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Starke moves toward charter review, seeks community input

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
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During recent meetings, the Starke City Commission took steps toward modernizing the city's foundational governing document, launching a discussion about forming a Charter Review Commission to update the city charter, which dates to the 1920s.

Mayor Andy Redding raised the issue Sept. 23, emphasizing the need to bring the city's charter in line with current practices and legal standards. "We have a lot of antiquated language in our charter," Redding said. "We need to look at having a charter review committee to get our charter up to date."

City Attorney Scott Walker outlined the process for forming the review commission, recommending a diverse group of five to seven members drawn from across the community. "My suggestion is that each of the commissioners maybe pick a person or

two to see if they might be interested," Walker said. The commission would include business owners, residents and staff, and would meet regularly — typically once a month — to study the current charter and review examples from other Florida cities.

Walker stressed the importance of community buy-in, noting that any proposed changes would ultimately go before voters. "The community has to have some buy-in. They have to say, look, this is what we want to do," he said.

Commissioners discussed the makeup of the review body, agreeing that each would recommend members, with the goal of assembling a seven-member panel. Commissioner Danny Nugent suggested seeking outside expertise, such as from the League of Cities, to help guide the process.

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Vying for Bradford High School's senior homecoming queen crown are (front, l-r) Tatyanna Brown, Ar'Nayshia Griffin, Jamiee Lin, Lily Mercer and Raelynn Moore, while the king contestants are (back, l-r) Ridge Bradley, Koy Hartley, Jayden Hudson, Diego Ochoa and Tyler Sapp. The winners will be crowned Thursday, Oct. 16, at Tornado Whirl, which begins at 7 p.m.

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Homecoming Parade Friday

Bradford High School's Homecoming Parade will begin at 1 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 17. Lineup on Washington Street by the high school begins at noon. From Washington Street, the parade will travel south on U.S. 301, turning west onto Call Street, north on Orange Street and then returning to Washington.

AMVETS Turkey Shoot

The Sons of AMVETS will be holding their annual turkey shoot every Saturday, starting Oct. 18 and continuing through Nov. 22, at AMVETS Post 86 in Keystone Heights. Signups begin at 9 a.m.

Due to a change in the program, scopes cannot be used. Please come out, have fun, and support our local charities.

DWC meets Oct. 22

The Democratic Women's Club of the Lakes Area will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 22, at 7 p.m. (with doors opening at 6:30). Please note this is a schedule change. The speaker will be Juan Osorio, president of the Alachua County Young Democrats.

All Democrats are welcome to attend this meeting at the Melrose Center, 309 State Road 26 in Melrose. Meetings are normally held on the fourth Thursday of the month. For further information call 352-235-4161.

VFW Trunk-or-Treat

Lake Butler VFW Post 10082 is having its annual Trunk-or-Treat on Saturday, Oct. 25, from 6-8 p.m. It will be held at the Post, 16483 SE 83rd Terr. in Lake Butler. Please contact Barbara Fischer at 904-263-0647 for any questions.

Fall fun at NR Baptist

New River Baptist Church, located at 16703 SW 144th Ave. in Brooker, will hold its Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 25. There will be a meal at 4 p.m. with games and activities for the children from 5-7 p.m., plus the festival's much-talked-about cakewalk. There will be plenty of food, candy, popcorn, cotton candy, snow cones and much more for both children and adults. Join New River Baptist Church for all the family fun. For more information call 904-796-2359.

Union School Board favors 2-story elementary school

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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During an October 14 workshop, Union County School Board members said they favored a two-story design for the proposed Lake Butler Elementary school over a one-story option.

Greg Kelly of Clemons, Rutherford and Associates, the architectural firm hired by the district to design the school, presented school board members with the advantages and disadvantages of both options.

He said the two-story option allowed for 60 more cars in the parent pickup line, 45 additional parking spaces, and room for an additional 32 classrooms should the district need to add to the facility in the future.

Superintendent Mike Ripplinger said the capacity for additional classrooms appealed to him, recognizing that the new elementary school will have to serve the district beyond the next 30 years.

"If all of a sudden we start having large home developments and things like that that seem to be popping up in other counties," he said, "if that comes here, that will provide more flexibility for us to expand."

Board Member Terra Johnson said the two-story

option offered a more compact facility.

She told her colleagues she remembers walking around MacClenny's one-story Legacy Elementary School.

"It was the longest distance from the beginning of the school to some of those wings," she recalled. "It was a long, long walk."

Kelly agreed that the two-story design shortens the distance between the building's components, which he said adds a safety factor to the taller structures, because administrators and school resource officers can get to problems quickly.

