MAP OF SEMINOLE RIDGE UNIT #6 AS SURVEYED BY JOSEPH G. KNAPP, SURVEYOR DATED JANUARY 29, 1974; SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT A CONCRETE MONUMENT AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 12, AND RUN NORTH 06°22'43" EAST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 12 A DISTANCE OF 2485.45 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT ON THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF GROVE ROAD; THENCE RUN SOUTH 89°55'00" WEST ALONG SAID NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE 200.00 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE RUN NORTH 06°22'43" EAST 200.00 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE RUN NORTH 03°07'17" WEST 310.00 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE RUN NORTH 13°07'17" WEST 240.00 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE RUN NORTH 56°33'27" WEST 175.50 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN SOUTH 62°53'38" WEST 219.45 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT ON THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SEMINOLE RIDGE ROAD; THENCE RUN NORTH 33°48'09" EAST, ALONG SAID EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE, 100.00 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE RUN SOUTH 64°11'30" EAST

205.97 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE RUN SOUTH 26°03'20" WEST, 104.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; AND PARCEL C:
Lot 25 OF SEMINOLE RIDGE UNIT #6 A PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND BEING LOT 25 OF AN UNRECORDED MAP OF SEMINOLE RIDGE UNIT NO. 6, AS SURVEYED BY JOSEPH G. KNAPP, SURVEYOR, DATED JANUARY 29, 1974; SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT A CONCRETE MONUMENT AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 12, AND RUN NORTH 06 DEGREES 22'43" EAST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 12 A DISTANCE OF 2485.45 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT ON THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF GROVE ROAD; THEN RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 55'00" WEST ALONG SAID NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE 200.00 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE RUN NORTH 13 DEGREES 07'17" WEST 240.00 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE RUN NORTH 56 DEGREES 33'27" WEST 175.50 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN SOUTH 26 DEGREES 03'20" WEST 100.00 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE RUN NORTH 63 DEGREES 24'57" WEST 219.42 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT ON THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SEMINOLE RIDGE ROAD; THENCE RUN NORTH 26 DEGREES 03'20" EAST ALONG SAID EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE 102.00 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE RUN SOUTH 62 DEGREES 53'38" EAST 219.45 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.
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Dated this 22nd day of December 2022.
DENNY THOMPSON
Clerk Of The Circuit Court
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Deputy Clerk
Submitted by:
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2022 CP 000106
Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF JOSEPH HAYWARD STEPHENSON
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of Joseph Hayward Stephenson, deceased, whose date of death was November 27, 2021, is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Drawer B, Starke, Florida 32091. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.
All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The date of first publication of this notice is December 29, 2022.
Attorney: R. Nadine David, Esq., FBN: 89004, Florida Probate Law Group, PO Box 141135, Gainesville, FL 32614 Phone: (352) 354-2654, ndavid@floridaprobatelawgroup.com
Personal Representative: Thomas Stephenson a/k/a Tom Stephenson 1028 Palm Street, Starke, Florida 32091
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CITY COMMISSION MEETING
The City of Starke Florida will hold a City Commission Meeting on January 17, 2023 at 5:30 pm at City Hall, 209 North Thompson Street, Starke, Florida 32091 during which the second reading and a vote will occur for the following ordinance:
ORDINANCE NO. 2023-01
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF STARKE, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 78, "PERSONNEL," ARTICLE IV "CITY EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS," DIVISION 4 "GENERAL EMPLOYEES," RETIREMENT SYSTEM; AMENDING SECTION 78-239 BY PROVIDING FOR A \$100.00 PER MONTH COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT FOR ALL PERSONS RECEIVING BENEFITS AS OF JANUARY 1, 2023; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
This ordinance is available for public inspection at City Hall, 209 North Thompson Street, Starke, Florida 32091. Interested parties may appear

and have an opportunity to be heard at the meeting with respect to the proposed ordinances.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CONCERNING A SPECIAL EXCEPTION AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE BRADFORD COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS BY THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to the Bradford County Land Development Regulations, as amended, hereinafter referred to as the Land Development Regulations, objections, recommendations and comments concerning a special exception, as described below, will be heard by the Board of Adjustment of Bradford County, Florida, at a public hearing on January 19th, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the County Commission Meeting Room, North Wing, County Courthouse located at 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida, SE 22-05, a petition by Elizabeth Martin, to request a Special Exception be granted as provided for in Section 4.5.5 (Agricultural-2) # 14 of the Bradford County Land Development Regulations to allow for a Family Cemetery to be located at the property being described as follows:

A parcel of land lying in the NE1/4 of the NE1/4 of Section 3, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida, being part of Bradford County Parcel Number 01941-0-00000.
The public hearing may be continued to one or more future dates. Any interested party shall be advised that the date, time and place of any continuation of the public hearing shall be announced during the public hearing and that no further notice concerning the matter will be published, unless said continuation exceeds six calendar weeks from the date of the above referenced public hearing.
At the aforementioned public hearing, all interested parties may appear to be heard with respect to the appeal. Copies of the material are available for public inspection at the Office of the Director of Zoning, Planning, and Building, County Courthouse located at 945 North Temple Avenue, North Wing, Starke, Florida, during regular business hours.
All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decision made at the above referenced public hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No: 04-2022-CP-000126
IN RE: ESTATE OF LOUISE H. SLAWINSKI
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of LOUISE H. SLAWINSKI, deceased, whose date of death was June 1, 2022, is pending in the Circuit Court for BRADFORD County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 945 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida 32091. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.
All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The date of first publication of this notice is January 5, 2023.
Attorney for Personal Representative: Marilyn A. Cangro Belo
Attorney for Marilyn A. Cangro Belo Florida Bar Number: 22390 5745 SW 75th Street #363 Gainesville, Florida 32608 Telephone: (352) 448-4500 Fax: (352) 448-4510 E-Mail: lynni@mcbelolaw.com Secondary E-Mail: eservice@mcbelolaw.com
Personal Representative: Marilyn A. Cangro Belo 5745 S.W. 75th Street, #363 Gainesville, Florida 32608
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proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.
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THE CITY OF LAWTEY is taking applications for full time Maintenance Supervisor. Applicant must be able to pass and maintain a non-DOC supervisor class, drug test and backgroundcheck, to get inmate labor. Application and full job description can be picked up at Lawtey City Hall, 2793 Lake St. Lawtey, FL. 32058, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Applications are due by January 6, 2023 by 4 p.m. City of Lawtey is an Equal Opportunity employer and a drug free work place

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING A VARIANCE AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE BRADFORD COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS BY THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, PURSUANT TO THE BRADFORD COUNTY Land Development Regulations, as amended, hereinafter referred to as the Land Development Regulations, objections, recommendations and comments concerning a variance, as described below, will be heard by the Board of Adjustment of Bradford County, Florida, at a public hearing on January 19th, 2023 at 6:00 pm, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, at the County Commission Meeting Room, North Wing, County Courthouse located at 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida.

V 22-12, an application by Todd Juniper, to request a Variance be granted as provided for in Section 4.5.7 "A", Agricultural Minimum Yard Requirements of the Bradford County Land Development Regulations from Twenty five (25) feet from the Easterly property line to a requested Ten (10') feet of the property being described as follows:

p/o the NE1/4 of the NE1/4 of the NE1/4 of Section 22, Township 5 South, Range 22 East, lying South of NW County Road 125, Bradford County, Florida and being Bradford County Parcel Number's 01312-0-00200 and 01313-0-00000. Containing 2.9 acres, more or less. The public hearing may be continued to one or more future dates. Any interested party shall be advised that the date, time and place of any continuation of the public hearing shall be announced during the public hearing and that no further notice concerning the matter will be published, unless said continuation exceeds six calendar weeks from the

date of the above referenced public hearing.

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

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

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NOTICE OF ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the ordinance, which title hereinafter appears, will be considered for enactment by the Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida, at a public hearing on January 19, 2023 at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the in the County Commission Meeting Room, North Wing, County Courthouse located at 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida. Copies of the ordinance may be inspected by any member of the public at the Office of the County Clerk located at 945 North Temple Avenue, Courthouse North Wing, Starke, Florida, during regular business hours. On the date, time and place first above mentioned, all interested persons may appear and be heard with respect to the ordinance. The title of said ordinance reads, as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING ATLAS OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS,

AS AMENDED; RELATING TO THE REZONING OF MORE THAN TEN CONTIGUOUS ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, Z 22-03, BY THE PROPERTY OWNERS OF SAID ACREAGE; PROVIDING FOR CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT FROM RESIDENTIAL, SINGLE FAMILY-1 (RSF-1) TO RURAL RESIDENTIAL (RR) OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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

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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING AN AMENDMENT TO THE BRADFORD COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, SERVING AS THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THE LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to Sections 163.3161 through 163.3248, Florida Statutes, as amended, and the Bradford County Land Development Regulations, as amended, objections, recommendations and comments concerning the amendment, as described below, will be heard by the Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida, serving as the Planning and Zoning Board of Bradford County, Florida, and the Local Planning Agency of Bradford County, Florida, at a public hearing on January 19, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard in the County Commission

Meeting Room, North Wing, County Courthouse located at 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida.

