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DUI defendant: 'My career is over'

Clay deputy ran stop
sign, collided with
truck

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

STARKE — A Clay County deputy arrested for DUI told an FHP trooper that his career was over due to the arrest.

According to an arrest report, Christopher Allen Coldiron, 47, of Lawtey was arrested by Trooper Jeffery Naeyaert after a crash that occurred at 10:22 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 29.

Naeyaert wrote that he was dispatched to a crash at the intersection of State Road 16 and County Road 233 north of Starke when he saw a silver Dodge Ram with damage to the left rear.

"I observed Vehicle 2, a blue in color Chevrolet pickup truck... with damage to its front right," he added.

Naeyaert wrote that Coldiron, the driver of the silver Dodge, told him that he was driving on 233, turned right, and didn't remember anything after that.

The driver of the blue Chevrolet said that while he was



Coldiron

driving northbound on 16, the Dodge ran the four-way stop at the intersection and that he could not avoid hitting the Dodge.

The trooper added: "While speaking with Mr. Coldiron, I observed the odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from his person and breath. I observed Mr. Coldiron to be unsteady on his feet and his eyes to be bloodshot

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We are high-transmission communities for COVID

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

The number of COVID-19 cases has been rapidly rising across the country and locally.

Omicron causes less severe disease than previous versions of the virus, but it is more contagious — as much as three times more infectious, according to the CDC. The Delta variant continues to account for new infections as well.

There have been a record number of children and teens hospitalized. The increase in child and teen infections has taken place before many have gone back to school.

FDA has expanded an emergency use authorization for Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine boosters in children 12 to 15

years old. The waiting period for the booster was also lowered to five months for anyone over 12. Younger immunocompromised children have also been cleared for a third dose.

Moderna boosters are urged for adults who received their last shot six months ago or who received their last Johnson and Johnson shot two months ago.

The U.S. broke an international record Monday with more than 1 million new COVID-19 cases reported. Florida reported 298,455 more cases between Dec. 24 and Dec. 30. That's more than twice as many cases reported for the week ending Dec. 23. Of all those tested, 26.5% were positive, compared to 13.8% the week before.

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Reagan Williams with her winning cupcakes.

UC 4-H Bakeoff a great treat

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Times Editor

Union County 4-H members have been spending time in the kitchen, perfecting their recipes for many types of goodies to show off and enter in the annual Holiday Bakeoff — and to all appearances they all got it right.

There were a total of 43 entries in the Dec. 6, 2021 competition, in a total of eight categories. A winner was selected in each category, as well as an overall winner.

Reagan Williams took both top honors in the cupcake category, but also as the overall winner of the bakeoff.

Vivian Hunt took first for a decorated cake, while Paxton Graham created the winners in the cookies category. Jacob Fretwell baked the best bread and Kalyn Reynolds created the winner in the best brownies/bar cookies category. Emma Lane took top honors for her cake, while Josie Harlow did the same with her pie. Malia Williams presented the best candy to

fill out the field.

The competition was stiff, with all of the young people working hard to create and present the best item in its class. After the competition the contestants put together a box of goodies, which was delivered to the Lake Butler Post Office in appreciation to the employees for all their hard work during the holiday season. It's a sure thing that judges, Karen Ann Norton and Stephen Wells, had a hard time deciding of which offerings were truly the best.



Raylan Dyal with his blue ribbon for his gingerbread train.



Julia and Vivian Hunt with their decorated cakes.



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—Monday, Jan. 17, at 11 a.m., the annual MLK Program and Brunch at the Gov. Charley E. Johns Conference Center. In accordance with the CDC guidelines, each participant is asked to wear a mask.

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Mossman Hall will present the fourth annual Arts and Antiques Show during the Art Walk on Jan. 7, beginning at 6 p.m. This is a community sale of fine arts, antiques and collectibles. The reception will include food, drinks and live music.

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Clay Electric is Business of the Year

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — The city council awarded Clay Electric Cooperative its Business of the Year Award during a Monday, Jan. 3 city council meeting.

In the proclamation, Mayor Karen Lake said the co-op helped the city and Florida's Department of Transportation during the seven-mile South Lawrence Boulevard and SR 21 street scape project and repaving, including burying its lines within the city's downtown area.

Lake said the absence of the wood power poles enhanced the city's Christmas decorations.

Keystone Heights District Manager Dale Furlong accepted the proclamation on behalf of the co-op. He said Clay Electric has been a part of Keystone Heights since 1937.

"We strive to do all we can

for, not only this community but every community we serve," he said. "But this one means a little more. This is where it all started."

Furlong added that many co-op employees were raised in Keystone Heights and remain in the Lake Region.

After Furlong's remarks, Council Member Marion Kelly said she worked for the co-op for 40 years.

Council Member Bobby Brown added that as President of the Melrose Volunteer Fire Department, he appreciates the co-op's Operation Roundup. The program allows co-op members to round up their utility bills to the next whole dollar. A separate foundation then distributes the money to nonprofit organizations in Clay Electric's service area.

Furlong said that to date, Operation Roundup has given out nearly \$4 million in grants to nonprofits within the co-op's 14-county service area.



Keystone Heights Mayor Karen Lake presents Clay Electric Keystone Heights District Manager Dale Furlong with a proclamation designating the co-op as the city's business of the year. Also pictured are (l-r) Vice Mayor Steve Hart and Council Members Marion Kelly, Tony Brown and Bobby Brown.

Life's gift to you is your unique vantage point. Your gift to life is expressing from it.
— Alan Cohen

Lake Butler wastewater project progressing

BY LARRY DUPEE
Special to the Times

LAKE BUTLER — The city of Lake Butler has applied for state assistance, in the form of grants and loans, to upgrade a century-old wastewater system, as well as many other issues.

With Dale Walker's management of the city operations, plans to bring Lake Butler's existing infrastructure up to 21st century standards are showing progress. Establishing a foundation for development will require state assistance programs to help fund the planned improvements. Establishing the foundation for development to modern and future standards

and needs will require these programs to be funded. These assistance programs offer funding in the form of both grants and low interest loans. The City of Lake Butler has received funding for upgrading the city's aging wastewater collection and pumping systems.

On Jan. 8, 2021 the city commission approved entering a funding agreement for the planning phase of the project. The overall budget projected was \$330,000, of which \$165,000 (50%) was in the form of a grant, with the remaining amount in the form of a 20 year loan at a combined finance rate of 0.62%.

The planning phase paid for the cost of a contractor to

perform an SSES covering the city's "main," or core collection system with gravity flows into the existing master pump station and subsequent engineering facilities plan. As a result of the SSES and the preparation of the facilities plan it was determined that the cost of rehabilitating all 64,000 linear feet within the gravity collection system would be nearly \$20 million and far exceed the size of the single funding application that would maximize the grant funding component.

The decision was made to accomplish this work over the course of several subsequent projects. The initial engineering work will include a topographical

map of the entire 64,000 linear feet of existing sewers and the design of two projects that would have a combined project cost of approximately \$10 million. By conducting the project in this manner the city will be in a position to request funding for one of the projects while having one in a "shovel ready" status for when a funding opportunity becomes available.

The city has now received funding for the design phase, with an overall budget of \$1,213,000 million, of which \$970,000 (80%) is in the form of a grant. The remaining amount will be obtained with a 20 year loan at 0% interest.

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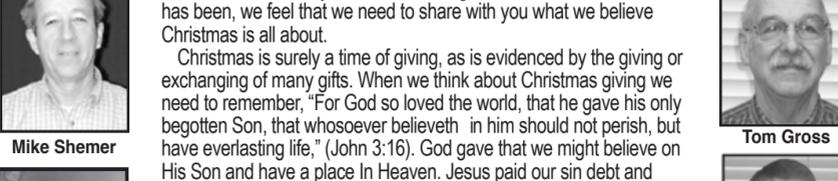
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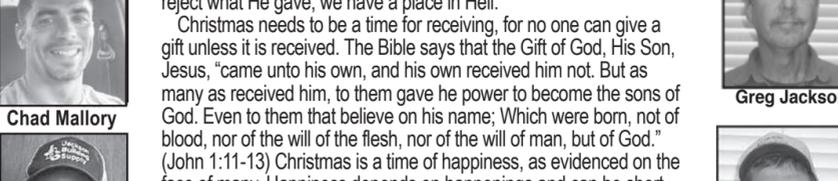
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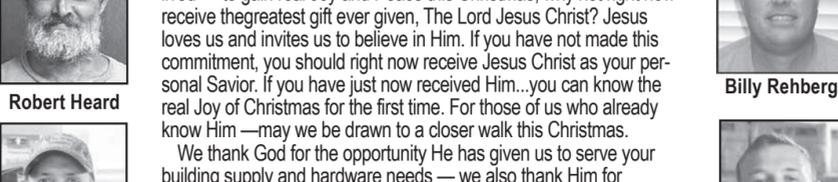
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Christmas is surely a time of giving, as is evidenced by the giving or exchanging of many gifts. When we think about Christmas giving we need to remember, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16). God gave that we might believe on His Son and have a place in Heaven. Jesus paid our sin debt and rose again to show that His payment was enough. However, if we reject what He gave, we have a place in Hell.

Christmas needs to be a time for receiving, for no one can give a gift unless it is received. The Bible says that the Gift of God, His Son, Jesus, "came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God. Even to them that believe on his name; Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." (John 1:11-13) Christmas is a time of happiness, as evidenced on the face of many. Happiness depends on happenings and can be short lived — to gain real Joy and Peace this Christmas, why not right now receive the greatest gift ever given, The Lord Jesus Christ? Jesus loves us and invites us to believe in Him. If you have not made this commitment, you should right now receive Jesus Christ as your personal Savior. If you have just now received Him...you can know the real Joy of Christmas for the first time. For those of us who already know Him — may we be drawn to a closer walk this Christmas.

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Way forward still unclear following strategic planning discussion

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

STARKE — The beginning of a new year is a good time set goals and priorities, but Bradford County commissioners are still having trouble getting started.

Time set aside for strategic planning during Monday's commission meeting never moved past the discussion on where to begin.

Having encouraged the city of Starke to do the same for years, Commissioner Carolyn Spooner wants a fresh start, assembling all the stakeholders to assess the county's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. With that information, or SWOT analysis, in hand, she says they can map out the future.

Commissioner Chris Dougherty says he doesn't want to reinvent the wheel, pointing out that the county has been through that process several times. They bring together public officials, business and community leaders, representatives from the school district and college, as well as the public. Working with a variety of partners, several reports have

been published and then sat on a shelf without any further action being taken.

That is where he would like commissioners to start, by reviewing the work already completed. Spooner believes they need more current information.

At some point, Dougherty said, the commission must set some goals.

"My number one goal is economic development and growth in this county, because, as I've said, before, without the additional revenue, we're going to be faced with the same problem we're faced with every year," he said.

That problem is an inability to adequately fund services despite maximizing the tax rate. They can't keep up with rising costs without generating revenue from new development.

Spooner continued to push for further input and analysis. The two most recent reports were completed in 2018 and 2019.

The first contains a full SWOT analysis, like Spooner spoke of. The most recent, Dougherty said, brought together experts for a study that would have cost

thousands of dollars but was performed for free. The county hasn't done anything with them, he said.

Dougherty wanted to move past discussion of the challenges to setting goals, and he said he was open to suggestions, whether it's recreation and ecotourism, or manufacturing and warehousing. A lack of utility infrastructure north and south of Starke is impeding growth, he said, saying the bypass was discussed for decades with no local planning. Now properties at either end remain undeveloped and aren't capturing the traffic.

"I can tell you right now, we can't continue to go down the same path that we've been going down, because we all know that that's not working," he said. "When I was in high school, they were planning that bypass, and nothing was done. And it's now sat out there for two years without any growth on that bypass."

Even starting to engineer infrastructure improvements now, the work will take years to complete, he said, with more time needed to attract development.

Dougherty said the real weakness is that the county doesn't know what to do with the information it has. In the meantime, they are losing opportunities to surrounding areas.

North Florida Regional Chamber of Commerce President Pam Whittle said there is more interest in Bradford County than people realize. Dougherty agreed but said that interest is lost because the businesses don't want to fund the infrastructure improvements. They want the city and county to do it.

"I think it's incumbent upon us to take what we have and start moving that forward. And then, as (Commissioner) Andrew said, let this be a living, growing document that we continue to update as we move forward," Dougherty said.

The county attorney is working on setting up a joint meeting of the city and county commissions to talk more about planning for the future.

Strengths	Weaknesses	Opportunities	Threats
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inexpensive land Transportation (Roads, Rails & Ports) Access to higher education Quality of life Natural resources/water Development review process Blank slate - opportunity/potential Manageable population Educational leaders Classroom size/smaller Clean energy/solar Electric utilities Rural legislative agenda Regional collaboration Logistics/distribution network Location, location, location! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of economic development education of Board of County Commissioners Community infrastructure Collaboration and cooperation with education Skilled workforce Housing Work ethic and attitude Community development and planning Branding Poor customer service Public apathy Healthcare NIMBY - CAVE Improving services will potentially require increased rates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revise, update and streamline Economic Development Academy Academy open to all ED Certification for elected officials ED training/certification for school principals Simplify government process for economic development Regional marketing through NFEDP Create awareness and demonstrate value at county level Support business retention 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change in state elected officials Competition, competitiveness of neighboring states Lack of infrastructure investment (local dedicated funding) Stagnant or complacent attitudes National economic recession (not "if," "when") Lack of long-term commitment and investment in workforce development Continuing of home rule/ local government control Unfunded state mandates (education, etc.)

In 2018, VisionFirst Advisors worked with the North Florida Economic Development Partnership on this SWOT analysis for Bradford County.

Leverage Strengths	Minimize Weaknesses	Maximize Opportunities	Mitigating Threats
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation (Roads, Rails, Ports) Promote to manufacturers; distribution businesses Logistics (inventory) Create transportation partner group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Skilled Workforce Housing Identify ten-year job trends - start communication now! Education advisory; align school systems to prepare for tomorrow's jobs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support Business Retention Most jobs in the region come from expansions Identify Clusters Get word out; marketing and communications Create a Formal Regional BR&E Program Utilize staff resources (questionnaire, etc.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attitudes Education, marketing, share positive stories. Brand it, brag about it to both internal and external audiences. Unfunded Mandates Educate voters
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Collaboration Marketing - promote as a region - no county lines Workforce and education Develop a resource inventory to better sell each other 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education of Elected Officials Develop and offer ongoing economic development training Incentivize to attend Recognize elected officials who complete economic development training programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refresh the Economic Development Academy to offer as 1-day sessions for ED Training & Certification Enhance FAC ED training. Partner with others for instructors Regional/local training (BOCC/ City council) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of Infrastructure Have a plan and stick to it
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Natural Resources Promote ecotourism Agricultural businesses Quality of life 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Branding Focused on target industries Asset highlights 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhanced Marketing Through NFEDP Consistent messaging focused on target area strengths and industries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approach Workforce as Economic Development Product Long range Partner with education to appropriately grow workforce skills



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Ashley is the daughter of Howard and Cindy Hughes of Hampton, the granddaughter of Edward and Dianne Davis of Hampton, Roger and the late Joan Hughes of Starke and the great-granddaughter of Mary Brown of Hampton.