Board member Becky Raulerson added that she has a friend who is an administrator in Bonifay, whose school district recently completed a two-story school. Raulerson said the administrator reported no injuries to students walking up and down the facility's stairs.

"I was worried about kids falling down the steps," Raulerson explained to fellow board members. "She said, 'We have not had one problem.'"

Bill Pearson of Parrish McCall, which the board hired to build the nearly \$90 million facility, told board members maintenance would be slightly more difficult in a two-story building, but added, "you've got half as much roof area."

Board member Chris Hodgson asked if a two-story design would increase compliance costs with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Kelly replied that the taller building would have one or two elevators.

Ripplinger added that the county courthouse is now the only two-story structure in Lake Butler and that the top floor is used regularly.

"I know there was a concern about elevator maintenance," he said, "but there are companies that come in and do yearly inspections and maintenance."

Based on the board's feedback, Kelly said his firm would proceed with the design, focusing on a two-story building.

Ripplinger told board members that the state had not yet forwarded the first draw for the project, holding up the purchase of the 23.23-acre site.

He added that with payments from the state becoming less reliable, the public should exercise caution with the project.

"Nobody more than me wants to see this school built yesterday," he said. "We do need to remind the public and everybody to be patient. This is going to take some time."

Clay teachers call school board's offer 'a slap in the face'

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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Clay County teachers told school board members they considered the offer by the district in contract negotiations insulting during an October 2 school board meeting.

Sharon Walsh shared a story of a 21-year veteran teacher grading papers until 7:25 p.m., netting just \$40 more per week under the offer.

"Teachers, we don't leave until the job is done," she said, urging the board to "find some extra money in that budget bucket."

Barbara McKenzie, a 25-year-plus teacher with a master's degree, juggling three jobs, painted a grimmer picture.

"I have one small credit card," she told board members. "I have a mortgage. I have house bills. I have student debt I can't pay. I drive a 12-year-old car I inherited from my mom. I'm very frugal."

"Because the school board chooses to pay lip service to its teachers," she continued, "nice emails saying how much we're appreciated, statements about how you know teachers work hard for the students in the county. I can't pay my bills. Financial companies don't take emails as payment."

"An extra \$800 a year is a slap in the face," she told board members of its offer.

Clay County Education Association President Vicki Kidwell echoed the frustration, rejecting the proposal for leaving 45% of educators without raises and offering as little as 0.82% for veterans.

"Budgets are about priorities," she said. "We ask you to prioritize salaries in your budget instead of offering teachers a bucket of leftovers."

Superintendent David Broskie told teachers that "the board wants to pay you more...that's not the issue."



Clay Education Association President Vicki Kidwell addresses the school board backed up by teachers with buckets who claim the contract offer made to teachers by the district consists of a "bucket of leftovers."

He added that over the past four years, the district had increased teacher pay by \$54 million, which he

said was two-and-a-half times greater than any pay increase given to teachers since the district was founded.





Pictured are (l-r) Assistant Director Lindsay Goble, Director Theresa Frazier and HCA Head of School Terry Denmark. (Photo by Virginia Denmark.)

Hope's Early Education achieves Schools of Excellence Status - Again!

Hope Christian Academy's Early Education Department has once again achieved Florida League of Christian Schools/ILCS Schools of Excellence status following the annual fall inspection.

Michael Burroughs, executive director of the league wrote, "Your center is among the best in our entire fellowship of over 300 schools!" He also added, "The FLOCS inspection process is one way in which we can

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Hampton centennial seeks sponsors

Hampton is planning a centennial celebration for its citizens in October and is seeking sponsors to support the event. If you can contribute to the celebration, speak with Mary Lou Hildreth at 352-235-0519.

First properties removed from fire assessment roll, exceptions granted

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
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Bradford Commissioners approved multiple fire assessment roll adjustments and a handful of hardship exemptions Tuesday.

Fire Chief Ben Carter explained during the assessment workshops held earlier this year that the assessment roll would need to be adjusted for individual property owners who found themselves charged a fee for structures that were uninhabitable, for example, or for accessory buildings not used as dwelling units.

Nearly 30 were removed from the roll this week. A number were from the Lawtey area, but there were also properties from the unincorporated Starke, Hampton and Brooker areas, as well as a couple of Lake Butler and Keystone Heights addresses in Bradford County.

Most of the removals were accessory buildings not used as dwelling units, lacking bathrooms or not connected to electrical or water. Some were damaged structures. In addition to the lack of utilities, a property was uninhabitable if it was missing doors or windows, if the roof was falling or missing in large sections, if there were signs of structural collapse, or if the building had been condemned or partially demolished.