Z 22-03, an application by Martha S. Boyette and Stan T. Boyette, to amend the Official Zoning Atlas of the Land Development Regulations by changing the zoning district from RESIDENTIAL, SINGLE FAMILY-1 (RSF-1) to RURAL, RESIDENTIAL (RR) on property described, as follows:

A parcel of land lying in Section 31, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida. Being more particularly described, as follows: The Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 31 lying South of County Road 100A; the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 31 lying West of U.S. Highway 301 (State Road 200); and the North 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 31 lying West of U.S. Highway 301 (State Road 200). Containing 43.56 acres, more or less.

AND

A parcel of land lying in Section 31, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida. Being more particularly described, as follows: Commence at the Northeast corner of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 31 for the Point of Beginning; thence South 00°13'48" East 425.26 feet, along the East line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 31; thence North 16°31'03" West 441.61 feet to the North line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 31; thence North 89°07'57" East 123.86 feet, along the North line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 31 to the Point of Beginning.

Containing 0.60 acre, more or less.

LESS AND EXCEPT

A parcel of land lying in Section 31, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida. Being more particularly described, as follows: All that portion of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 31; bounded on the West by West line of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 31; bounded on the North by County Road 100A, bounded on the East by Southwest 58th Avenue; and bounded on the South by the South line of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 31. Containing 6.00 acres, more or less. All said lands containing 38.16 acres, more or less.

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At the aforementioned public hearing, all interested parties may appear and be heard with respect to the amendment.

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Code.

The Community Transportation Coordinator is defined by Chapter 427, Florida Statutes as a transportation entity recommended by the appropriate designated official planning agency to ensure that coordinated transportation services are provided to the transportation disadvantaged population in a designated service area. The Community Transportation Coordinator has full responsibility for the delivery of transportation services for the transportation disadvantaged as outlined in Section 427.015(2), Florida Statutes.

The complete Request for Proposals will be available January 5, 2023 at <http://www.ncfrpc.org/>. It may also be obtained by contacting Lynn Godfrey, AICP, Senior Planner at 352.955.2200, ext. 110. Experience with eligibility-based transportation services is required.

A mandatory virtual pre-proposal conference will be held January 19, 2023 at 1:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, to answer questions about the Request for Proposals. The pre-proposal conference will be conducted via communications media technology in the following format:

DIAL IN NUMBER: Toll free 1.888.585.9008
CONFERENCE CODE: 864 183 272

Inquiries about this Request for Proposals must be made during the virtual pre-proposal conference. Firms and agencies represented will have an opportunity to clarify any information contained in the request for proposals at the pre-proposal conference.

Proposals must be received by 12:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, February 16, 2023 at the office of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council. Five (5) copies of the proposal must be submitted to: North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, ATTENTION: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director, 2009 N.W. 67th Place, Gainesville, Florida 32653-1603. One of these copies must be a clean, single-sided original that can be used to make additional copies. The outside of the envelope or box containing proposals must be marked "PROPOSAL FOR BRADFORD COUNTY COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR." Faxed and electronically mailed responses will not be accepted.

The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council will not accept responsibility for proposals that are not marked and submitted in this manner. Proposals are to remain in effect for ninety (90) calendar days from date of submission. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any formality concerning proposals or negotiate changes to the proposals whenever such rejection or waiver or negotiation is in the best interest of the State and the transportation disadvantaged. Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Section 120.57(3), Florida Statutes, shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under Chapter 120, Florida Statutes.

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whose residence is unknown if he/she/they be living; and if he/she/they be dead, the unknown defendants who may be spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, and all parties claiming an interest by, through, under or against the Defendants, who are not known to be dead or alive, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage has been filed against you, in regard to the following property in BRADFORD County, Florida, legally described as:

THE SOUTH 262.38 FEET OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, LESS THE EAST 166.02 FEET THEREOF; AND LESS AND EXCEPT ANY PART LYING WITHIN GRADED COUNTY ROAD, ALONG THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY THEREOF.

TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 2002 FLEETWOOD, CARRIAGE MANOR, MOBILE HOME BEARING IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS: GAFL175A73184CD21 & GAFL175B73184CD21.

This property is located at the street address of: 3365 Northwest 182nd Street, Starke, FL 32091

YOU ARE REQUIRED to serve a copy of your written defenses on or before _____ a date which is within 30 days after the first publication, if any, on McMichael Taylor Gray, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorney, whose address is 3275 W. Hillsboro Blvd., Suite 312, Deerfield Beach, Florida 33442, and file the original with this Court either before service on Plaintiff's Attorney, or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or Petition.