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Sincerely,

Allen



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School district warns about false threats

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

GREEN COVE SPRINGS — Clay County Public Schools released a video Monday warning students not to make false threats of violence.

The district said that like other school districts across Florida, it has seen an increase in students making false threats.

“What they might think as a prank, we take very seriously,” the district said.

District Police Chief Kenny Wagner said parents should discuss the issue with their children.

“Threats can have ramifications whether it be through law enforcement action or through the school’s code of conduct and it’s just not worth it,” he said.

Wagner also asked students to report any actual threats or indications of an impending violent incident.

“You can report threats via social media or something you see written at your school to your law enforcement officer at your school, to any law enforcement officer or to a school administrator,” he said.

Superintendent David Broskie also appeared in the video and



Clay County Public Schools Police Chief Kenny Wagner and Superintendent David Broskie warn students about making false threats.

said that soon, cases of violence at schools can be reported to law enforcement instantly with the touch of a button.

During a Dec. 14 school board workshop, District Safety Specialist Stephen Mills explained the new technology to school board members.

He said the mobile phone app called Safer Watch will allow teachers to alert law enforcement about incidents by hitting a panic button within the app. The teacher’s location will automatically be transmitted when the panic button is pressed.

He said Safer Watch will reduce the response time of law enforcement during incidents.

“If you ever had to call 9-1-1, you are inundated with questions about who, what, when, where, how,” he said. “Those are needed questions, but as a caller, you can get irritated and sometimes the caller hangs up. But with this, (with) one touch of a button on your cell phone, the information goes straight to the 9-1-1 system. We know exactly where you are (and) what you are calling about.”

Minor subdivision approved near Hampton

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

HAMPTON — A new mobile home subdivision near Hampton has received reluctant approval.

Following discussion, Bradford County commissioners eventually allowed the applicant to move forward.

Ed Rose from Middleburg was present Dec. 16 to represent One Bradford County Starke Florida Trust, which owns the property just north of the intersection of U.S. 301 and County Road 18.

Known as Rosewood, the subdivision contains seven lots, each around an acre or more in size. The lots are zoned for residential single-family home and mobile home development, but there will be no new homes. There won’t be new mobile homes, either. Instead, they will place used mobile homes in the subdivision, some as much as 20-years-old but repaired to “fairly high standards,” according to Rose.

Commissioner Danny Riddick asked about the trailers, the entrance to the subdivision from 301 and the future maintenance of the private road.

Rose said they had “upgraded” from low-income to middle-income buyers for this project. They won’t be financing the purchase of the mobile homes themselves. Buyers will have to

be bank qualified.

As for the private road, most of the 38 homesites they’ve sold in the county are on private roads, Rose said, adding there isn’t another landlord he knows of who does a better job maintaining them.

His opinion did little to appease commissioners who know from experience that once residents purchase properties on private roads, they eventually struggle to maintain those roads and turn to the county for relief.

Commissioner Diane Andrews referred to multiple roads in her district that the residents cannot maintain, and the county cannot afford to take over. In that state, emergency services and school buses have difficulty accessing residents.

Commission Chairman Chris Dougherty called it one of the county’s biggest issues, saying that as properties change hands over the years and road issues are not disclosed, the second or third property owner ends up in front of them asking commissioners what they are going to do about their road.

At minimum, everyone who moves in there needs to be informed they are not on a county-maintained road, Dougherty said.

Riddick, saying he didn’t want a “trashy neighborhood,”

expressed further concerns about the age and maintenance of the mobile homes by their future owners.

“Low-income or not, the people have to have something that’s nice that they can be proud to live in,” he said.

Rose had photos of the homes they have sold over the years and said it will up to the bank to select qualified owners. Riddick asked if a bank would even be interested in such properties knowing they are on a privately maintained road. Rose said there aren’t a lot, but there are “a couple” in Florida.

Zoning Director Randy Andrews said the trust had met all the requirements of the land development regulations and the Department of Health has verified that well and septic tank requirements can be met within the subdivision.

Attorney Will Sexton said the plat could be amended to include language making it clear none of the roadways in the subdivision are county owned. That won’t fix the problem, he said, but it will clarify in the future who is responsible for road maintenance.

Following some additional discussion of drainage, the commission voted unanimously to approve the minor subdivision.



A jetsurfing competitor during a recent competition.

Jetsurfing races coming to Keystone

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — Keystone Beach will host motorized surfboard and motorized skateboard competitions in April.

The city council approved the event during a Jan. 3 council meeting.

City Manager Lynn Rutkowski said the event is coming to the Lake Region under the joint efforts of Air Stream Ventures,

the Clay County Tourism Office and the Lake Region Development Corporation.

She added that motorized surfboarding and skateboarding were created by a gentleman outside of the U.S. She said he also devised racing events to bring awareness to his products.

“This is an international event,” Rutkowski said. “The teams will compete on Lake Geneva and on our parking lot at the beach.

Motorized surfboards have

been used since the 1990s. However, a lighter version, called jetboards, fashioned from carbon fiber and Kevlar were designed by Czech Republic Formula One engineer Martin Sulu in 2008.

The boards have been growing in popularity across Europe over the past decade.

Clermont hosted the inaugural Motosurf America Finals in October 2019.

The boards are propelled by a two-stroke engine and can reach speeds of 40 mph.

Clay Electric is county’s top taxpayer

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

GREEN COVE SPRINGS — Clay Electric Cooperative once again topped the list of taxpayers in Clay County, according to Property Appraiser Tracy L. Drake’s 2020 annual report.

The Keystone Heights-based power supplier’s taxable property value of more than \$203 million was more than double the county’s number two taxpayer: The Orange Park Mall with property valued at nearly \$87 million.

Also making the top 10 list in 2020 were Orange Park Medical Center: \$84 million; Mid-America Apartments, which owns the Lighthouse at Fleming Island, a 47-acre apartment complex: \$60 million; Teco Pipeline Holdings: \$48 million; Guidewell Group: \$42 million; Invitation Homes, which owns over 220 rental houses in the county: \$41 million; Parkland at Orange Park, a Wells Road apartment complex: \$36 million; Vallencourt Construction: \$34 million and Landmark at Vista Grande, another Wells Road apartment site: \$30 million.

The 2020 annual report also reported that county real estate values totaled \$19.7 billion on Dec. 31, 2020, up from \$18.5 billion the previous year.

“Clay County’s real property market value increased over 75% from 2004 to 2007,” the report said. “Due to the national recession, the market value decreased almost 25% from 2007 to 2012. Since 2012, the market value has increased more than 58%.”

Median home sale prices also increased during 2020 to \$246,000, up from \$232,865 the previous year.

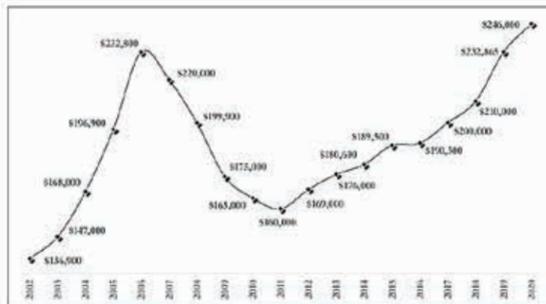
Drake said that his office uses three appraisal techniques to value the 94,008 parcels in the county: the cost approach, the sales comparison approach and the capitalization of earnings approach.

By law, the office is required to inspect every parcel in the county once every five years.

The report also explains the difference between just value,

Name	Total Taxable Value	% of County's Taxable Value
Clay Electric Co-op, Inc.	\$203,666,824	1.67%
Orange Park Mall LLC	\$86,750,000	0.71%
Orange Park Medical Center	\$83,598,839	0.69%
Mid-America Apartments L.P.	\$60,028,100	0.49%
Teco Pipeline Holding Co., LLC	\$48,364,103	0.40%
Guidewell Group Inc.	\$42,437,050	0.34%
Invitation Homes Inc.	\$40,549,050	0.33%
Parkland at Orange Park LLC	\$35,888,600	0.29%
Vallencourt Construction Co.	\$34,388,215	0.28%
Landmark at Vista Grande LLC	\$30,250,000	0.25%
Total:	\$665,920,241	5.45%

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assessed value and taxable value.

The just value is “the most probable price for a property in a competitive, open market involving a willing buyer and seller.”

The assessed value is the just value adjusted for caps and limitations prescribed by Florida law such as the Save-Our-Homes limitation, which caps the annual increase of homestead property values to 3 percent.

Another adjustment for assessed value is the growth limitation for non-homestead property, which is capped at an annual increase of 10 percent.

Taxable value is assessed value, less exemptions, such as the homestead exemption.

Other facts disclosed in the property appraiser’s report include:

— 13,067 real estate transactions occurred in

the county during 2020, a 19.61% increase over the previous year.

— Orange Park had the highest municipal tax rate in the county with 5.8781 mills, followed by Penny Farms: 4.7500 mills, Keystone Heights: 4.2901 mills and Green Cove Springs: 3.8000 mills.

— 53,939 parcels qualified for the homestead exemption in 2020, a 1.33% increase over the previous year.

— The county’s 1,338 agricultural parcels have a market value of over \$630 million, but a taxable value of only \$93.7 million, because of the state’s agricultural classification, also known as the greenbelt classification.



Rosewood will contain seven lots.

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Deputy Lakiesha Lewis and the kids share a group hug.

Gifts given and received

From Shop with a Cop to their annual gift haul to the Head Start students, law enforcement representatives help end every year on a high note for local kids, making the dawn of a new year that much brighter. Bradford County Sheriff's Office employees and Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency members took armfuls of presents to students in Episcopal Children's Services preschool program. Housed at the RJE complex, the program offers early education to young children to help prepare them for kindergarten. The subsidized school readiness program serves eligible low-income families who need assistance with childcare. In addition to addressing children's physical, cognitive, social and emotional development, the program also works with parents to help them support their child's ongoing education. The Bradford County Sheriff's Office and Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency play Santa for this group of youngsters every year. FCCD is a nonprofit corporation made up of personnel from multiple agencies that promotes high professional standards, thereby serving the public through the prevention and reduction of crime and delinquency. Adults pictured are (kneeling) ECS's Jessica Hunt, (back, l-r) Deputy Lakiesha Lewis, Lt. Beth Griffin, Deputy Quineisha Armstrong, Gretchen Brooks, Elizabeth Nazworth, Wendy Russell, Col. Brad Smith, Trish Tucker, ECS's Harleigh Harris, and FCCD's Pat Honour and Mary Taylor.



Preschoolers pictured are (front row, l-r) Braelyn Kane, Loghan Thornton, Makena Miller, Ky'mani Hill, Kendall Blye, Ah'Mir Glover, Ramon Smith (back row, l-r) A'riah Hankerson, Jasper Toupin, Tory Lamar, Mabree Hilliard, Merrick Hilliard, India Jonas and Josiah Blye.

Letters

Substitute got the runaround

Dear Editor:
I recently had the opportunity to attend a meeting in support of a young lady who had questions about her status with the Bradford County School District (BCSD) where she had worked as a substitute.
So, here's the story. The young lady was employed with the BCSD as a substitute teacher in 2017 until the subs were outsourced to an outside company. She subsequently worked in Putnam County without incident and left due to transportation issues. In 2019 she reapplied in Bradford County and was rehired after passing required background screening and fingerprints (\$60 cost to potential employee). After two days she was told that she was removed from the sub list and needed to leave. When she inquired as to why, she was asked, "Don't you know?" She replied, "No, I don't," but she was not informed why and what incident precipitated this decision.
She worked a few other jobs in between but really wanted to go back to being a substitute, so she made an appointment with the superintendent to find out if there was any reason that she would not be able to come back to BCSD as a sub. The superintendent had an emergency on the day of her appointment and was unable

to meet with her. His secretary inquired as to the nature of the appointment and recommended that she go to HR and ask them that question.
The HR personnel reviewed employment history and determined that there was nothing to indicate that she was ineligible for rehire and made an appointment to begin the rehiring process. This time the background check and fingerprints cost was \$80. She worked at the middle school and Southside Elementary School without incident, then was told that there was a mix-up with the person that called out and that she would need to leave. She would be paid for the full day. She was then informed that she was removed from the sub list and again not given a reason.
So, she requested a meeting with the superintendent to try to get to the bottom of what this was all about. On Dec. 6, 2021, at 10:30 a.m., that meeting took place in the superintendent's office. During the meeting the superintendent stated that he was told she was "loud and yelled at the students". That's it!
The superintendent verified that there was no documentation in the individual's personnel file as to the date and time of the alleged incident, who was involved, what principal or assistant principal or teacher or student made the complaint, and if the complaint was ever validated by an internal investigation.

The superintendent verified that no recent complaints during this latest employment period had been made regarding this individual's performance.
The superintendent verified that a secretary at a school (not his administrative secretary) had spoken with the previous HR director from 2019 who told her what the complaint was as she remembered it.
The superintendent verified that it was his decision alone, based on the 2019 complaint that the individual was loud and yelled at students, not to allow her to remain a substitute teacher in the BCSD.
The superintendent also stated that the district did not need substitutes at this time.
To say the least, the young lady was very disappointed in the outcome of his decision and so was I and made him aware of this at the conclusion of the meeting.
Unless there was some additional information that the superintendent was unwilling or unable to be transparent about, I have trouble with the superintendent's decision based on the above information, which is why I am writing this.
I suggested that some measures be put in place so that this does not happen to others going forward. If it's not documented, it's not done! Nursing 101.
The BCSD did reimburse the \$80 for the background check this time. Maybe that's cause for hope.

Elaine Slocum

PROJECT

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The design phase will include a request for inclusion of the design portion of the project upon completion and approval of the planning phase documents by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP). The engineer will prepare periodic disbursement requests and close-out documents. The engineer will also design a program for repair/replacement of the wastewater

collection system.
Based on recommendations of the approved facilities plan, two separate contract documents will be prepared, enabling the city to have two projects with a budget of about \$5 million each.
As these projects progress there will be permits required and surveys performed to comply with current standards. Walker and the members of the city commission are working towards preparing for future growth and development by planning for the future now.

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Next Meeting

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Crime

Recent arrests in Bradford, Union and Clay

Dec. 25 through Dec. 31

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

Nelson Javier Amador, 32, of Jacksonville was arrested by Bradford deputies on Dec. 27 for an out-of-county warrant, possession of marijuana and driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Timothy Adeyemi Bell, 27, of Gainesville was arrested by Bradford deputies on Dec. 28 for a probation violation.

Kenith James Brewer, 49, of Starke was arrested by Starke police on Dec. 26 for possession of a weapon by a felon, possession of marijuana and possession of drug equipment.

William Joshua Dodd, 42, of Graham was arrested by Bradford deputies on Dec. 30 for an out-of-county warrant.

Anissia Shontel Green, 48, of Gainesville was arrested by Starke police on Dec. 30 for battery.

Michael Leonard Hankerson, 40, of Starke was arrested by Starke police on Dec. 28 for an out-of-county warrant.

Doyle John Havard, 36, of Starke was arrested by Starke police on Dec. 27 for driving with a suspended or revoked license, vehicle theft and possession of drugs.

Phillip Michael James, 27, of Lawtey was arrested by Bradford deputies on Dec. 31 for contempt of court.