A couple were government properties. Those belonged to cemetery associations. One was a large metal shed being charged at the nonresidential rate of 11 cents per square foot. Then there were some split parcels because the property crossed a section, township or boundary on the county's map. Those parcels were contiguous with the owner's primary parcel and created for administrative purposes only. Therefore, no fire assessment was due.

Three financial hardship exemptions were also approved. These exemptions are available

to property owners living at or below the poverty level. Exemptions are also available for completely disabled veterans.

If you believe you own a structure that should not be on the fire assessment roll, or if you want to inquire about applying for an exemption, contact 904-966-6228, or email fireassessment@bradfordcountyfl.gov.

In other business:

—during additional conversation about educating the public about the county, Commissioner Chris Dougherty wanted people to know that just like the fire assessment pays for firefighting services, the solid waste assessment pays for solid waste and gas taxes pay for local road projects. The funds are not intermingled. Gas taxes cannot pay for the fire rescue budget. Commissioner Chairman Danny Riddick suggested using signage during road construction to remind people this was their gas tax money at work.

—Riddick was excited about the additional gas tax revenue collected since RaceTrac and Wawa have opened, saying he hopes more roads will be added to the maintenance list.

—the commission approved a grant agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for \$2.3 million to resurface County Road 21B from Southeast 43rd Street to Southeast Eighth Avenue. FDOT approved the project years ago, according to the county, but funding was not allocated until Fiscal Year 2026.

—a Justice Assistance Grant Award agreement was approved for \$48,856. The award will be used to cover overtime costs for personnel assigned to targeted crime reduction operations. Examples include highway checkpoints that deter and distrust narcotics trafficking and surveillance leading to drug busts.

—a working group of county employees are going through more than 200 agreements

and contracts. The first bid advertisements are for pest control and floor cleaning. "These folks are doing an amazing job, a daunting task. Honestly, I had no idea that we had over 200 agreements and contracts with various vendors and service providers," County Manager Scott Kornegay said.

—change orders were approved for M&R Construction for work completed at Station 9 in Sampson City, including extending the concrete apparatus aprons, painting existing structures to match the new living quarters and a new drain field. The \$25,166 cost is covered by the same state appropriation as the living quarters.

—the commission approved \$157,003 for mowing equipment from John Deere and Ag-Pro, purchased at the state contract price. The commission agreed by consensus during budget discussions in April to purchase the equipment.

—the commission accepted a FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant in the amount of \$79,080 and approved a county match of \$7,908 for the purchase of firefighter breathing apparatus protective gear.

Faith Presbyterian to host fall craft show

Faith Presbyterian Church will host its Fall Craft Show Fundraiser on Saturday, Oct. 25, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 2738 State Road 21.

The event will feature vendors, and a chili lunch with a drink and dessert will be available for \$7. LifeSouth will also hold a blood drive.

Vendors are welcome. For more information, contact Susie at 570-801-3805.

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Speed cameras on track to raise \$1m within 3 years

Lawtey keeps a fraction of the total

BY MELISSA PYLE
Special to the Telegraph

Lawtey Police Chief Jerry Feltner began the Oct. 6 city council meeting with the required public hearing for the RedSpeed Camera program.

The program began in April of 2023 as a deterrent to speeding drivers and a revenue source for safety improvements.

Feltner said there was an average of 646,000 vehicles that drove through the city each month. There have been 9,977 violations issued this year alone. The revenue raised from May 21, 2023, to Aug. 21, 2025, was \$772,000 dollars.

Feltner explained that all the funding does not remain in the city, breaking it down as follows:
—\$170,000 to the Florida Department of Revenue.

—\$26,000 for Florida Department of Law Enforcement training.

—\$93,000 to the school district.

—\$39,000 crossing guard salaries.

—\$161,400 RedSpeed Program.

—\$11,000 for mailing certified citations.

—\$300,000 to Lawtey Police Department.

Feltner said of the \$300,000,



Lawtey Police Chief Jerry Feltner held a public hearing prior to the council meeting to present the RedSpeed Program's annual report, including the number of citations issued and amount of revenue earned.

Water system upgrades needed

CPH Engineering Consulting delivered a much-anticipated report on replacing the city's fifty-year-old water distribution system. After much evaluation, the engineers recommended replacing the existing system that carries water throughout the city, including Lawtey Correctional Facility.

The report showed that the old system is causing an 11% loss in water for the city and rising costs for frequent repairs. The aging system, installed in 1975, has poor "looping" characteristics and undersized mains, resulting in low water flow to structures and fire hydrants.