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DENNY THOMPSON
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT BY: K. Jenkins
Attorney for Plaintiff:
Annalise Hayes DeLuca, Esq.
Audrey J. Dixon, Esq.
Ashley Elmore Drew, Esq.
MCMICHAEL TAYLOR GRAY, LLC
Attorney for Plaintiff
3550 Engineering Drive, Suite 260
Peachtree Corners, GA 30092
Phone: 404.474.7149
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 22000423CAAXMX

WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, AS TRUSTEE OF STANWICH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST F,
Plaintiff,
vs.
NELDA S. NEAL a/k/a NELDA SUE NEAL a/k/a NELDA NEAL, et al.
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION
UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, BENEFICIARIES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PERSONS OR SPOUSES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF SILLAR J. ANDERSON, DECEASED
Last Known Address: N/A
Current Address: N/A
Previous Address: N/A

TO: All other unknown parties claiming interests by, through, under, and against THE HEREIN named defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether same unknown parties may claim an interest as spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, or other claimants

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LEGAL NOTICE
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council is accepting proposals from qualified agencies or firms for the award of a contract to coordinate transportation services for the transportation disadvantaged in Bradford County, Florida. The selected contractor will be the designated Community Transportation Coordinator under Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged Program, as authorized by Chapter 427, Florida Statutes, and more fully described in Rule 41-2 of the Florida Administrative

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD IN THE FAMILY COURT JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Docket No. 2022-DR-20-170 Latonya L. Thornton, Plaintiff

vs Keith M. Thornton, Defendant

SUMMONS FOR DIVORCE (One Year Continuous Separation) TO THE DEFENDANT Above-Named: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that you have been sued by the Plaintiff for DIVORCE in the Court indicated above. You must respond in writing to the attached Complaint for Divorce and serve a copy of your Answer on the Plaintiff at the address below within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons upon you, not counting the day of service, or thirty-five (35) days if you were served by certified mail, restricted delivery, return receipt requested.

If you wish to retain an attorney to represent you in this matter, it is advisable to do so before submitting your Answer to the Plaintiff.

If you do not answer the Complaint within the required thirty (30) days, the Court may grant a DIVORCE and grant the Plaintiff the relief requested in the Complaint.

Date: September 6, 2022 Latonya L. Thornton, Plaintiff's Signature

Winnsboro, South Carolina

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD IN THE FAMILY COURT JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Docket No. 2022-DR-20-170 LATONYA L. THORNTON, Plaintiff

vs. KEITH M THORNTON, Defendant

NOTICE OF HEARING

A hearing has been set in the above entitled action on Friday, February 24, 2023 at 09:30 a.m. You are hereby notified to be present in the Fairfield County Family Court at time.

Date: December 20, 2022

Winnsboro, SC

Judy M. Bonds Clerk of Court

BY: Beverly Simmons

Address of Family Court: Fairfield County Family Court 115-A South Congress Street Winnsboro, SC 29180

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING AN AMENDMENT TO THE UNION COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA, SERVING AS THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THE LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Sections 163.3161 through 163.3248, Florida Statutes, as amended, and the Union County Land Development Regulations, as amended, objections, recommendations and comments concerning amendment, as described below, will be heard by the Board of County Commissioners of Union County, Florida, serving as the Planning and Zoning Board of Union County, Florida, and the Local Planning Agency of Union County, Florida, at a public hearing on January 17, 2023 at 5:45 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, County Courthouse, located at 55 West Main Street, Lake Butler, Florida.

Z 22-03, an application by Gerry Dedenbach, of CHW Professional Consultants, as agent for the Ann Christoforidis Trust, to amend the Official Zoning Atlas of the Land Development Regulations by changing the zoning district from AGRICULTURAL-4 (A-4) to COMMERCIAL, GENERAL (CG) on property described, as follows: A parcel of land lying in Section 21, Township 6 South, Range 18 East, Union County, Florida. Being more particularly described, as follows: Commence at the Southeast corner of said Section 21; thence North 03°04'00" West 1,326.46 feet to the Southeast corner of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 21; thence South 87°39'47" West 50.00 feet to the West right-of-way line of Southwest County Road 241; thence North 03°04'00" West 749.50 feet, along the West right-of-way line of said Southwest County Road 241 to the Point of Beginning; thence South 87°39'47" West 367.50 feet; thence North 03°04'00" West 437.51 feet to the South right-of-way line of West County Road 18; thence South 76°00'20" East 384.39 feet, along the South right-of-way line of said West County Road 18 to the West right-of-way line of said Southwest County Road 241; thence South 03°04'00" East 329.42 feet, along the West right-of-way line of said Southwest County Road 241 to the Point of Beginning. Containing 3.23 acres, more or less. The public hearing may be continued to one or more future dates. Any interested party shall be advised that the date, time and place of any continuation of the public hearing shall be announced during the public hearing and that no further notice concerning the matter will be published, unless said continuation exceeds six calendar weeks from the date of the above referenced public hearing.