Pedro Demetrius Jonas, 30, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on Dec. 27 for an out-of-county warrant.

Shawn Aymara Martin, 49, of Starke was arrested by Starke police on Dec. 29 for DUI.

Shane Patrick Mroz, 28, of Starke was arrested by Starke police on Dec. 31 for battery and resisting an officer.

Oscar Eli Murillo Chirinos, 22, of Jacksonville was arrested by Bradford deputies on Dec. 28 for failure to appear.

Brandon Adrian Nelson, 28, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on Dec. 28 for criminal mischief with property damage, burglary, possession of burglary tools, trespassing, larceny and dealing in stolen property.

Adriana Maria Ojeda, 27, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on Dec. 28 for battery.

Katherine Ann Richards, 46, of Melrose was arrested by Bradford deputies on Dec. 30 for failure to appear.

Heather Jeanette Stamper, 31, of Sampson was arrested by Starke police on Dec. 27 for criminal mischief with property damage and disturbing the peace.

Union

Stephan Michael McCardell Jr., 40, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on Dec. 25 for battery.

According to an arrest report, the defendant punched a family member in the face and fled their residence with a 2-year-old boy. Approximately 90 minutes later, the defendant returned to the residence, where he was arrested.

Sylvester Warren Jr., 45, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on Dec. 27 for trespassing.

Clay

Brandon Shawn McKinney, 25, was arrested by Clay deputies in Keystone Heights on Dec. 28 for failure to appear.

Margaret Jean Pitts, 58, was arrested by Clay deputies in Keystone Heights on Dec. 29 for resisting an officer without violence.

DUI

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and watery.”

Naeyaert wrote that Coldiron said he had just left Timbuktu, a U.S. 301 bar and package store, and was heading for his girlfriend's house at the time of the crash.

“When asked if he has consumed anything to drink,” Naeyaert wrote, “he stated, ‘about 6 beers and a shot of crown apple.’ I asked if he was having dinner while drinking and he stated it was a family get-together.”

The trooper wrote that based on the results of standardized field sobriety exercises, he arrested Coldiron for DUI.

He added that the defendant refused to provide a breath sample.

“It should be noted, on multiple occasions,” Naeyaert concluded, “Mr. Coldiron spontaneously uttered ‘I’m (expletive deleted)’ and ‘my career is over.’”

According to the sheriff's office social media, Coldiron recently served as the agency's director of detention.

January sobriety checkpoints announced

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

Takes car for test drive, doesn't return

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

STARKE — A Starke man who took a Ford Mustang for a test drive was arrested by Starke police, two hours after he left the dealership and failed to return the car.

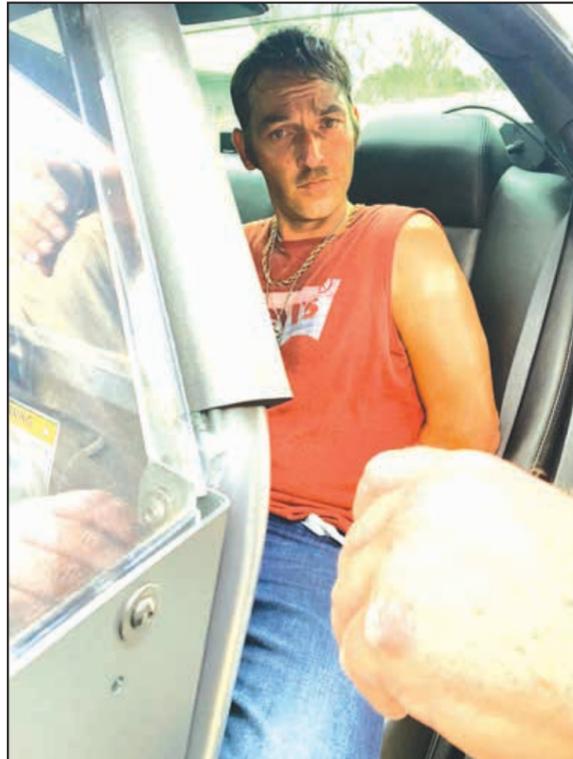
Doyle John Havard, 36, was arrested on Monday, Dec. 27 for vehicle theft, possession of drugs and driving with a suspended or revoked license.

According to an arrest report, Havard asked to see a white Mustang at Duval Chevrolet just before noon and then asked to take the car for a test drive. A worker handed over the keys to the car and asked Havard for his driver's license. The defendant replied that he left his license in his vehicle, then got into the Mustang and left.

Arresting officer Hunter Redding wrote in the report that just before 2 p.m., he spotted the Ford moving southbound on Temple Avenue.

Redding and another officer stopped the vehicle. While searching Havard, the officers found a cigarette box in one of his pockets containing methamphetamine.

Redding added that Havard has five previous convictions of driving with a suspended or revoked license.



Starke police photo: Havard

2 arrested after high-speed chase

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

STARKE — Starke police said its officers arrested two people after a high-speed chase through the city in the early morning hours of Sunday, Jan. 2.

The chase began near the intersection of Pine and Brownlee Streets after officers observed a traffic violation and ended near Southside Elementary School.

Terrell Gilmore was immediately taken into custody and arrested for resisting without violence. The driver, later identified as Deonte Simmons, fled on foot.



Simmons

“A perimeter was established with the assistance of the Bradford County Sheriff's Office and Union Correctional Institution K9s were deployed to attempt to track the driver,” the department said on its Facebook page. “While tracking the driver, he came out of the woods and surrendered to law enforcement on perimeter.”

Simmons was arrested for resisting an officer and a probation violation. The department said the defendants reached 90 mph in a 25-mph speed zone during the chase.

Tried to break into waiting cars

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

STARKE — Police arrested a 36-year-old High Springs woman after she tried to enter cars parked at a traffic signal near Walmart.

Heather Jeanette Stamper was arrested on Monday, Dec. 27 for criminal mischief with property damage and disturbing the peace.

According to an arrest report, the victim told police he was waiting at the red light when he saw the defendant trying to open the doors of other vehicles at the intersection.

“The suspect approached (the victim's) vehicle and attempted to open his driver's door and then punched his side mirror,



Stamper

breaking it,” wrote arresting officer James Hall. “The suspect (then) walked to the Murphy Gas Station and caused a disturbance

in the parking lot prior to the arrival of law enforcement.”

When Hall arrived on the scene, a Florida Credit Union employee told him the defendant was hiding in the bed of a pickup truck in the parking lot.

“The suspect appeared to be under the influence of narcotics due to the statements made by her admitting to smoking marijuana,” wrote Hall in the report. “She was also having difficulty answering basic questions by officers. The owner of the vehicle arrived and advised he did not know the subject and did not give her permission to be in the back of the truck.”

Hall estimated damage to the mirror at \$500.

COVID

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CDC has evaluated county-level data and Bradford, Union and Clay are high-transmission communities, along with most other Florida counties.

From Dec. 24–30, Bradford County had 101 new cases reported, up from 27 the week before. The weekly positivity rate went from 6.5% to 19.2%. Only 36 vaccinations occurred, leaving the vaccination rate at 47%.

Union County had 55 new cases, up from 21. The positivity rate increased from 8.7% to 20.2%. With 23 new vaccinations, the vaccination rate increased to 54%.

Clay County's 1,198 new cases accounted for its 22.4% positivity rate. This was up from 8.5% last week based on 311 new cases. There were 597 vaccination shots, raising the vaccination rate to 56%.

According to the CDC, COVID-19 vaccines are highly effective at preventing severe illness, hospitalizations and death.

For more information on testing and vaccination, visit www.floridahealthcovid19.gov. In Bradford, call the health department at 904-964-7732.

In Union, call 386-496-3211. In Clay, call 904-529-2800.

Hot Meals and a Prayer

NEW DATE

Come to the Bradford County Faith Community Center for hot meals served up with prayer on Thursday, Jan. 27, from 4 to 6 p.m. the center is located at 721 Old Lawtey Road in Starke.

Get help quitting

Quitting tobacco isn't easy. Finding help should be. If you're ready to quit, join the next Tools to Quit Tobacco group on Thursday, Jan. 13, from 3–5 p.m. at the Bradford County Health Department. Virtual options by computer and phone are also available.

This free, one-time two-hour group will give you tips on how to deal with triggers and withdrawal symptoms and how to prevent relapse. You'll also receive up to four weeks of free nicotine patches, gum or lozenges.

This group more than doubles your chance of quitting for good. Pre-registration is required. Call 866-341-2730 to reserve your spot.



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Lake Butler Elementary chooses its Teacher of the Year

BY LARRY DUPEE
Special to the Times

A Lake Butler native who has dedicated her life to special needs students at Lake Butler schools has been chosen LBES Teacher of the Year 2021.

Loree Rodgers teaches self-contained ESE classes at LBES to students with special needs that require a controlled environment for an optimum learning experience. She has taught K-1st grade for seventeen years, then taught all grades of ESE classes at LBES.

Growing up in Lake Butler, Rodgers married B.B Rodgers,



LBES Teacher of the Year Loree Rodgers

her husband of thirty-three years. She spent several years as a housewife raising 4 children. While pregnant with her fifth child she did her coursework at St. Leo University, earning her BA in Elementary Education, along with certificates in Special Education and reading. She graduated in 1988.

Rodgers said "I love teaching. My kids are special. Focusing on an individual child's specific needs makes them feel confident in a safe learning environment." She likes to see kids learn academically and grow socially. She said "Patience is my strength. I enjoy dealing with challenging

behaviors." When told that she had been selected as T.O.Y she said that she had been nominated before... but this was the first time she had been selected. Feeling surprised and excited she said, "I love this school. The whole staff is wonderful it is a second home for all of us. That's why teachers stay here."

Feeling especially honored to be chosen as LBES T.O.Y she said, "I think that every teacher here is worthy of being T.O.Y. I'm no different than any of them. That's why am so honored to be chosen to represent them as the T.O.Y."

Riser plans to spend her career at LBES. During a shortage of bus drivers last year she spent months getting ready for her test. She became a fully trained, licensed bus driver and drives her route every day. This dedication to her passion for teaching to the best of her ability makes for a long day. Starting and ending with a bus ride, as well as, class time Riser feels that she has developed an extended family sharing mutual love and support as she watches them grow up.

In her spare time she enjoys watching her kids and grandkids play sports. She also plays the piano and organ at Harmony

Baptist Church. She has played the piano since she learned at age five. When in her teens she started playing the organ at church where she still plays every weekend.

When asked for her opinion of her peers she said " There is no difference between us here at LBES. We all work toward a common goal, to be the best we can for those who need us the most... the children. That's why I am so proud to be chosen to represent them as T.O.Y 2021."

Riser is Lake Butler Elementary Employee of the Year

BY LARRY DUPEE
Special to the Times

Lake Butler Elementary School has selected the School Related Employee of the year for 2021. From the many who dedicate themselves to the best quality of education, Dawn Riser has demonstrated her abilities to coordinate the business end of the education process. A Lake Butler native, she attended Union County schools. After graduating from Union County High School in '96 her first job in '97 was as secretary for the Acorn Clinic Dental office near Brooker. She was promoted to office manager for a time. Seeking experience in other fields she worked as general business manager for three years in Lake City.

When she was young, she said that she could not wait to be a teacher. Riser started helping



LBES Employee of the Year Dawn Riser

out as a sub when her daughter started Kindergarten in 2011. She subed thru 2013 when she

applied for a secretarial position that opened in the school office at LBES. Riser has served as

secretary for LBES since 2019. Her main job is coordinating the processes that are required to maintain organization in an ever changing environment.

To keep a level head while multi tasking the many diverse functions encountered in daily office procedures is a skill Riser has mastered. From answering the phones and making sure that the messages are delivered correctly, to coordinating substitute teachers. She takes simple pleasure from doing the right thing to make sure the process flows as smoothly as possible.

Keeping Principal Marcie Tucker's schedule fluid is one of her most important assignments. She prints honor roll certificates, backs up people who are out to lunch, assists in the clinic, establishes the campus calendar

of events, prepares and discusses surveys, collects Santa Express forms to assist the P.T.O and push wherever needed.

Riser said, "I always want everyone to have what they need and to get done what they need to do. When asked how she felt about being selected S.R.E. she said "I felt flattered honestly I thought they were joking! I could not believe it. To be here working with such a great team ... for sure no other job has felt so much like home." Riser says she plans to stay on at LBES and start every morning there. She said, "I'm the first one here, get the subs ready, check in parents and open the school up for business." "We have a big team here we all do it together."

She loves the kids and misses the classroom a lot but she feels that she has comfortably

settled into the position she has. Riser has been married to her husband Tony for 19 years. Raising two children a son 19, and a daughter, 10, family life involves scrapbooking, small art projects, puzzles, spending time at bonfires, fishing and family projects.

She likes to read non-fiction to learn about how to figure out kids and how to help them overcome their problems. She also enjoys fiction, especially thrillers, to help her relax. She likes Christian music but said she will listen to anything. Her favorite T.V show is Grey's Anatomy.

Riser said, "Working at LBES with so many great people with such positive energy and concern for students academic as well as emotional needs, and being selected by them to represent them, I can only say Thank You!"

Prohibition of mail at Lawtey C.I. called unfair

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

LAWTEY — Beginning Jan. 18, inmates at Lawtey Correctional Institution, in addition to those at Calhoun, Polk and Martin will not be able to receive traditional mail.

Instead, officers at those institutions will digitally scan incoming mail addressed to inmates and then forward a digital copy of the correspondence to the inmate.

In a public meeting last year, FDC Assistant Secretary Richard Comerford said that over the last two years, the department confiscated 35,000 pieces of contraband through traditional mail. He added the rule change

is intended to reduce the introduction of contraband into prisons.

The department added that it is testing the new procedures at the four prisons and may expand the practice to other institutions.

In a letter to former FDC Secretary Mark Inch last year, 21 nonprofits, including the ACLU of Florida and the Innocence Project of Florida, said that the 35,000 pieces of contraband cited by Comerford represent one percent of all mail received at FDC facilities.

"Abolishing physical mail will harm public safety," the nonprofits wrote. "FDC reported in 2020 that 86% of people incarcerated in Florida prisons will ultimately return to their respective

communities. Familial relationships are crucial to successful reentry, not recidivating and not being sent back to prison."

The groups added that even though inmates will still be able to receive digitized copies of incoming mail, the images fall short of holding the letter or card that came from a family member.

"Receiving a handwritten letter or artwork from a child helps improve overall morale," the groups wrote. "Imagine receiving a letter and being able to smell home, something so simple can provide much-needed positivity in the lives of incarcerated people."