The council's three options were do nothing and keep patching, replace the system with a new trenchless technology, or stick with a conventional system. The engineers told the council that the best financial option is the conventional system.

The State Revolving Fund could cut the \$7.4 million dollar cost by 75% with a partial grant. The city would be required to repay the remaining debt, with the annual payment projected at \$70,000. This would only cover the first phase of the system replacement.

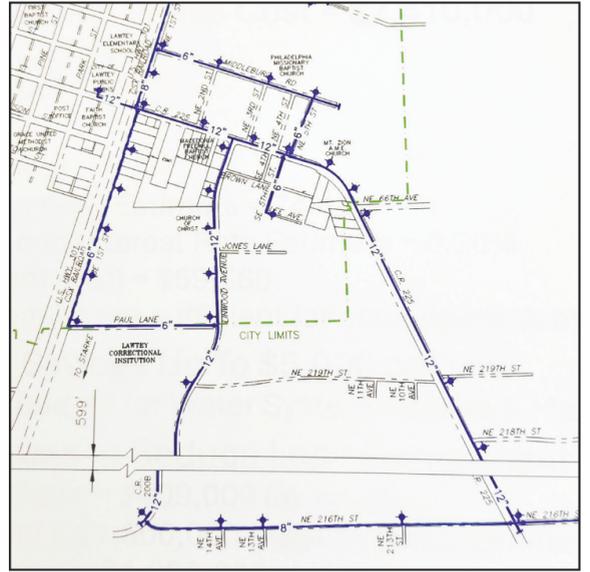
There are additional funding options, including the Rural Infrastructure Fund. CPH stressed the importance of attending the upcoming Bradford Legislative Delegation meeting to plead the city's case for more grant funding. After the presentation, the council adopted a resolution to move forward with attaining grants for the project.

Citizen Vyunda Strong confronted the council about not attending the legislative delegation meetings. The upcoming meeting is scheduled for Oct. 23, and Strong said if they're not going to attend, she would plead the city's case, because the city needs grants to help fund the water system. Strong said she always attends but no Lawtey officials are there to represent the city. No council member argued her point but moved on to the next citizen comment. John Mercier approached the podium and asked the council, once again, to put up new street signs and to revisit old business at meetings.

In other business:
—council voted to approve a \$1,000 cost to remove a tree that fell on a residential property.

—Councilwoman Amy Blom proposed a committee to revise the city's charter.

—the next council meeting is Nov. 3 at 7 p.m.



CPH Engineering proposed phase 1 of a new water distribution project. Lawtey's current system is 50 years old and requires frequent repairs.

Food distributions next week

Two communitywide food distributions will take place next week. The first distribution will take place Tuesday, Oct. 21, at 9 a.m. at the Bradford County Fairgrounds. The second distribution will take place, Wednesday, Oct. 22, at 9 a.m. at Philadelphia Baptist Church in Lawtey. Both distributions are hosted by Feeding Northeast Florida and True Vine Ministry. Food boxes often include fresh produce, deli and bakery items, dairy and some meats. Inventory is subject to availability. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Upcoming fall festivals

Montgomery Center Fall Festival — Saturday, Oct. 18, 3 to 7 p.m.; 88 SE 75th St. Afternoon of live music, games, food, crafts and community entertainment in a casual, family-oriented setting.

River of Life Church Fall Festival — Saturday, Oct. 18, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; 2225 N. Temple Ave. Carnival games, food and family activities hosted by the church.

Madison Street Baptist Church Fall Festival — Sunday, Oct. 19, 5 to 7 p.m.; 900 W. Madison St. Church-hosted family festival with games, food and fellowship.

Brooker Fall Festival — Saturday, Oct. 25, starting at 4:30 p.m.; 18551 Charlotte Ave. Community school event with free admission, food, festivities and games.

New River Baptist Church — Saturday, Oct. 25. Meal at 4 p.m.; games and activities, plus famous cake walk from 5-7 p.m. Free food and family fun for all ages. Located at 16703 SW 144th Ave. in Brooker.



Lake Butler VFW Post 10082 — Trunk-or-Treat on Saturday, Oct. 25, from 6-8 p.m.; 16483 SE 83rd Terrace in Lake Butler.

Cornerstone Baptist Church of Sampson City Fall Festival — Sunday, Oct. 26, 6 to 8:30 p.m.; 13797 SW County Road 227. Free evening of family fun, food and fellowship.



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Lawtey Rec Department — Friday, Oct. 31, Tatum Bros. Park.