At the aforementioned public hearing, all interested parties may appear to be heard with respect to the amendment.

Copies of the amendment are available for public inspection, at the Office of the Board of County Commissioners, located at 15 Northeast First Street, Lake Butler, Florida, during regular business hours.

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NOTICE OF ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ordinance, which title hereinafter appears will be considered for enactment by the Board of County Commissioners of Union County, Florida, at a public hearing on January 17, 2023 at 5:50 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, Union County Courthouse located at 55 West Main Street, Lake Butler, Florida. A copy of said ordinance may be inspected by any member of the public at the Office of the Board of County Commissioners, located at 15 Northeast First Street, Lake Butler, Florida, during regular business hours.

On the date, time and place first above mentioned, all interested persons may appear and be heard with respect to the ordinance. The title of said ordinance reads, as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 95-4, AS AMENDED; RELATING TO THE REZONING OF LESS THAN TEN CONTIGUOUS ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, Z 22-03, BY THE PROPERTY OWNER OF SAID ACREAGE, TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING ATLAS OF THE UNION COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS; PROVIDING FOR REZONING FROM AGRICULTURAL-4 (A-4) TO COMMERCIAL, GENERAL (CG) OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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At the aforementioned public hearing, all interested parties may appear to be heard with respect to the amendment.

Copies of the amendment are available for public inspection, at the Office of the Board of County Commissioners, located at 15 Northeast First Street, Lake Butler, Florida, during regular business hours.

All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decision made at the above referenced public hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact Dianne Hannon, Secretary to the Board of County Commissioners at 386.496.4241 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 800.955.8770 (voice) or 800.955.8771 (TTY).

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NOTICE OF ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ordinance, which title hereinafter appears will be considered for enactment by the Board of County Commissioners of Union County, Florida, at a public hearing on January 17, 2023 at 5:50 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, Union County Courthouse located at 55 West Main Street, Lake Butler, Florida. A copy of said ordinance may be inspected by any member of the public at the Office of the Board of County Commissioners, located at 15 Northeast First Street, Lake Butler, Florida, during regular business hours.

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AN ORDINANCE OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 95-4, AS AMENDED; RELATING TO THE REZONING OF LESS THAN TEN CONTIGUOUS ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, Z 22-03, BY THE PROPERTY OWNER OF SAID ACREAGE, TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING ATLAS OF THE UNION COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS; PROVIDING FOR REZONING FROM AGRICULTURAL-4 (A-4) TO COMMERCIAL, GENERAL (CG) OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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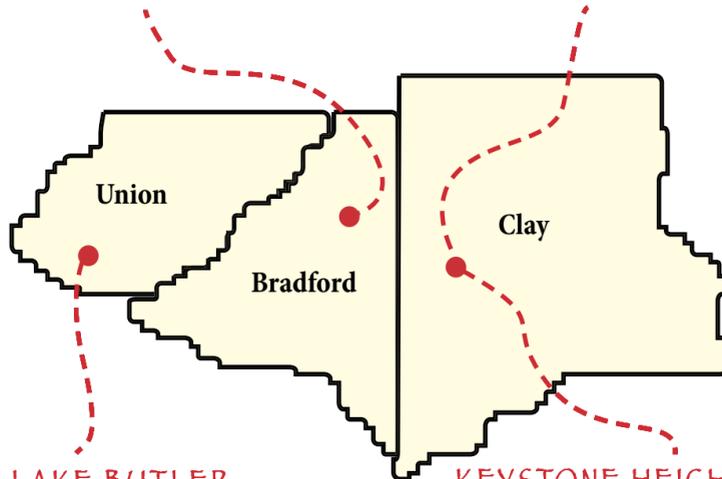
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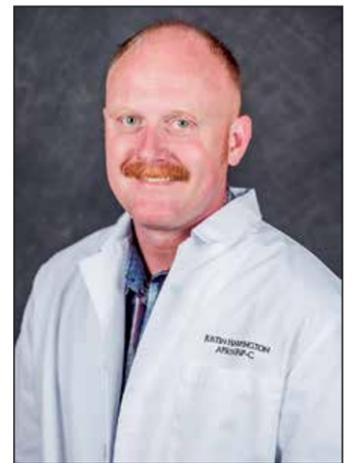
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