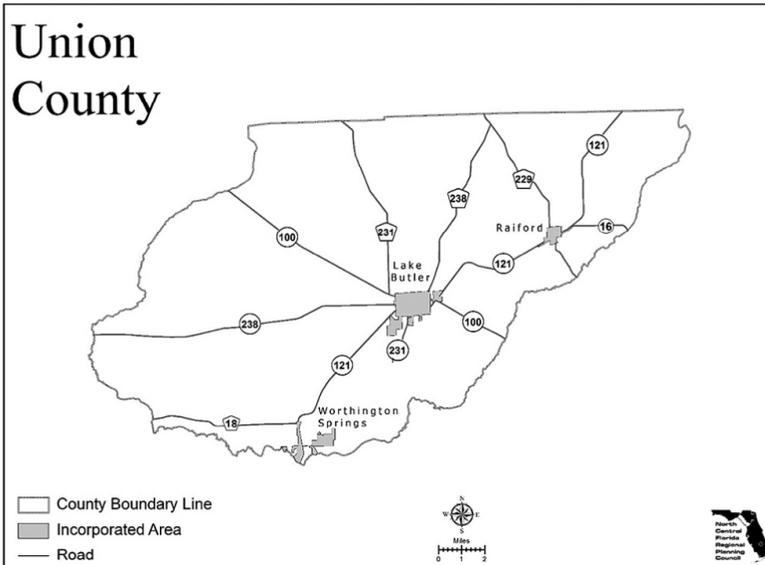
Treasure the love you receive above all. It will survive long after your gold and good health have vanished.

— Og Mandingo

NOTICE OF LAND USE CHANGE

The Board of County Commissioners of Union County, Florida proposes to regulate the use of land within the area as shown on the map below by amending the text of the Comprehensive Plan, hereinafter referred to as the Comprehensive Plan, as follows:

CPA 21-01, an application by the Board of County Commissioners, to amend the text of the Comprehensive Plan by adding a Property Rights Element to the Comprehensive Plan per Section 163.3161(10), Florida Statutes, as amended and Section 187.101(3), Florida Statutes, as amended.



A public hearing will be conducted by the Board of County Commissioners to consider the amendment and enactment of the ordinance adopting the amendment on January 18, 2022 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. The title of said ordinance reads, as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO AN AMENDMENT TO THE TEXT OF THE UNION COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, CPA 21-01, BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, UNDER THE AMENDMENT PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN SECTIONS 163.3161 THROUGH 163.3248, FLORIDA STATUTES, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR ADDING A PROPERTY RIGHTS ELEMENT TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PER SECTION 163.3161(10), FLORIDA STATUTES, AS AMENDED AND SECTION 187.101(3), FLORIDA STATUTES, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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

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).

Honor Roll



KINGDOM CHRISTIAN ACADEMY STUDENTS MAKING STRAIGHT A HONOR ROLL FOR THE FIRST NINE WEEKS: (l-r) Javen Carter, Malaiah Dodd, Blakelee Moore and Jalaiah Carter.



KINGDOM CHRISTIAN ACADEMY KNIGHTS FOR THE FIRST NINE WEEKS: (front to back, l-r) Isaac Gillyard, Jacob Todd, Harley Singletary, Savannah Sasser and Rebecca Gillyard.

Legal Notices

Bradford

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS MOWING OF AREA REFERRED TO AS "SPRAYFIELD"

The City of Starke is soliciting quotes for the mowing of approximately one hundred forty (140) acres of irrigated and thirty (30) acres of unirrigated land (spray field) at least four times per calendar year. This solicitation is subject to approval by the Starke City Commission, and the City reserves the right to accept or reject any proposals. All quotes should be received no later than 5:00PM EST, Thursday, January 13, 2022, at the addresses given below (choose one)
US Mail:
City of Starke
209 N Thompson Street
Starke, FL 32091
ATT: Mowing Services
Office of the City Manager
Email: (electronic copies are fine)
Mail quote and any supporting documents to: dmullins@cityofstarke.org

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS CONCERNING AMENDMENTS TO THE

**BRADFORD COUNTY
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**
BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, SERVING AS THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THE LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to Sections 163.3161 through 163.3248, Florida Statutes, as amended, and the Bradford County Land Development Regulations, as amended, objections, recommendations and comments concerning the amendments, as described below, will be heard by the Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida, serving as the Planning and Zoning Board of Bradford County, Florida, and the Local Planning Agency of Bradford County, Florida, at public hearings on January 20, 2022 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.

(1) S211006A, an application by Dean L. Weaver II, as agent for James M. Bertotto, to amend the Future Land Use Plan Map of the Comprehensive Plan by changing the land use classification from AGRICULTURE-2 (less than or equal to 1 dwelling unit per 5 acres, except as provided in Policy I.2.2) to COMMERCIAL on property described, as follows: A parcel of land lying in Section 10, Township 7 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida. Being more particularly described, as follows: Commence at the intersection of the Easterly right-of-way line of State Road 100 with the Northerly right-of-way line of County Road 100A for the Point of Beginning; thence North 59°35'56" East 378.50 feet, along the Northerly right-of-way line of said County Road 100A; thence North 12°21'05" West 133.00 feet; thence South 81°28'17" West 391.00 feet to the Easterly right-of-way line of said State Road 100; thence South 18°36'00" East 277.00 feet, along the Easterly right-of-way line of said State Road 100, to the Point of Beginning. Containing 1.75 acres, more or less.

(2) S211019A, an application by Justis Smith, as agent for Rowe Enterprises, Inc., to amend the Future Land Use Plan Map of the Comprehensive Plan by changing the land use classification from RESIDENTIAL, LOW DENSITY (less than or equal to 2 dwelling units per acre) to COMMERCIAL on property described, as follows: A parcel of land lying in Section 25, Township 7 South, Range 21 East, Bradford County, Florida. Being more particularly described, as follows: Commence at the Northeast corner of the South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 25; thence South 88°50'18" West 210.00 feet, along the North line of the South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 25; thence South 01°30'37" East 196.48 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence South 88°50'18" West 825.02 feet to the Easterly right-of-way line of U.S. Highway No. 301 (State Road 200); thence Southwesterly, along the Easterly right-of-way line of said U.S. Highway No. 301 (State Road 200) with a curve concave Westerly, said curve having a central angle of 04°00'45", a radius of 6,935.50 feet, an arc length 485.70 feet and a chord bearing and distance of South 12°25'01" West 485.60 feet; thence North 88°48'35" East 941.90 feet; thence North 01°30'37" West 471.58 feet to the Point of Beginning. Containing 9.62 acres, more or less. The public hearings may be continued to one or more future dates. Any interested party shall be advised that the date, time and place of any continuation of the public hearings shall be announced during the public hearings and that no further notice concerning the matters will be published, unless said continuation exceeds six calendar weeks from the date of the above referenced public hearings.

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

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NOTICE OF ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCES BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF

BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the ordinances, which titles hereinafter appear, will be considered for enactment by the Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida, at public hearings on January 20, 2022 at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matters 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 ordinances 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 ordinances. The title of said ordinances read, as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN MAP OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, AS AMENDED; RELATING TO AN AMENDMENT OF 50 OR LESS ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, S211006A, BY THE PROPERTY OWNER OF SAID ACREAGE, UNDER THE AMENDMENT PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN SECTIONS 163.3161 THROUGH 163.3248, FLORIDA STATUTES, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR CHANGING THE LAND USE CLASSIFICATION FROM AGRICULTURE-2 (LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 1 DWELLING UNIT PER 5 ACRES, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN POLICY I.2.2) TO COMMERCIAL OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

AN ORDINANCE OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN MAP OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, AS AMENDED; RELATING TO AN AMENDMENT OF 50 OR LESS ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, S211019A, BY THE PROPERTY OWNER OF SAID ACREAGE, UNDER THE AMENDMENT PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN SECTIONS 163.3161 THROUGH 163.3248, FLORIDA STATUTES, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR CHANGING THE LAND USE CLASSIFICATION FROM RESIDENTIAL, LOW DENSITY (LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 2 DWELLING UNITS TO ACRE) TO COMMERCIAL OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS CONCERNING AMENDMENTS TO THE

**BRADFORD COUNTY LAND
DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS**
BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, SERVING AS THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THE LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to Sections 163.3161 through 163.3248, Florida Statutes, as amended, and the Bradford County Land Development Regulations, as amended, objections, recommendations and comments concerning the amendments, as described below, will be heard by the Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida, serving as the Planning and Zoning Board of Bradford County, Florida, and the Local Planning Agency of Bradford County, Florida, at public hearings on January 20, 2022 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.

(1) Z 21-12, an application by Dean L. Weaver II, as agent for James M. Bertotto, to amend the Official Zoning Atlas of the Land Development Regulations by changing the zoning district from AGRICULTURAL-2 (A-2) to COMMERCIAL, INTENSIVE (CI) on property described, as follows: A parcel of land lying in Section 10, Township 7 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida. Being more particularly described, as follows: Commence at the intersection of the Easterly right-of-way line of State Road 100 with the Northerly right-of-way line of County Road 100A for the Point of Beginning; thence North 59°35'56" East 378.50 feet, along the Northerly right-of-way line of said County Road 100A; thence North 12°21'05" West 133.00 feet; thence South 81°28'17" West 391.00 feet to the Easterly right-of-way line of

said State Road 100; thence South 18°36'00" East 277.00 feet, along the Easterly right-of-way line of said State Road 100, to the Point of Beginning. Containing 1.75 acres, more or less.

(2) Z 21-13, an application by Justis Smith, as agent for Rowe Enterprises, Inc., to amend the Official Zoning Atlas of the Land Development Regulations by changing the zoning district from RESIDENTIAL, (MIXED) SINGLE FAMILY/MOBILE HOME-1 (RSF/MH-1) to COMMERCIAL, INTENSIVE (CI) on property described, as follows: A parcel of land lying in Section 25, Township 7 South, Range 21 East, Bradford County, Florida. Being more particularly described, as follows: Commence at the Northeast corner of the South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 25; thence South 88°50'18" West 210.00 feet, along the North line of the South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 25; thence South 01°30'37" East 196.48 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence South 88°50'18" West 825.02 feet to the Easterly right-of-way line of U.S. Highway No. 301 (State Road 200); thence Southwesterly, along the Easterly right-of-way line of said U.S. Highway No. 301 (State Road 200) with a curve concave Westerly, said curve having a central angle of 04°00'45", a radius of 6,935.50 feet, an arc length 485.70 feet and a chord bearing and distance of South 12°25'01" West 485.60 feet; thence North 88°48'35" East 941.90 feet; thence North 01°30'37" West 471.58 feet to the Point of Beginning. Containing 9.62 acres, more or less. The public hearings may be continued to one or more future dates. Any interested party shall be advised that the date, time and place of any continuation of the public hearings shall be announced during the public hearings and that no further notice concerning the matters will be published, unless said continuation exceeds six calendar weeks from the date of the above referenced public hearings.

At the aforementioned public hearings, all interested parties may appear and be heard with respect to the amendments. Copies of the amendments are available for public inspection at the Office of the Director of Zoning, County Courthouse located at 945 North Temple Avenue, North Wing, Starke, Florida, during regular business hours. All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decision made at the above referenced public hearings they will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in these proceedings should contact the office of the County Manager at 904.966.6327 by 5:00 p.m. at least 48 hours prior to the public hearing or via Florida Relay Service 800.955.8770 (voice) or 800.955.8771 (TTY).

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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 LESS THAN TEN CONTIGUOUS ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, Z 21-12, BY THE PROPERTY OWNER OF SAID ACREAGE; PROVIDING FOR CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT FROM AGRICULTURAL-2 (A-2) TO COMMERCIAL, INTENSIVE (CI) OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

AN ORDINANCE OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING ATLAS OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, AS AMENDED; RELATING TO THE REZONING OF LESS THAN TEN CONTIGUOUS ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, Z 21-13, BY THE PROPERTY OWNER OF SAID ACREAGE; PROVIDING FOR CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT FROM RESIDENTIAL, (MIXED) SINGLE FAMILY-1 (RSF/MH-1) TO COMMERCIAL, INTENSIVE (CI) OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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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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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA**
FILE NO.: 04-2021-CP-131
IN RE: ESTATE OF
MARTHA JEANINE HODGE,
PROBATE DIVISION
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of MARTHA JEANINE HODGE, deceased, File Number 04-2021-CP-131, is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 345 N. Temple Ave. Starke, FL 32091. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED! The date of the first publication of this Notice is January 6, 2022.
EXECUTED this 29th day of December, 2021.
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Attorney for Petitioner
Florida Bar No.: 557463
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Starke, Florida 32091
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Bruce G. Siemer, Jr., (Petitioner)
1799 NE 251st St.
Lawtey, FL 32058

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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 20th, 2022 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 22-01, a petition by Tom's High on the Hog Real Pit BBQ, to request a Special Exception be granted as provided for in Section 4.5.5 Ag-2 (Agricultural-2) # 20 of the Bradford County Land Development Regulations to allow for a Recreational activity (Travel trailer park or campground) to be located at the property being described as follows:

A parcel of land situated in Section 11, Township 8 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida, being part of Bradford County Parcel Number 05410-0-00200 and containing 61 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 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 proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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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 20th, 2022 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 22-02, a petition by Tom's High on the Hog Real Pit BBQ, to request a Special Exception

be granted as provided for in Section 4.5.5 Ag-2 (Agricultural-2) # 20 of the Bradford County Land Development Regulations to allow for a Recreational activity (Travel trailer park or campground) to be located at the property being described as follows:

A parcel of land situated in Section 14, Township 8 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida, being part of Bradford County Parcel Number 05662-0-00200 and containing 94 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 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 proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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NOTICE OF ACTION Bradford County

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING
IN RE: The license to practice Nursing Kimberly Sullivan, R.N.
3216 West State Road 235
Brooker, FL 32622

CASE NO.: 2021-09909

LICENSE NO.: RN9497328

The Department of Health has filed an Administrative Complaint against you, a copy of which may be obtained by contacting, Judson Searcy, Assistant General Counsel, Prosecution Services Unit, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C65, Tallahassee Florida 32399-3265, (850) 558-9898. If no contact has been made by you concerning the above by February 17, 2022 the matter of the Administrative Complaint will be presented at an ensuing meeting of the Board of Nursing in an informal proceeding.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the individual or agency sending this notice not later than seven days prior to the proceeding at the address given on the notice. Telephone: (850) 245-4640, 1-800-955-8771 (TDD) or 1-800-955-8770 (V), via Florida Relay Service.

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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 20th, 2022 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, at the County Commission Meeting Room located at 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida.

V 22-01, an application by Jesse Higgs, to request a Variance be granted as provided for in Section 4.5.7 Minimum Yard Requirements for "Ag" Agricultural zoning designation of the Bradford County Land Development Regulations from Twenty-five (25) feet along the Side property line to a requested Five (5) feet on property being described as follows:

P/O the NW1/4 of the NE1/4 of Section 35, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida and being Bradford County Parcel Number 04569-0-00100. Said parcel containing 1.14 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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Union

**NOTICE OF ENACTMENT OF AN
ORDINANCE
BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF
UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA**
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT an 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 18, 2022 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, RELATING TO AN AMENDMENT TO THE TEXT OF THE UNION COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, CPA 21-01, BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, UNDER THE AMENDMENT PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN SECTIONS 163.3161 THROUGH 163.3248, FLORIDA STATUTES, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR ADDING A PROPERTY RIGHTS ELEMENT TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PER SECTION 163.3161(10), FLORIDA STATUTES, AS AMENDED AND SECTION 187.101(3), FLORIDA STATUTES, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

The public hearing may be continued to one or more future dates. Any interested party shall be advised that the date, time and place of any continuation of the public hearing shall be announced during the public hearing and that no further notice 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 decisions made at this public hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings and, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact 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 1.800.955.8770 (voice) or 1.800.955.8771 (TTY).