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THE RENEWAL OF THE MIND – Part 4

ur key text for this series is found in Romans 12:1-2, "I beseech you therefore brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world but be you transformed by the renewing of your mind that you may prove what is that good, acceptable, and perfect will of God." God wants His people to have well bodies and transformed lives as well as being born again. It takes time and effort to change your thinking. Making our minds line up with the Word of God will affect our entire being and bring about a totally transformed life. According to the scriptures we are complete in Jesus Christ. Colossians 2:9-10, "For in Him (Jesus) dwells all the fulness of the Godhead bodily, and you are complete in Him, Who is the head of all principality and power." However, God is referring to your recreated human spirit. God does not want us to only be changed on the inside. He wants us to manifest His salvation in and through our physical, natural lives as well. If we will change our thinking through meditating and acting on God's Word then our minds will line up with our spirit and we will begin to experience the abundant life that Jesus has provided for us. If we as Christians fail to renew our minds we will live our entire lives and never experience the abundant life. Jesus wants His church to experience abundant life in this life. St. John 10:10, "The thief does not come except to steal, kill and destroy. I have come that thy might have life and have it more abundantly." Remember that God's will for us is to present our bodies a living sacrifice. Your body houses your spirit and your soul. The Holy Spirit lives in your spirit if you are born again and your body is His temple as well. 1 Corinthians 6:19, "Do you not know that your body is the Temple of the Holy Spirit

who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own." God does not want just our service or obedience, He wants us, all of us. We must not forget that God also tells us that we as Christians are not to be conformed to this world. Romans 12:2, "...and be not conformed to this world but transformed..." The word here for "world" means the "world system" or we could say the way most people think and live. Christians are to be different than those who have not been born again. We are to live and act differently because we are God's children. It is sad to say that most Christians act and behave a lot like the unsaved. Many Christians are sick and depressed just like the world. They are unhappy and lack joy like most of the world. When bad things happen in society many Christians become nervous and fearful just like the world. The reason is found in the fact that we act like the world because we think like the world. It is not because they do not love Jesus or they do not believe the Bible is true. No, Christians act and behave like the world because they think like the world thinks. We as Christians are supposed to think like God, talk like God and act like God. I know that just blows peoples mind when you say things like that. However, it is Bible and it is absolutely the truth. We will close this lesson with two scripture verses that you can ponder until next week. 1 John 4:17, "Love has been perfected among us in this, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment, because as He is, "so are we in this world." And Ephesians 5:1, "Therefore be imitators of God as dear children..."

Until next week, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of the Father God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Blessings!
-Pastor Rick

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Tour a mobile cancer screening bus

Promoting Breast Cancer Awareness Month

The Florida Department of Health in Bradford County invites all residents to attend the Mobile Cancer Screening Tour event on Thursday, Oct. 23. This event is in recognition of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, a time to spread important health education and encourage women to receive regular screenings to promote early detection and treatment of breast cancer.

The event will be held from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Florida Department of Health in Bradford County, 1801 N. Temple Ave. in Starke.

A tour of the new Mobile Cancer Screening Connector bus will be presented by the University of Florida Cancer Center. UFHealth and DOH-Bradford staff will be onsite to answer questions and provide cancer, heart disease and diabetes screenings and resources.

Breast cancer is a disease in which cells in the breast grow



Bradford Middle School turned up in pink to support Breast Cancer Awareness. Photos courtesy of BMS.

out of control. Breast cancer is the most common type of cancer among women in Florida. Although rare, men can also develop breast cancer. Mortality rates have decreased by over 5% in the past 10 years, partly due to improved screening, access, and treatment.

Prevention

—Routine screening and self-breast exams are important to breast wellness. Being familiar with your breasts can help you notice signs/symptoms such as lumps, discharge, or changes in size or nipple appearance. Contact your health care provider if you notice any signs/



Dejanae Hill, Anniston Morrell and Adalynn Waters.

symptoms.

—Women ages 40 to 74 should schedule a mammogram every two years with their health care provider, or with DOH-Bradford if eligible for the Florida Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program.

—At-risk women should schedule regular breast MRIs and mammograms every year. Risk factors include family history, genetics, breast density and more.

—Healthy habits can help

prevent breast cancer. A healthy lifestyle includes eating nutritious foods, avoiding alcohol and tobacco, regular physical activity, and adhering to recommended screenings.

—Breastfeeding lowers a woman's risk of getting breast cancer.

Early Detection Program

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access to free or low-cost breast cancer screenings to women who are uninsured or underinsured, have a low income, and meet the program eligibility requirements. Mammograms can detect breast cancer in the early stages when it is easier to treat. To see if you qualify for these screenings, call 904-964-7732 or visit the Florida Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program webpage, <https://bit.ly/FloridaEarlyDetection>.