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Lake Region

REQUEST FOR BID

**KEYSTONE HEIGHTS (CLAY CO)
PROJ: KEYSTONE BEACH SITE
RENOVATIONS – 565 S Lawrence
Blvd., Keystone Heights, FL 32656**
Owner: City of Keystone Heights – 555 S Lawrence Blvd, Keystone Heights, FL 32656

Construction Manager: Scherer Construction – 2504 NW 71st Place, Gainesville, FL 32653 (352) 318-8172 FAX (352) 338-1018
Bids Due: JANUARY 18, 2022 Before 2PM to Keystone Heights City Hall

Notes: Bids are due hand delivered or via mail directly to Keystone Heights City Hall. Emailed bids will not be accepted. Mailed bids should be sent: ATTN: Lynn Rutkowski, City Manager – Keystone Heights City Hall, PO Box 420, Keystone Heights, FL. Hand delivered bids should be delivered, in a sealed envelope, to the attention of Lynn Rutkowski, City Manager – Keystone Heights City Hall at 555 S Lawrence Blvd, Keystone Heights, FL 32656. Bids will be opened publicly at Keystone Heights City Hall, 555 S Lawrence Blvd., Keystone Heights, FL 32656 on JANUARY 18, 2022 AT 2:15 PM.

Plans: Email or Call Oliver Kirkpatrick at Scherer Construction for access to bid packages and plans. Phone: (352) 371-1417 or Email: oliverkirkpatrick@scherrmfl.com

Scope of Work: Renovations to existing restroom building, existing pavilion building, and existing picnic pavilion at Keystone Beach. New band shell platform and cover. All areas will be awarded as one project, however breakout pricing is required for each. Trade areas needed include site work, demolition, concrete, masonry, structural steel, aluminum handrails, rough carpentry, millwork, fiber cement siding, metal roofing, spray foam insulation, doors & hardware, drywall, flooring, painting, plumbing, HVAC, and electrical.

1/6 1tchg-LRM

Garden Club of the Lakes schedule

The Garden Club of the Lakes is planning a wonderful year. The club meets at Faith Presbyterian Church, 1738 S.R. 21 in Melrose on the second Thursday of every month from 10 a.m. to noon. Masks are recommended but not required at this time; six-foot social distancing is in place. The public is welcome to attend.

The following is a list of programs for the 2021–22 year:

Jan. 13 - Paul Still will solve the mysteries of growing mushrooms. Mushroom kits will be available for those who sign up for them at the December meeting.

Feb. 10 - Luke Miller from the University of Florida Agricultural and Sciences Department will talk about invasive plants.

March 10 - The program is about edible weeds.

April 14 - Pruning skills to keep out plants healthy.

May 12 - Seed sharing and making seed balls and seed tapes. Please plan to attend.

Girls lifters gave BHS 9 titles in '21

The following is a look at the high school varsity teams and individuals that won championships at the district, regional or state levels, earned medals in state competition or that qualified to participate in regional and state competitions in 2021. Any omissions are unintentional.

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Bradford High School won 12 individual and team championships at the district and regional levels in 2021, with the girls weightlifting team responsible for all but three of those.

It was a notable year for the girls weightlifting team, which won district and regional titles as a team for the first time ever. Five individuals earned medals at the Class 1A state finals, including Takeirra Bakken and Brianna Jordan, who were the runners-up in their respective weight classes.

At the District 5 meet, the Tornados had five individuals place first and another four place second.

Haleigh Crawford won the 110 class with a 150 total, while Breann Ponce won the 129 class with a 195 total. Jordan took the 154 class with a 290 total, while Bakken's 315 total topped the 183 class. Gabby Oliver won the 199 class with a 310 total.

The only thing keeping Raven Ford and Liberty Harahus from winning their classes were their own teammates. Ford was second to Jordan in the 154 class



The BHS girls weightlifting team won its district and regional team titles and sent six individuals to state, where Brianna Jordan (left) and Takeirra Bakken were the runners-up in the 154- and 199-pound classes, respectively. File photos by Cliff Smelley.

with a 230 total, while Harahus was second to Bakken in the 183 class with a 280 total.

Also finishing as district runners-up were Mikayla Cooper in the 119 class with a 205 total and Jessica Traylor in the unlimited class with a 345 total.

The top six in each class earned the right to advance to the Region 2 finals, giving Bradford an additional four qualifiers. Kristen Hodges (175 total) and Delanie Gibson (155) were third in the 119 and 169 classes, respectively, while Kennedy Polk (190) and Zaya Thompson (270) were fifth in the 199 and unlimited classes, respectively.

In capturing the team championship at the Region 2 meet, Bradford got first-place finishes from Jordan (315) and

Bakken (320). It was the first time in 10 years the Tornados had two lifters earn regional championships.

Bakken and Jordan automatically qualified for state, while four of their teammates also earned the right to advance based on their Region 2 totals. Two of those lifters were Region 2 runners-up: Harahus (275) and Oliver (315).

Traylor earned a state berth with her third-place total of 350, while Cooper's fourth-place total of 215 also got her into the state finals.

The most lifters Bradford had qualify for state in the past was four in 2011.

At state, Jordan and Bakken lifted totals of 315 and 330, respectively, to place second in

their classes.

Three of the Tornados' four remaining state participants placed in the top six, giving Bradford a program-high five medals. Oliver (325) and Traylor (360) placed fourth and fifth, respectively, while Harahus (290) placed sixth.

Cooper (210) finished 17th.

Balfour wins 3 titles and a state medal

Aside from girls weightlifting, the only other sport responsible for earning Bradford championships was boys track and field. Dontae Balfour was responsible for all three and went on to earn a medal at the Class 2A finals.

Balfour was the first boys track and field athlete to earn a medal at state in nine years. He placed fourth in the triple jump with a distance of 45 feet, 9.75 inches.

Before making it to state, Balfour won two championships at the District 3 finals. He won the triple jump with a distance of 43-9.75 and the 300m hurdles with a time of 41.56 seconds. Balfour was also runner-up in the long jump (21-6.25).

The top four finishers in each event earned the right to

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Adrian Chandler (left) of the Seven SEAS (Specifics, Equality, Academia, Sport) nonprofit that provides programs for youth based upon health and wellness, motivation and leadership, accepts a \$531 check from Kiwanis of Starke President Brad Smith. The money was generated from the club's monthly Patty Welch Memorial Poker Tournaments. Each tournament benefits a different organization. The Jan. 21 tournament will help support the steer/swine buyers' dinner at the Bradford Agricultural Fair. Photo by Cliff Smelley.

Jan. 21 Kiwanis poker tournament to support buyers' dinner at fair

The Kiwanis Club of Starke's next scheduled Patsy Welch Memorial Poker Tournament is Friday, Jan. 21, at the Downtown Grill. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by play at 6 p.m.

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

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

Light appetizers and wings will be provided.

Proceeds will go toward providing the steer/swine sale buyers' dinner at the Bradford Agricultural Fair.



BHS had three additional state medalists in girls weightlifting aside from runners-up Takeirra Bakken and Brianna Jordan. Gabby Oliver (far left) and Jessica Traylor (center) placed fourth and fifth, respectively. Liberty Harahus (far right) placed sixth. File photos by Cliff Smelley.

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DAY CLASSES

Course	Instructor	Registration Begins	Course Dates	Day	Hours	Program Hours
Adult General Education, GED, and Applied Academics	Snyder	Apply Now	January 6th - May 25, 2022	M - F	9AM - 12PM	Vary
Commercial Vehicle Driving A & B	Abercrombie	Apply Now	January 10th - March 8, 2022	M - R	7:30AM - 5:30PM	320 & 150
Commercial Vehicle Driving A & B	Abercrombie	Apply Now	March 28th - May 19, 2022	M - R	7:30AM - 5:30PM	320 & 150
Computer Systems and Information Technology	Ledger	Apply Now	January 6th - May 25, 2022	M - F	8AM - 2:30PM	900
Cosmetology	Zoch	Apply Now	January 6th - May 25, 2022	M - F	M, W, F: 9AM - 3:30PM T, R: 9AM - 5:30PM	1200
Practical Nursing Full-Time Day Program	Trimble McCord	CLOSED	In Progress	M - R	8AM - 4:30PM	1350
Practical Nursing Part-Time Day Program	Dickinson	CLOSED	In Progress	T - R	7AM - 5:30PM	1350
Welding Technology	Geiger	Apply Now	January 6th - May 25, 2022	M - F	9AM - 3:30PM	1050
Welding Technology, Advanced	Geiger	Apply Now	January 6th - May 25, 2022	M - F	9AM - 3:30PM	750

EVENING CLASSES

Adult General Education, GED, and Applied Academics	Snyder	Apply Now	January 6th - May 25, 2022	M, T, R	4PM - 7 PM	Vary
Nursing Assistant - Long Term Care (C.N.A.)	TBD	Call for details	Call for details	M, T, R	5PM - 9PM	120

COMMUNITY EDUCATION CLASSES

Hunter Education (Three separate course offerings) Call Mr. Davidson at (904) 813-0008 with course questions.	Davidson	Open	Call for details	R	6PM - 9PM	3
Spinning (Indoor Cycling)	Miller	Open	January 6th - May 25, 2022	M & W	4PM - 5PM	Varies
Spinning (Indoor Cycling)	Bridgman	Open	January 6th - May 25, 2022	T & R	5PM - 6:20PM	Varies
Pilates/Yoga/Tai Chi Call Ben Bridgman at 904-509-2828 with questions.	Bridgman	Open	January 6th - May 25, 2022	T & R	6:30PM - 7:15PM	Varies

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609 N. Orange Street, Starke, FL 32091
904-966-6764 - www.nftc.edu



Kathryn Luke

Luke to celebrate 90th birthday Jan. 7

Kathryn Luke will celebrate her 90th Birthday on Friday, Jan. 7, 2022. Since her retirement from UCI's Personnel Department, she has been busy with her three children; Terry, Danny, and Darlene; seven grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

If additional information is needed, please email Betty Nettles at: bnettles1@juno.com.

KHHS wins state in boys weightlifting in '21

The following is a look at the high school varsity teams and individuals that won championships at the district, regional or state levels, earned medals in state competition or that qualified to participate in regional and state competitions in 2021. Any omissions are unintentional.

The effort resulted in Keystone compiling 37 points, which put the Indians ahead of runner-up Mount Dora, which had 30 points.

Following an undefeated regular season, Keystone won the District 8 championship, winning eight of the 10 weight classes. The individual district champs were Reid Begue with a 325 total in the 119 class, Glover with a 480 total in the 139 class, Nathan Tisdale with a 525 total in the 154 class, Logan Williams with a 555 total in the 169 class, Tyler Jenkins with a 565 total in the 183 class, Tyler Anthony-Rozier with a 520 total in the 199 class, Caleb Moncrief with a school-record 605 total in the 219 class and Mason Dicks with a 665 total in the heavyweight class.

Keystone had 18 in all qualify for the right to compete at the regional level as the top six in each class advanced. Besides the eight champs, the Indians had five who finished as runners-up to their own teammates: Wyatt Van Zant in the 119 class (300 total), Colton Tibbetts in the 154 class (475), Sanders in the 169 class (550), Kaleb Vojnovski in the 183 class (560) and Brayden Hall in the 199 class (465).

Earning third-place finishes were Sam Ulsch in the 139 class (390), Bryson Wester in the 219 class (490) and Luke Snider in the heavyweight class (575).

John DeWees and Declan



KHHS sent 13 weightlifters to the Class 1A state finals. They returned home as state champs, with all but four placing and earning points. Pictured are: (front, l-r) Tyler Jenkins, Kade Sanders, Kaleb Vojnovski, Colton Tibbetts, Zach Glover, (back, l-r) Reid Begue, Wyatt Van Zant, Caleb Moncrief, Mason Dicks, Luke Snider, Sam Ulsch, Tyler Anthony-Rozier and Nathan Tisdale. Glover and Sanders were individual champs. File photo by Cliff Smelley.

Shine placed fourth and fifth, respectively, in the 129 class. DeWees had a 280 total, while Shine had a 260 total.

At the Region 2 finals, the Indians had six champions and qualified 13 in all for state. All but four of their participating 18 lifters placed in the top six, earning points to help give Keystone the team championship trophy.

Individual champs were Begue (330), Glover (480), Tisdale (520), Sanders (555), Moncrief (580) and Dicks (635).

Seven lifters earned at-large state berths based on their Region 2 performances. Two of those were placed second in their classes: Tibbetts (510), who finished behind Tisdale, and

Anthony-Rozier (515).

Three at-large berths were earned by fourth-place finishers Van Zant (315), Jenkins (545) and Snider (575), while Ulsch and Vojnovski earned the right to advance off their fifth- and sixth-place finishes, respectively. Ulsch had a 395 total, while Vojnovski had a 520 total.

Though the Indians won the team state championship in 2014, 2021 marked the first time since 1998 that the school had produced an individual champion (Bear Snay, 154 class).

With Glover and Sanders both winning their classes, it was the first time the program has ever had multiple state champs.

Glover won his title with a 460 total, while Sanders won his with a 565 total.

Van Zant was 10 pounds away from being the state champ in the 119 class. He had a second-place total of 350.

Tibbetts (520) and Dicks (670) placed third in their classes, while the following placed fourth: Tisdale (505), Vojnovski (565) and Moncrief (600).

Jenkins earned the final medal for Keystone with a sixth-place total of 560.

Begue (325) and Ulsch (400) placed seventh and eighth, respectively, while Anthony-Rozier (520) and Snider (580) each placed 14th.

Williams and Wright compete at state



Kaylee Wright competes in the clean and jerk at state. She became the first girls lifter to make it to state for KHHS in eight years. File photo by Cliff Smelley.



Camryn Williams won district and regional titles in the 1600m and competed in the event at the state track and field finals. File photo by Cliff Smelley.

Aside from boys weightlifting, Keystone had two individuals qualify for state competition in track and field's Camryn Williams and girls weightlifting's Kaylee Wright.

Williams accounted for two of four District 5-2A championships won by Keystone in track and field. She won the 1600m with a time of 5:32 and the 3200m with a time of 13:01. Girls teammate Kendall Gagnon won the javelin with a throw of 79 feet, 10 inches, while boys team member Caleb Moncrief won the discus with a throw of 133-1.

The boys 4x400m relay team of Shepherd Rozier, Tyler Griffin, Tyler Shaw and Byron Bach also earned the right to advance to regional competition with a fourth-place time of 3:46.

At the Region 2 finals, Williams won the 1600m with a time of 5:10. She was Keystone's only regional participant to qualify for state.

Williams placed 14th at state with a time of 5:42.

Wright was part of a girls weightlifting team that was the District 5-1A runner-up. She and 13 of her teammates earned the right to compete at the regional level.

The Indians had two individual district champs in Kenslee Phillips, who had a 100 total in the 101 class, and Rozlynn Sames, who had a 225 total in the 139 class.

Cadence Dickerson and Grace Wagner were runners-up, with Dickerson lifting a total of 135 in the 110 class and Wagner lifting a total of 220 in the 139 class.

Four lifters placed third: Abbigail Anthony-Rozier in the 110 class (120 total), Chloe Still in the 129 class (150), Lillian Mitchell in the 183 class (210) and Wright in the 199 class (260).

Heidi Knapp and Hailyn Knight were fourth and fifth, respectively, in the 119 class. Knapp had a 150 total, while Knight had a 140 total. Schiley Starling placed fourth in the 129 class (135), while Ariel King was fifth in the 154 class (205).

Two earned sixth-place finishes: Kaya Gwynn in the 154 class (145) and Dezaray Bright in the 199 class (175).

At the Region 2 finals, Wright became Keystone's first lifter since Morgan Boettcher in 2013 to qualify for state. She placed fifth with a total of 265.

Wright capped her season with an 11th-place finish at state. She had a total of 290.

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NOTICE OF ELECTION 2022 SUPER TUESDAY MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

City of Green Cove Springs
City of Keystone Heights
Town of Orange Park

Pursuant to Section 100.021 of the Florida Statutes, notice is hereby given that the 2022 Super Tuesday Municipal Elections will be held on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at each respective Municipality.

City of Green Cove Springs
321 Walnut St., Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043

Seats Three (3), Four (4), and Five (5) for a three (3) year term of office on the Green Cove Springs City Council.

City of Keystone Heights
555 S. Lawrence Blvd., Keystone Heights, FL 32656

Seats One (1) and Two (2) for a three (3) year term of office on the Keystone Heights City Council.

Town of Orange Park
2042 Park Ave., Orange Park, FL 32073

Seats Four (4) and Five (5) for a three (3) year term of office on the Orange Park Town Council.

Qualifying for all seats will open Monday, January 31st at NOON and remain open until Friday, February 4th at NOON at the Clay County Supervisor of Elections Office.

Those interested in qualifying for Seats on the aforementioned City or Town Councils must be a qualified elector, a citizen of the United States and meet all other qualifying requirements as outlined in each respective Municipal Charter.

A Run-off Election, if necessary for any Municipality will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of May.

For further information, please contact the Clay County Supervisor of Elections Office at (904) 269-6350.

In accordance with the Sunshine Law of Florida, this meeting is open to the public.

Note: Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, states that if a person decides to appeal any decision by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at a meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purposes, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

AVISO DE ELECCION ELECCIONES MUNICIPALES DEL SÚPER MARTES 2022

Ciudad de Green Cove Springs
Ciudad de Keystone Heights
Ciudad de Orange Park

De conformidad con la Sección 100.021 de los Estatutos de Florida, se notifica que las Elecciones Municipales del Súper Martes 2022 se llevarán a cabo el martes 12 de abril de 2022, de 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m. en cada Municipio respectivo.

Ciudad de Green Cove Springs
321 Walnut St., Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043

Asientos Tres (3), Cuatro (4), y Cinco (5) por un periodo de tres (3) años en el Consejo de la Ciudad de Green Cove Springs.

Ciudad de Keystone Heights
555 S. Lawrence Blvd., Keystone Heights, FL 32656

Asientos Uno (1) y Dos (2) por un periodo de tres (3) años en el Consejo de la Ciudad de Keystone Heights.

Ciudad de Orange Park
2042 Park Ave., Orange Park, FL 32073

Asientos Cuatro (4) y Cinco (5) por un periodo de tres (3) años en el Consejo Municipal de Orange Park.

La calificación para los asientos se abrirá el lunes 31 de enero a mediodía y permanecerá abierta hasta el viernes 4 de febrero a mediodía en la Oficina del Supervisor de Elecciones del Condado de Clay.

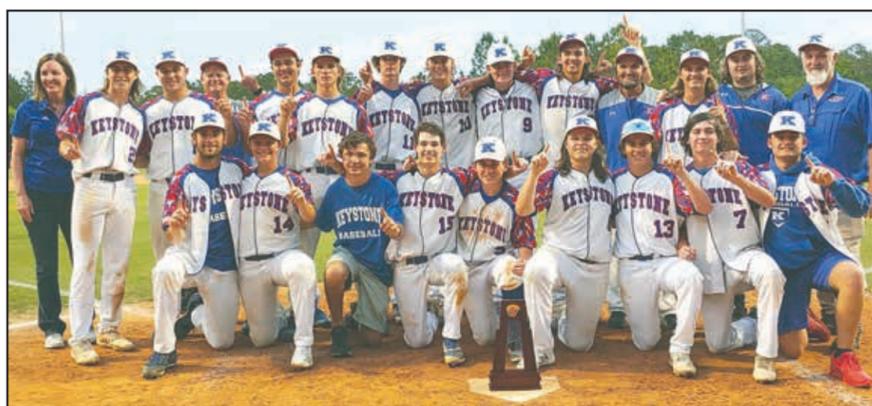
Aquellos interesados en calificar para Asientos en los Consejos Municipales o Municipales mencionados anteriormente debe ser un elector calificado, un ciudadano de los Estados Unidos y cumplir con todos los demás requisitos de calificación como se detalla en cada Carta Municipal respectiva.

Una segunda vuelta electoral, si es necesario para cualquier municipio, se llevará a cabo el segundo martes de mayo.

Para obtener más información, comuníquese con la oficina del Supervisor de Elecciones del Condado de Clay, (904) 269-6350.

De acuerdo con la Ley Sunshine de Florida, esta reunión está abierta al público.

Nota: La Sección 286.0105, Estatutos de 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.



The KHHS baseball team celebrates its District 3-3A championship. Pictured: (front, l-r) Mike Moreland, Ty Glenn, Ethan Touchton, Connor Guy, Alex Addington, Evan Andrews, Jeremy Miller, Chase Packham, Gage Stevens, (back, l-r) Principal Laurie Burke, Carson Osteen, Carson Williams, Head Coach Alan Mattox, Gage Smith, Cole Cumbus, Ben Goforth, Dalton Hollingsworth, Jesse Stanley, Ryan Jones, Assistant Coach Chris Roach, Aiden Perkins, Assistant Coach Cole Mattox and Vice Principal Barry Underwood. Photo provided courtesy of Anne Mattox.

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Raab's a district champ in wrestling

Stephan Raab won the championship in his weight class, while seven of his teammates placed second, third or fourth at the District 2-1A wrestling finals.

All earned the right to move on to regional-level competition.

Raab won the 195 class, pinning his first opponent in one minute and then winning the championship by pinning his opponent in 5:15.

Sheppard Wingate was the runner-up in the 160 class. Being the top seed in a class of only three wrestlers automatically put him in the championship match, which he lost due to an injury default.

Four earned third-place finishes: Ethan Crosby in the 126 class, Saige Dennis in the 138 class, Canyon Hayes in the 145 class and Gabe Adams in the 285 class.

Tyce Pigga and Alyx Nichols, wrestling in the 132 and 152 classes, respectively, each placed fourth.

At the Region 2 finals, Raab was the only Keystone wrestler to earn a win. He went 1-2.

Rally gives baseball team district trophy

Connor Guy delivered the game-winning hit as the Keystone baseball team rallied from a one-run deficit in the bottom of the seventh to defeat Baldwin 6-5 and win the District 3-3A championship.

The Indians entered the tournament having won seven of nine games. They took on P.K. Yonge in the semifinals, with pitcher Mike Moreland giving up two hits in an 11-0 win.

The bulk of the Indians' runs occurred in the second and third innings.

Guy hit a two-RBI triple as part of a four-run second, that also included an RBI single by Moreland and an RBI on a ground out by Carson Osteen.

Keystone pushed six runs across in the third. Chase Packham drove in two

with a single, while Dalton Hollingsworth drove in one when he ground into a fielder's choice with the bases loaded. Runs also scored on a passed ball and a bases-loaded balk, while Guy drove in one by drawing a bases-loaded walk.

Guy finished with three RBI, while Packham, who went 2-for-3, and Osteen each had two.

Moreland, who went 2-for-2, and Hollingsworth each had one RBI.

Evan Andrews went 2-for-3. Moreland gave up no walks and struck out four in earning the win.

In the District 3 championship game, Baldwin took a 3-0 lead in the first inning.

Hollingsworth scored the Indians' first run on a balk in the second inning.

The Indians tied the game in the bottom of the third on Ty Glenn's two-out, two-run double.

Each team scored a run in the sixth, with Hollingsworth scoring Keystone's run on an error.

Keystone trailed 5-4 entering the bottom of the seventh. Packham and Osteen — the first two batters were hit by pitches.

The first two batters — Chase Packham and Carson Osteen — were hit by pitches. Jeremy Miller reached on a bunt single to load the bases with no outs for Guy, who hit a 1-0 pitch into right field that scored both Packham and Osteen.

Guy and Osteen finished 2-for-3 and 2-for-4, respectively.

The Indians' season came to an end with a 5-1 loss to Episcopal in the Region 1 quarterfinals.

Keystone managed only four hits, with Osteen going 2-for-3.

Glenn drew a two-out, bases-loaded walk to force in the Indians' only run.

Keystone finished the season with a 15-13 record.

Boys golf team wins District 3-1A

Alex Addington placed third overall for the Keystone boys golf team, which won the District 3-1A championship with a team score of 349.

Addington had birdie and made par on eight holes to finish with an 18-hole score of 81.

Nick Binet made par on five holes and finished in a four-way tie for seventh with a score of 88,



Candace Jackson won the individual District 3-1A championship in girls golf.

while Nicholas Williams, who had a birdie and made par on five holes, had an 11th-place score of 89. Logan Spence, who had two birdies and made par on two holes, shot a 91, which was good for 14th place. Shepherd Rozier, who made par on three holes, had a 21st-place score of 99.

The Indians went on to place 10th at the Region 1 finals. They were led by Addington again. He had two birdies and made par on 10 holes in finishing with a 19th-place score of 79.

Jackson is district champ in girls golf

Candace Jackson captured the individual championship for the girls golf team, which was the District 3-1A runner-up with a team score of 454.

Jackson had a birdie and made par on 11 holes to finish with a score of 78, which put her in first place by 11 strokes.

M.J. Rivera, who made par on three holes, finished tied for fourth with a score of 105. Mia Rivera and Rexi Lewis placed

eighth and ninth, respectively, with scores of 132 and 139. Lewis made par on one hole.

The Indians' season ended with a sixth-place finish at the Region 1 finals. Jackson, who made par on eight holes, finished tied for 13th with a score of 84.

Football team wins 1st playoff game

Keystone rushed its way to a 9-1 regular season and then won the program's first-ever playoff game, defeating Umatilla 50-0 in the Region 2-4A quarterfinals.

During the regular season, the Indians attempted only 30 passes as they rushed for an average of 349 yards per game. They entered the playoffs scoring an average of 41 points per game to opponents' 10 points per game.

It was more of the same in their playoff matchup against Umatilla, with the Indians rushing for 383 yards and seven touchdowns.

Tyler Jenkins, who rushed for 145 yards, scored two touchdowns, including one on a 60-yard run.

Kade Sanders also rushed for two scores on his way to a 91-yard night.

Dalton Hollingsworth and Logan Williams each had one touchdown run. Williams' run covered 44 yards as he finished with 96 yards.



Dalton Hollingsworth (left) was part of a dominating rushing attack that powered the Indians to a 9-1 regular-season record and their first-ever playoff win. File photo by Cliff Smelley.

Jackson Williams rushed for a touchdown as well as having a

successful two-point conversion run.

Hollingsworth also ran the ball on a successful two-point conversion, while Caleb Moncrief caught a pass from Connor Guy on a two-point play as well.

Keystone's history making season came to an end with a 34-6 loss to The Villages in the Region 2 semifinals.

The Buffalo scored a touchdown in each of the first two quarters to take a 14-0 lead into halftime. They tacked on two more scores in the third quarter to go up 27-0.

Keystone, which was held to 120 yards on the ground and outgained 285-163 overall, finally scored on Guy's 1-yard touchdown pass to Bryar

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For the seventh time in eight years, the KHHS boys cross country team qualified for regional competition. Pictured are: (front, l-r) Will Begue, Ryder Thomas, Beckett Capper, (back, l-r) Tyler Shaw, Tyler Griffin, Anthony Peak, Clark Byrnes, Ayden Graff and Evan Booth. File photo by Cliff Smelley.

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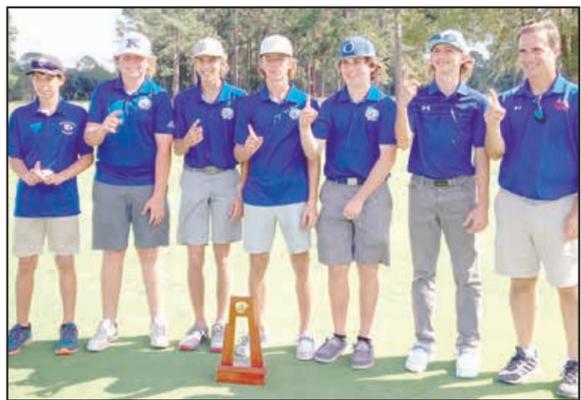
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The KHHS boys golf team won the District 3-1A championship. Pictured (l-r) are Hunter Sheppard, Nick Binet, Nicholas Williams, Logan Spence, Alex Addington, Shepherd Rozier and Coach Kenny Seneca. Photo provided courtesy of Seneca.

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David Barber

David Osborne Barber, 73, of Starke passed away at his home on Saturday, Jan. 1, 2022. He was born in Jacksonville on June 29, 1948. Following high school, he honorably served eight years in the United States Air Force. While stationed in Thailand, he met the love of his life, Unchalee "Srivibul" Barber. The happy couple were married for 48 wonderful years. He was a devoted husband, father, granddad, and brother who was willing to lend a helping hand. Later, he retired from Union Correctional Institution as a correctional officer. During his free time he enjoyed spending time with family, fishing and watching sports. He was preceded in death by his great-granddaughter, Terriana Reed.



Survivors include, his wife Unchalee "Srivibul" Barber; children, Loat (Melissa) Srivibul; Noy (Donnie) Harrington and Angela (Christopher) Ramey; brother, Billy (Mary Lou) Barber; sisters, Debbie (Jimmy) Crews and Sandra Barber; grandchildren, Sidney Srivibul, Kaila Reed, Jaik Srivibul, Drake Harrington, Asia Harrington, Eden Srivibul, and Malia Miller; five great-grandchildren; aunt, Elsie Rhoden, nephew, Garrett Barber; and many other family members and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 8, at the DeWitt C. Jones Chapel with military honors. A visitation will precede the services beginning at 1 p.m. Services will be officiated by Rev. Diane Wilson of the First Presbyterian Church of Starke.

Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 620 E. Nona St., Starke. www.jonesgallagherfh.com

PAID OBITUARY

Curtis Bennett

MACCLENNY Curtis "Bute" Gene Bennett Jr., 57, of Macclenny died at his home on Thursday, Dec. 30, 2021. He was preceded in death by his parents; and his brother, Danny Bennett.

Survivors include his wife, Brenda Starling Bennett; son, Curtis G. (Candy) Bennett III of Glen St. Mary; daughter, Caroline R. (Ralph) Bennett; brothers, David Cross of Taylor, Timmy (Tina) Bennett of Taylor and Mark Bennett of Glen St. Mary; sister, Ginny Bennett-Prevatt of Starke.

Graveside services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Jan 8, at North Pong Cemetery in Sanderson.