Emersyn Brooks, Phylcia Petteway, Felicia Simon, Bobbie Acevedo and Cathy Wood.

Starke sets plan for future improvements

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
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The Starke City Commission has adopted a new ordinance creating a formal Capital Improvement Plan process intended to coordinate, prioritize and fund major city projects over a five-year horizon.

The ordinance also adopts the 2026–2030 five-year capital improvement program. The measure is intended to improve long-range planning, including plans to fund improvements. It should also make project priorities and costs more transparent.

A capital improvement project is a planned undertaking that acquires, constructs or extends the useful life of capital assets (land, buildings, parks, streets, utilities, etc.). To qualify, a project must: have total cost greater than \$100,000; have a useful life longer than 10 years; be a onetime, nonrecurring outlay; and add to or enhance city assets.

Projects that would not qualify include community redevelopment area projects; routine fleet vehicle purchases (which are handled in the operating budget); maintenance supplies and routine repairs; ongoing debt service or lease/purchase costs; routine street resurfacing and recurring annual items.

Per the ordinance, the CIP is a comprehensive plan to identify and balance the capital needs of the community within the fiscal capabilities and limitations of the city budget. It is a significant element of the annual budget process. It can be updated, however, as emergencies arise or circumstances change.

Each project entry must include a brief scope, full project budget, prior appropriations or contributions, anticipated funding sources and amounts, projected timing and inception date, and estimated postconstruction operating costs and their funding sources. If a project is removed, delayed or substantially changed, the CIP must explain the reason.

Projects will be prioritized according to legal requirements and lifesafety hazards first, then city goals and policies, urgency, the city's capacity to administer the project, outside agency involvement, and potential for future funding.

On or before Jan. 15 each year, the Department of Finance, Building and Zoning, and Public Works will meet with all city departments to develop a proposed CIP and budget. The city manager must submit the proposed CIP to the city commission by July 15. The commission will review and may amend the proposals as part of the annual budget process and must adopt the CIP and the CIP budget no later than Sept. 30 each year.

The commission may amend the CIP or appropriations during the fiscal year only by a formal enactment that explains why deferring the change to the next budget year would harm the community's interests. An ordinance approving a midyear CIP amendment requires a two-thirds majority of commission members present.

By June 1 each year, the Finance Department must provide a progress report to the Commission showing status, delays or issues, and anticipated completion dates for all projects funded in the current CIP budget and previously funded projects. By Jan. 31 each year, the Finance Department and responsible departments must provide the commission a list of projects completed in the prior calendar year and ready for formal closure.

What's in the plan?

Beginning with the current fiscal year, the ordinance includes a repair and replacement budget for each of the city's utilities. There is a category for electric, gas, wastewater, and water distribution and treatment. Examples of projects include replacing transformers, electric poles, line extensions and replacements, equipment like valves, pumps and generators, etc. The repair and replacement

budget amounts to \$1.77 million this year, dropping gradually to \$1.29 million in year five.

Utility revenue will fund most of the work. The practice of deferring maintenance and using the utility revenue to fund operations is a thing of the past.

There is also a parks and recreation section that includes \$400,000 for renovations at the parks on Edwards Road and Thomas Street this year. That will continue every other year, while Wainwright Park receives \$200,000 during the intervening years. However, this funding is from grants not yet obtained.

The final section of the CIP is the list of major water and wastewater capital improvement projects overseen by engineers at Woodward and Curran. Drinking water projects in design or preplanning include facility upgrades, the State Road 16 water extension, water main looping and system interconnections, and additional main replacement and rehabilitation. The design projects wrapping up this year are funded by a combination of state grants and loans. Projects in preplanning for 2027 and beyond have not been funded. The estimated costs of all projects is \$18 million.

Similarly, there is a list of wastewater projects that are in or nearing the end of construction — including collection system rehabilitation and the wastewater treatment plant — as well as projects in design and preplanning. These include sewer line extension down State Road 16, future phases of the collection system replacement and lift station improvements. They total \$57.5 million, but that includes the \$25 million in construction funds from USDA for the completed wastewater plant, which was a combined grant and loan. Another \$8 million combined grant and loan from the state is funding sewer rehab, and the county contributed \$4 million in American Rescue Act funding for the wastewater lines on S.R. 16. Engineers are seeking funds for projects listed in 2027 and beyond.



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REVIEW

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The timeline for the review is ambitious, with the commission aiming to complete its work in time for next year's election. "We're looking at a six-to-eight-month process," Redding said. "I feel like we should have it then, because we're going to have a governor's race, we'll have a better turnout of our citizens."