Arrangements are entrusted to the care of Blackburn-Curry Funeral & Cremation.

Emily Goldstein

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS Emily Ann Goldstein, 26, of Keystone Heights passed away Thursday, Dec. 30, 2021, in Jacksonville. She was born March 9, 1995, in Gainesville and graduated with the class of 2013 from Keystone Heights High School. In addition to working as a care giver for Park of The Palms, she was also known for the smiles she gave customers at Fryers. She enjoyed being outdoors gardening or going to the beach; she also enjoyed animals and being in the kitchen cooking or baking, but mainly enjoyed spending time with her family and friends. She was known for her beautiful contagious smile she shared with everyone. She was preceded in death by her mom's fiancé, Keith Beason.



She is survived by her parents, Jack Goldstein (Kathy Wingham) of Gainesville and Nancy (Rogers) Goldstein of Keystone Heights; five siblings, Laura (Phillip) Schultz of Keystone Heights, Sam Goldstein and Sara (Ryan) Soucie all of Gainesville, Katherine (JR) Wallace of Jacksonville, and Mary (Luke) Griggs of Keystone Heights. Also left behind are her two nieces, one nephew, several aunts, uncles and numerous extended family members and friends that will miss her dearly.

Graveside services will be held Saturday, Jan. 8, at 11 a.m., with Pastor Brandon Denmark officiating. Interment will be at the Keystone Heights Cemetery. Please omit flowers and make a donation to Answers, 115 N.E. Commercial Circle, Keystone Heights, FL 32656.

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

PAID OBITUARY

Tony Hamner

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS Tony E. "T.J." Hamner Jr., 34, of Keystone Heights passed away in Gainesville Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2021. He was born in Jacksonville on April 30, 1987, to Tony E. and Carolyn (Roberts) Hamner Sr. and graduated from Keystone Heights High School. Prior to becoming an HVAC/R Service Technician, he had been employed with the Department of Corrections for several years. He loved fishing, motorcycles, and working out. In addition to his mom, he was also preceded in death by his stepbrother, Corey Johns.



He leaves behind his father and stepmother, Tony and Ginger Hamner of Earleton; sister, Kelley (Randy) Kerlin of Taylorsville, Georgia and their children, Hailey and Brady; stepsister, Christine Johns of Jacksonville; his "Meemaw" Carolyn Hamner of Macclenny. Also left behind are extended family members and a host of friends that will miss him dearly.

A Celebration of Life was held Tuesday, Jan 4, in the DeWitt C. Jones Chapel in Starke, with Pastor Steve Conner officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts can be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 620 E. Nona St., Starke. 904-964-6200. www.jonesgallagherfh.com

PAID OBITUARY

Helen Hess

STARKE Helen Hess passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2021, due to complications from acute illness at Riverwood Nursing home in Starke. She was born in Fairbanks and grew up in neighboring Waldo. She was the daughter of Eddie Carmel Ward and Annie Maybell Ward née Melton. She married her first husband and father of her children, who preceded her in death, James Calvin Maxey, in 1950. They began their family and adventures by moving cross country to California as James served in the Navy. Her strength, love, and determination reflected in her ability to raise her children single handedly during her husband's many deployments and to make more than one cross-country road trip with those strong-willed children. She considered her children to be her greatest accomplishment. Altogether there were eight, one child preceding her in death, Gary James Maxey. She is survived by her other children: Brenda (Robert) Maxey-Billings, Sandra Kay Maxey, Larry Calvin (Annette) Maxey, Buddy Eugene (Gena) Maxey, Wanda Maxey (Pete) Roe, Barry Eugene (Lisa) Maxey, and Cary Edward (Sandy) Maxey. She married Donald Harvey Hess in 1979. During their marriage, they resided in Jacksonville and Waldo until his death in 2006, enjoying many years surrounded by her loved ones as 17 grandchildren joined the family. She never complained about the noise, the mess, the untold amounts of French toast, or the reprises of the "Fruit Dog" song passed on to her grandchildren by their parents. Later she would enjoy the addition of 17 great-grandchildren. She was fortunate to find love again, when she met Newell Brett Hope Jr. of Interlachen, 11 years ago. She and Brett traveled and enjoyed visits with children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. They lived happily in union in Interlachen and then Keystone Heights until his death in 2019. She was resilient, a strong capable woman with many accomplishments, and "lived a very full life" (as she herself put it); however, dearest to her heart were her family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; and her brothers, Harold Eddie (Claudia) Ward and William Carmel (Dianne) Ward.



Her living siblings include: Allen Farriew (Pat) Ward, Dorothy Mae Jessen, Doris Emogene Hunt, and Charles Edward (Jeannette) Ward.

Please join us to celebrate a remembrance of her life through the eyes of her family and friends as we recount stories and reflect on the impact her life had on us all. A Celebration of Life service will be held on Saturday, Jan. 15, at 11 a.m. at LifeSpring Church, 1404 Bessent Road, Starke.

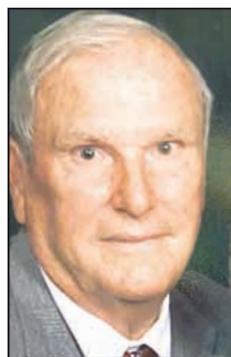
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PAID OBITUARY

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James Hodge

James "Jimmy" Ralph Hodge, 85, passed away at Haven Hospice Orange Park on Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2021. He was born July 24, 1936, in Chiefland to the late Bryan and Sadie Hodge. He worked for General Electric as a maintenance/machinist for 20 years, then for Energizer for another 10 years before retirement. He was a faithful member of Newberry Church of Christ, where he served as a deacon. He was an avid farmer and gardener who, in his early years, enjoyed golfing and fishing. He was also a dedicated family man who loved them more than anything. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Judy Hodge; his sons, Jerry and Jim Hodge; grandson, Wayne Hodge; and stepson, Marlon Thornton.



He is survived by his wife of 10 years, Marie Thornton Hodge of Starke; his son, Jason (Tonina) Hodge of Newberry; granddaughters, Cassidy (Justin) Terry and Morgan Hodge; great-grandchildren, Riley, Kearsten, and Emily Hodge; siblings, Wilson (Judy) Hodge and Shery (Earl) Cannon both of Gainesville; daughter-in-law, Nancy Hodge; stepchildren, Cynthia (Dan) Dowdy of Lynchburg, Virginia, Donna (Bob) Milner of Starke, and Shane (Thressa) Thornton of Brooker; stepgrandchildren, Micah, Wendy, Matthew, Daniel, Macy, Heather, Waylon, Joshua, and Amber; stepgreat-grandchildren, Kyler, Michael, Brooklyn, Caden, Dylan, Julianna, Lindsey, Brylin, Brinley, Eric Jr., Dex, Lily, Stella, River, Holt, and Hannah; and a host of nieces, nephews and extended family.

A service to honor him was held Monday, Jan 3, at Archer-Milton Funeral Home, Lake Butler. He was laid to rest at Newberry Cemetery. Pastors Tim Spivey and Jess Carter officiated.

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

PAID OBITUARY

Melvin Koski

Melvin "Mel" L. Koski, 90, of Bradford County, passed away on Thursday, Dec. 30, 2021, at his home with his loving family by his side. He was born in Gilbert, Minnesota on Nov. 30, 1931, to the late Matthew Norman Koski and Jennie Jaglogski. He was raised in Minnesota and enlisted in the United States Army at the age of 16. While in St. Louis, Missouri, he met the love of his life, Thelma E. Miller, at the bowling alley on May 10,



1956, and shortly after they were married on May 30, 1956. The two were happily married for 60 years and together they lovingly raised their two sweet daughters. He had a successful career in the military. He was stationed in Germany for two tours and came stateside in 1967, then shortly after in 1968 was deployed to the Vietnam War. He proudly served our country in the Vietnam and Korean wars. He was an amazing marksman and was very talented at training gun tactics. After 20 dedicated years of service, he retired from the military and became the chief of police in Marshfield, Missouri. Following his law enforcement career, he attended SMSU in Springfield, Missouri where he earned his bachelor's degree in computer science and minored in religion. He was able to use his degree to assist in his next career in the aircraft building industry at McDonald Douglas Inc. in St. Louis, Missouri. In 1985, he and Thelma moved to Jacksonville and in 1989 made Bradford County their forever home. He was a caring man who would help anyone in need. He was very active in his community, in the American Legion of Starke, as well as his church, Sampson City Church of God, where he was a longtime member. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, bowling, target practicing, and shooting guns. Most of all, he loved his family and enjoyed spending time with them. He was preceded in death by his parents; loving wife of 60 years, Thelma Earline Koski; siblings, Marvin, Bill, Sandy, and Betty.

He is survived by his daughters, Dianna (Tim) Richardson of Jefferson City, Missouri and Monika (Gary) Baker of Starke; brothers, Robert and Michael Koski both of Minnesota; sisters, Charlene Womack and Susie (James) Watts both of Minnesota; his three grandchildren, Taynecia Moffit, Shaun (Heather) Marksbury, and Shannon Marie (James) Crow; and his eight great-grandchildren, Mycah, Sage, Jake, Karly, and Felicity Marksbury, Alexander, Nicholas, and Ethan Crow.

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

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Dorothy Moore



Dorothy S. Moore was born to the late Charlie and Lonnie Mae Spearmon on May 10, 1937, in St. Joe. Her husband, Jesse Moore, Jr. preceded her in death. Dorothy departed this life on Thursday, Dec. 16, 2021.

Dorothy, affectionally known as "Dot" and "Day" graduated from George Washington Carver High School in Bunnell. Because of her high achievement, she received an academic scholarship from the state of Florida. She chose to enroll at Florida Memorial College in St. Augustine, where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics, became a starting member of the women's basketball team, and joined Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. Later, she earned a Master's degree in Math Education from the University of Florida, Gainesville, and completed coursework for certification as a Media Specialist. She began her professional career as a teacher at CC Anderson Jr. High School, Lawtey. She taught math, science and physical education, and coached girls' basketball. She also met the love of her life, Jesse J. Moore Jr. They were united in Holy Matrimony on July 1, 1961, in Bunnell. The completely devoted couple was together for over 58 years. After school desegregation in Bradford County in the 1970s, she continued her teaching career at Bradford Middle School in Starke. In 1978, Dot and colleague, Peg Stanwix-Hay were awarded a federal Title IV-C math grant. The grant, written to help middle school students learn math, was one of only six grants awarded to public schools in Florida at that time. The methodology and teaching materials developed by the program are still being used today as supplemental materials for elementary, middle, high school and adult education programs. She also taught in the Bradford County Adult Education Program. As a testament to her passion for education, she encouraged her mother-in-law, Mrs. Charlie Moore, to enroll in the adult education program, where she earned her high school diploma at 78 years of age. Christian and community activities were an important part of her life as well. She was an active member of her church, Mt. Zion A.M.E., Lawtey. She sang in the church choir, typed, printed, and prepared programs for Sunday morning church service (before the age of widespread computer use); and would often assist in the preparation of meals for the various church functions. She was known for her cooking skills and would take meals to some of the elderly and sick members of the community. She also had the opportunity to play "Mrs. French", a leading role for a mock trial video at Ullman Bursa Law in Tampa, her daughter Lois' place of employment. Throughout the years of her retirement, and until her health started to fail, she enjoyed visits from previous students, who would often stop by to see her just to say, "thank you."

Those left to cherish the memories of Dorothy are: their devoted daughter: Lois Moore (Willie) Ferguson of Spring Hill; step-daughter, Kim (Aron) Muse, Jacksonville; one brother, Joe Nathan (Linda) Spearmon, Daytona Beach; two sisters: Charlie (Joseph, deceased) Jenkins, Huntsville, Alabama; Dorothy Griggs, Gainesville; three brothers-in-law, Jimmie (Lola) Moore, Daytona Beach, Robert (Patricia) Moore, Miami; Joe (Queen, deceased) Brown, Bunnell; seven sisters-in-law: Clara (James) Walker, Beatrice Baker, Rose L. Flucas, Queen (James) Richardson all of Jacksonville; Minnie (Aldin, deceased) Phillips, Sanford; Gail (Willie, deceased) Moore, Palm Beach; Willie M. (Leroy, deceased) Moore, St. Augustine; and Mary (Paul, deceased) Spearmon, Bunnell; and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Having lived a life of love and laughter, Dorothy shared life with special friends including Mrs. Emma Bell (deceased), Mrs. Mary Lee Brown, Mrs. Harrielle Bright, Mrs. Eunice Demps (deceased), Mrs. Odessa Hamilton, Mrs. Juanita Miller, Mrs. Lola Moore (sister-in-law), and Mrs. Olivia Scott. Special cousin, Mrs. Charliemae Reid. Special nephews: Alvaughn Golden (deceased) and Neil Golden.

Graveside services will be held Saturday, Jan. 8, at 11 a.m. at Peetsville Cemetery in Lawtey.

Arrangements are under the care of Haile Funeral Home, Starke.

Please be advised that all attendees are asked to please wear a face covering and practice social distancing measures

PAID OBITUARY

David Southcott

STARKE David W. Southcott, 65, of Starke died at the Haven Hospice Custeard Care Center in Orange Park on Sunday, Dec. 19, 2021. He was born in Ontario, Canada on Jan. 19, 1956.

He is survived by his wife of 26 years, Dorothy Southcott; daughter, Gena (Buddy) Rainey; son, David W. Southcott Jr. and his mother, Joyce Carriage. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, Starke.

Presentacion Tinio



HAMPTON Presentacion (Precy) Santos Tinio M.D., 81, of Kew Gardens, New York passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2021, at her residence. She was born on Nov. 21, 1940, in Manila, Philippines, to the late Dominador J. Tinio and Marciana Santos. She obtained her medical degree at the University of Santo Tomas (Philippines) in 1964. She worked in Manila until she immigrated to the United States with her parents in 1968. To fulfill requirements for a U.S. medical license, she did a year internship in Chicago, Illinois. Subsequently, she completed three years residency in Anesthesiology at Beth Israel Hospital and Metropolitan Hospital in New York City. Thereafter, she worked in her medical specialty in different hospitals in New York City. She retired in 2004 and became a resident of Florida to join her sister and now deceased brother-in-law in Hampton Lake. She kept a second residence in Kew Gardens, New York, because she was a devoted Catholic and had been an active member of the Third Order Carmelites since 1981. She belonged to Our Lady of the scapular chapter in Manhattan, New York, where she served in different positions such as formation instructor, chapter director and formation director. Indeed, she had three great loves in her life: her family, her medical profession, and her religion. She will be missed by many. She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Rolando S. Tinio; sister-in-law, Ella Luansing Tinio; brother-in-law, James F. Ripka.

She is survived by her sister, Filipinas "Fe" Tinio Ripka of Hampton; nephew, Antonio L. (Trina P.) Tinio; niece, Victoria L. Tinio; and grandnephew, Marko Tinio of the Philippines. The funeral mass will be held on Saturday, Jan 8, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Edward Catholic Church, with Father Jan Ligeza as celebrant. Interment will follow at Santa Fe Cemetery in Hampton.

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

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BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Answers Health and Resource Facility, which has offices in Keystone Heights and Starke, started with a focus on crisis pregnancies, but it has grown to better serve all of its community needs.