By the following meeting Oct. 7, commissioners began floating some names, including Scott Roberts, who recently served on the city commission, and Glenda Ruisse, who serves on the

Planning and Zoning Board and works with Concerned Citizens of Bradford County.

Commissioners' schedules are interfering with getting everyone present for a vote, however. Commissioner Bob Milner also said the search for committee members should be advertised to the public to allow for broader community participation. Citizens of Starke will have the opportunity to apply as advertised on social media and the city's website (www.cityofstarke.org). The deadline to apply is Oct. 31.

In other business: —the commission updated utility installation fees and monthly security light charges for residential and commercial

customers.

Kingsley Lake Community Yard Sale

Buyers won't want to miss the opportunity to check out the multiple sale sites up/down all the streets within the Kingsley Lake Community (C.R. 230 and S.R. 16) along Kingsley Lake Drive, and in The Cove. Sales run from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 25. There will be a wide variety of items for sale and Tasteful Temptations Catering offering food.

Lake Region

Photos from Keystone Heights High School's Pow Wow



Homecoming court: (l-r) Layla Briseno, Tinleigh Gubics, Homecoming Queen Kayle Buchanan, Gloria Gilmore and Emily Wilkinson.



Homecoming King Noah Jaramillo and Queen Kayle Buchanan



Miss Keystone Heights High School Kinsley Phillips



Homecoming court: (l-r) Colton Hollingsworth, Ethan Franklin, Homecoming King Noah Jaramillo, Luke Bacorn and Everette Underwood.



10th grade royalty Lucas Williams and Alexandra Papaioannou



Seventh grade royalty Caleb Matuschke and Ryleigh Thomas



Eighth grade royalty Nicolas Jaramillo and Addie Gentry



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Bradford Elementary

Paislee is one of our new safety patrol members and has gone above and beyond since starting at her posts. From tying shoes of kindergarten students to showing up early to help put the flag up! She exudes positivity around our campus!

Eli Sweat
Kindergarten
Lawley Elementary

Eli is such a sweet student. He is a great listener. Everytime i see him in line he is walking quietly and hands by his side. As well as in the cafeteria he is always listening to instructions and always has the best manners!

Brantley Visman
Kindergarten
Hope Christian Academy

Brantley is a diligent student and works super hard. Brantley is kind and considerate of other people's feelings.

Chloe Waters
5th Grade
Starke Elementary

Chloe wrote a very brave and well-written personal narrative for a class assignment. She put such hard work into her essay! It was wonderful to read.

Maliyah Molina
Kindergarten
Providence Christian Academy

MJ is a Star Student because she is always engaged and excited about learning. She loves discovering new things and approaches every lesson with curiosity and enthusiasm. MJ is also kind and caring, always willing to help her classmates, which makes her a wonderful role model in her classroom.

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Honorable	Daniel Riddick	Board of County Commissioners, District No.		4			
Honorable	Sheila Cummings	School Board, District No.		1			
Citizen Member	Linda Johns	Business owner within the school district					
Citizen Member	Matthew Carlton	Homestead property owner					

The Value Adjustment Board (VAB) meets each year to hear petitions and make decisions relating to property tax assessments, exemptions, classifications, and tax deferrals.

Type of Property	Number of Parcels					Reduction in County Taxable Value	Shift in Taxes
	Exemptions		Assessments*		Both		
	Granted	Requested	Reduced	Requested	Withdrawn or settled	Due to Board Actions	Due to Board Actions
Residential				1	1	\$	\$
Commercial				5	5	\$	\$
Industrial and miscellaneous						\$	\$
Agricultural or classified use						\$	\$
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Historic commercial or nonprofit						\$	\$
Business machinery and equipment				2	2	\$	\$
Vacant lots and acreage						\$	\$
TOTALS				8	8	\$	\$

All values should be county taxable values. School and other taxing authority values may differ. *Include transfer of assessment difference (portability) requests.

If you have a question about these actions, contact the Chair or the Clerk of the Value Adjustment Board.

Chair's name	Daniel Riddick	Phone	904-966-6327	ext.	6327
Clerk's name	Rachel Rhoden	Phone	904-966-6280	ext.	6280

UNION COUNTY

Union impact meeting focuses on senior health



Panelists (l-r) Noel Braseth, MD, Angelica Kraus, PA., Holly Garver, APRN-BC, Christy Thomas, RDN, LD/N discussed nutrition, diabetes, end-of-life planning and other topics.