JoAnna Weldon, Answers CEO/founder, was the guest speaker at the Nov. 30, 2021, Kiwanis Club of Starke meeting. She talked about the evolution of Answers and some of the ways it seeks to help those in the counties of Bradford, Clay, Union, Alachua and Putnam.

"We'll serve any community, but those are the main ones we serve," Weldon said.

Answers opened in Keystone Heights in 2011. Weldon, who experienced pregnancy as a teenager, saw it as a way to help young women walk that same path she had to. It didn't take long, though, for the center to offer so much more.

"We realized in the community of Keystone, where we started, the needs were so much more vast than just crisis pregnancy, so we expanded our services to really just serve women in any type of situation," Weldon said, adding that such situations could include a single mother who's struggling to raise her children or a woman who's experiencing domestic violence.

Weldon said once the scope of Answers' mission expanded, it was soon determined that efforts needed to be focused on preventing some of the situations that women were facing.

"We were kind of entering those situations as a crisis was happening or after the crisis happened," Weldon said. "Though we still do that — and that is needed — what we recognized was, let's be smart. Let's be smarter and do some crisis prevention."

One of the results of that thinking was the formation of the BEAT girls club for junior-high and senior-high students at Keystone Heights High School. BEAT, which stands for "Becoming Empowered, Assertive Teens," has since expanded to Bradford County schools, though the clubs there aren't meeting now due to campus restrictions due to COVID-19.

"We quickly realized what a need there was for that club," Weldon said. "What we're realizing in all of our regional area is that we're not just dealing with fatherless generations. We are dealing with motherless generations. We have a lot of children who are being raised by grandparents or who are sleeping on friends' couches."

"It's a huge need for kids to be able to learn life skills that they're not learning at home."

Weldon said BEAT meetings consist of things that girls are saying they want to learn about.

"One week, we might be doing facial hair and skin care," Weldon said. "That sounds so silly, but it's not. Nobody's taught them how to care for their skin. Nobody's taught them about hygiene."

That would be considered a "light" topic. Weldon said weekly meetings alternate between "light" and "heavy" topics so the girls aren't



Kiwanis of Starke President Brad Smith (far left) presents a \$200 check to JoAnna Weldon (center), Answers Health and Resource Facility's BEAT Club director, and JoAnna Weldon, Answers CEO/founder. The club collects money at its weekly meetings through donations and "fines." At the end of the year, half the money goes to Answers, while the other half goes to the Bradford Food Pantry. Photos by Cliff Smelley.

constantly exposed to "super-serious stuff."

Some of that "super-serious stuff" centers around the "heavy home-life situations" girls are dealing with, Weldon said, adding, "A lot of them are struggling with self-harm and cutting. A lot of them are struggling with suicidal thoughts and depression and anxiety. Their identity is very lost right now."

"We'll talk about those things. We'll bring in a mental healthcare professional to talk about those warning signs and when you need to get help."

Another benefit of BEAT is that it provides a bridge to Answers.

"These girls now have a safe place to go other than school where they have people who have their back," Weldon said. "They have people who are there to support them. If they need more long-term care, they can find that at Answers."

A need for more than 1 answer

Weldon said she and

then becomes "all rosy."

"It's not just one and done," Weldon said.

Answers wants to do more than simply help someone overcome a crisis. That's why it offers such things as a Life Skills curriculum that consists of such topics as "Depression and Suicide," "Home Health," "The Monster of Debt," "Credit Scores," "Successful Family Living" and "Finding a Job."

The curriculum is accessible in person or via streaming on an electronic device.

"You pick the topics you want to learn about," Weldon said. "For every five sessions completed, you earn a gas card. It's just a simple process, but they're earning something while they're learning these skills."

Weldon said Answers has advocates who talk with people and help them along the way, so it's not just a process of simply accessing the Life Skills curriculum on your own, earning your gas card and then you're done.

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We all come up against a “brick wall” in our life from time to time, but that wall is harder to climb if you’re in crisis.

“They need an advocate to help walk them through that process so they don’t turn around and give up,” Weldon said.

Providing care during a pandemic

The Answers office had to close temporarily during the COVID-19 pandemic due to staffing limitations, though the Keystone office remained open. People in Starke and Bradford

County, though, continued to receive care.

“Anyone who had a need in Bradford County, we either were able to come and meet them over here, or they were able to get a ride to us in Keystone,” Weldon said. “Nobody over in this area was denied any services.”

Weldon and her Answers team have been a lot busier since the pandemic began. She said Answers used to average 30 client contacts a month.

“Now, we are 200-plus steady running for almost two years,” Weldon said. “Needless to say, it is like a revolving door in both offices. In Keystone, that’s three days a week. We’re in Starke two days a week now. We could be in both offices (at the same time) five days a week easily and still be trying to



JoAnna Weldon talks to the Kiwanis Club of Starke about Answers Health and Resource Facility.

breathe. The need is huge.”

That’s confirmed by more than numbers alone.

“We are not just seeing

women,” Weldon said. “The pandemic really changed the makeup of the needs in our communities. Men are in need. Men need a place to start when crisis hits their family, when crisis hits their employment, when crisis hits their budget. Where do they go?”

“Everybody needs a place to start...Answers has really become that place.”

To find out more about Answers, please visit findanswersnow.org. Answers also has a presence on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. (Search for “Find Answers Now.”)

You may also call the Keystone office (115 Commercial Circle) at 352-473-1000 or the Starke office (512 W. Weldon St.) at 904-964-7000.

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Schenck with nine minutes to play.

Jenkins finished the game with 61 rushing yards.

Girls soccer team is district runner-up

The girls soccer team earned its first regional playoff appearance in eight years, advancing to the District 4-3A championship match off a 4-1 semifinal win over Crescent City.

Keystone scored all of its goals in the second half, with the first coming on a Shelby Phillips penalty kick that tied the score at 1-1. Kiersten Shaw later scored to give the Indians a 2-1 lead.

It was the first of two goals for Shaw, while Shoshona Fernandez scored her team’s final goal.

Ella Hutchins had an assist for Keystone, while goalie Aspen Krohn made 14 saves.

The Indians lost 6-0 to P.K. Yonge in the championship match. They then saw their season come to an end with an

8-0 loss to Bolles in the Region 1 quarterfinals.

Keystone finished the season with a 12-8-1 record.

Cross country team makes regionals

For the seventh time in eight years, the boys cross country team qualified for regional competition after a seventh-place finish at the District 2-2A finals.

Tyler Griffin and Tyler Shaw led the way for the Indians with 36th- and 42nd-place finishes, respectively, in a field of 147. Griffin had a time of 19:03, while Shaw had a time of 19:17.

Ryder Thomas finished in the top half of the field as well with a 50th-place time of 19:29.

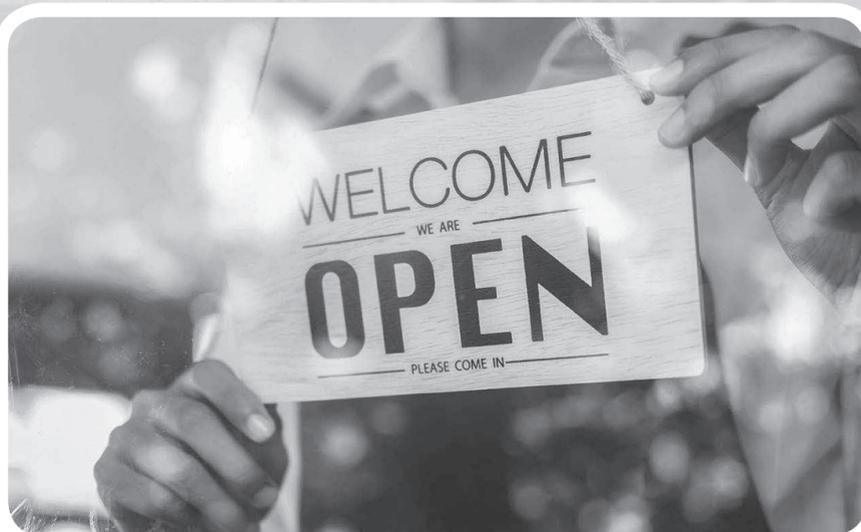
Anthony Peak (21:02) and Ayden Graff (21:10) added to the team’s score as well, while the following also participated: Will Begue (21:55), Clark Byrnes (24:29) and Beckett Capper (28:26).

The Indians’ season came to an end with a 16th-place finish at the Region 1 finals. Griffin led the team with a time of 18:27, which was good for 48th out of 114 runners.



Shady Creek Mobile Home Park residents were treated to some Christmas goodies including a take-home Christmas dinners. The volunteers are associated with local entities – Answers nonprofit, Island Doctors, Legacy Home Health and Humana. The volunteer participants included (not in any order): Tara Singletary, Joanna Weldon, Tiffany Sanders, Tori Durrance, Hilary Loper, Julianna Padgett, Joann Wilsey, and Josh Cannon; not pictured: Betsy Murphy.

A look back at the 2021 highlights for Union County High School varsity athletics will be published in the Jan. 13, 2022, issue.



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Dontae Balfour captured a fourth-place state medal in the triple jump, an event he won district and regional titles in. File photo by Cliff Smelley.

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advance to the Region 1 finals. The boys 4x100m relay team placed second (44.12), while the following boys team members earned third-place finishes: Jametrius Pringle in the high jump (5-7.75) and Jaquez Riley in the triple jump (39-7.25).

Bradford's Delaney Crosby, Holly Holt, Layne Loper and Kayleigh Stokes teamed up to run a third-place time of 14:03 in the girls 4x800m relay.

Balfour won Bradford's lone championship at the Region 1 meet with his school record of 47-2.25 in the triple jump.

The top two finishers in each event automatically qualified for state, while additional at-large qualifiers were also selected based on their regional totals. Balfour, who was the only Bradford athlete to get to go to state, earned an additional berth in the 300m hurdles after placing seventh (41.41).

At state, Balfour entered his final triple-jump attempt with a best jump on the day of 43-10.75. He bettered that by almost 2 feet to move up to fourth place.

In the 300m hurdles, Balfour was 13th (41.96).

Girls hoops team is district runner-up

The girls basketball team qualified for the Region 2-4A playoffs by virtue of going 1-1 in the District 5 tournament.

Bradford entered the tournament on a roll, having won six of seven games. The Tornadoes used an 18-1 run to open the fourth quarter and pull away for a 65-45 win over Dunnellon in the semifinals.

Santee Blye and Jada Hankerson combined to score 17 points in the fourth quarter. Blye led all scorers with 18 points, while Hankerson had 17.

Sara Foster and Ayanna Pringle scored 15 and eight points, respectively, while Brinley Carter, Destiny Crum

and Jillian Kirkland each added two. Raynisha Hunter chipped in one point.

The win put the second-seeded Tornadoes into the championship game against top-seed North Marion. The Colts applied heavy defensive pressure, forcing Bradford into turnovers and ultimately defeating the Tornadoes 56-21.

North Marion used a 15-2 run to take a 15-6 lead into the second quarter. A Kirkland basket and Hankerson free throw helped Bradford whittle the lead down to five and it remained a five-point game at halftime, thanks to baskets by Foster and Hunter.

Not much went right for the Tornadoes in the second half, which saw them outscored 34-4.

Hankerson and Foster scored seven and six points, respectively, while Blye, Hunter, Kirkland and Kencie Wainwright each had two.

Bradford entered the regional

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Santee Blye (foreground, right) and the BHS girls basketball team earned the District 5-4A runner-up trophy and a spot in the Region 2 playoffs. File photo by Cliff Smelley.

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Chalil Cummings (right) catches a pass for BHS in the Region 4-1A semifinals. The Tornadoes competed in the postseason for the seventh straight season. File photo by Cliff Smelley.

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playoffs seeking its first postseason win in six years, but fell on the road to The Villages by a score of 48-40.

The Tornadoes finished the season with a 12-11 record.

7th straight year in football playoffs

By virtue of its strength of schedule, Bradford's football team rode a 5-5 regular season into its seventh straight playoff appearance.

The Tornadoes opened with a 51-13 Region 4-1A quarterfinal win over Newberry, getting four touchdown passes from Amari Jones.

Bradford led by one point at halftime, but outscored the Panthers 37-0 in the second half.

Jones completed first-half touchdown passes to Chason

Clark and Chalil Cummings. His first scoring toss of the second half, set up by a Torin Brazell fumble recovery, went for 51 yards to Dae'Jon Shanks.

Jeremiah Crum and Triavez Hankerson also each had a touchdown reception in the second half.

Manny Covey, who rushed for 103 yards, had a touchdown run, while the game's final score came on the final play when Jametrius Pringle returned an interception 100 yards.

Hayden Hughes kicked a 23-yard field goal and was 6-of-6 on extra-point attempts.

Jones completed 16-of-19 passes for 361 yards. Crum caught five of them for 84 yards, while Jontez Williams caught four for 78 yards. Shanks had two catches for 68 yards, while Hankerson and Cummings had 59 and 51 yards, respectively, on two catches each.

Gavin Cook had an interception for the defense, which got a team-high nine tackles each from Clark and

Bryson Bowen. Brazell had eight tackles, while Jarrin Alexander and Chris Strong each had six.

Bradford's season came to an end with a 38-20 loss to Pahokee in the semifinals.

The Tornadoes led 14-7, getting a 24-yard touchdown reception from Covey in the first quarter and a 7-yard touchdown run by Covey in the second quarter. Hughes kicked the extra point following both scores.

Pahokee was able to score two touchdowns to take a 21-14 halftime lead.

A 59-yard touchdown run by Willie Pollard made it a 24-20 game in the third quarter, but that's as close as the Tornadoes would get.

Covey and Pollard rushed for 72 and 65 yards, respectively.

Jones completed 19-of-31 passes for 240 yards. Cummings caught three passes for 73 yards, while Williams caught five for 61 yards. Shanks added 44 yards on three receptions, while Crum and Covey had 30 and 24 yards,

respectively, on one catch each.

4 boys lifters earn regional berths

The Tornadoes were represented at the Region 2-1A boys weightlifting finals by four individuals, who earned the right to advance by earning top-six finishes at the District 8 finals.

At the district meet, Easton Wynn earned third place in the 199 class with a 435 total, while Nate Bowlan-Smith placed fourth in the 238 class with a 435 total. Dejon McBride was fifth in the heavyweight class with a 565 total, while Trent Hankerson was sixth in the 139 class with a 245 total.

Holder advances in cross country

The boys cross country team missed out on advancing to regional competition by one place, but Tristan Holder did earn the right to advance by virtue

of being among the top three individuals not on one of the eight regional-qualifying teams at the District 2-2A finals.

Holder, who was the third-highest finisher not on a regional qualifying team, placed 28th out of 147 overall with a time of 18:24.

At the Region 1 finals, the top three individuals not on one of the eight state-qualifying teams earned the right to advance as well. Holder missed out by one spot as he had the fourth-best time (17:31) among individuals not on one of those eight teams. He placed 24th out of 114 overall.

Spratlin competes at golf regionals

Cassidy Spratlin advanced to regional competition in girls golf with her fourth-place finish at the District 3-1A finals.

Spratlin made par on one hole and shot an 18-hole score of 105. She went on to place 41st at the Region 1 finals with a score of 123. She made par on one hole.



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