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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The Oct. 1 meeting of the Union County Impact Initiative focused on senior health issues with a panel of health providers from Lake Butler Hospital and Lake Butler Family and Pediatric Clinic.

Noel Braseth, MD, Holly Garver, APRN-BC, Christy Thomas, RDN, LD/N, and Angelica Kraus, PA. discussed nutrition, diabetes, end-of-life planning and other topics.

Braseth identified the three most significant health risks to seniors as cardiovascular events, cognitive decline, and falls.

"A fall can be devastating," he told the crowd of around 75 at the Hal Y. Maines Community Center in Lakeside Park. "Breaking a hip means rehab for life."

Garver and Kraus emphasized the importance of regular screenings, including bone density tests, cardiovascular checks, and cancer detection, referring to them as "non-negotiable."

Braseth advised patients

to prepare for provider visits and not to be shy about asking questions.

"Folks have a limited amount of time to spend with you in the examination room or in the emergency room," he said. "So, sometimes it's good to come in with a list and prioritize your list. Probably, realistically, one or two problems are going to be able to be addressed thoroughly on that visit."

"And remember that there's not a dumb question," he added. "If you don't get your questions answered, you're going to leave the facility feeling like you're

missing something."

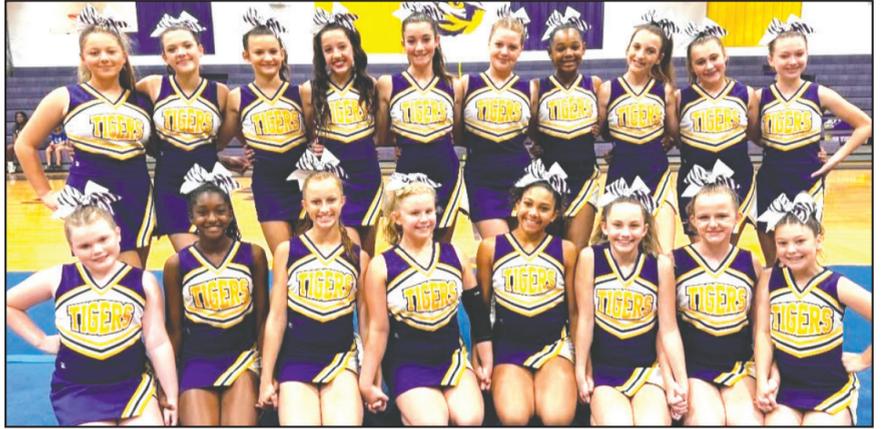
Thomas went over the USDA's MyPlate.gov model for a healthy diet, recommending a plate that is half vegetables, a quarter protein, and a quarter starches.

She also provided a simple formula for daily protein intake.

"Take your weight, divide by two - that's grams needed daily," she advised. "We find that a lot of older Americans do not - a lot of Americans, period, don't get enough protein. We see it in the hospital all the time. People

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2025 Lake Butler Middle School Cheerleaders



Front row: Blakely Moore, Jyra Merriex, Jillian Jenkins, Charley Box, Te'Yah Jordan (captain), Avery Ward, Emmy Vaughn, MJ Beavins. Back row: Emily Merritt, Bristol Geist, Reese Jackson, Allie Cason, Ava Pierce, Alayna Rengering, Peyton Howard, Ela Dobbs, Teghan Sullivan, Keilan Walko.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Notice is hereby given that Ajax Building Company, LLC will receive Bids for Union County New Jail for the Union County Board of County Commissioners. Bids will be received until 4:00 p.m. ET on November 6, 2025 or as amended in the Bid Documents. Bidders must be pre-qualified with Ajax Building Company, LLC to submit a responsive Bid, among other requirements. Contact Noah Palmer at noah.palmer@ajaxbuilding.com to request access to the Bid Documents and related information. There will be a non-mandatory pre-bid meeting held virtually, link and details will be available via Bid Documents.

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Union County businessman featured in magazine

Avery Roberts, the President of the Florida Forestry Association, was featured on the cover of the October Florida Trend magazine.

In its cover story, the monthly publication outlined the struggles of the state's timber industry, beginning with Hurricane Michael in 2018 and the impact storms and adverse market conditions have had on rural communities.

The story also highlighted the closures of the West Fraser timber mill near Lake Butler and the Georgia-Pacific pulp mill in Perry.

Roberts planted his first stand of pines at age 17 and launched his company, The Roberts Companies, the following year. Today, he still operates the enterprise with his son, C. Austen Roberts, and daughter, Amber Crawford.

In 2024, Roberts took over as president of the Florida Forestry Association from fellow Union County resident Jimmy Bielling.

In 2021, Florida Gateway College dedicated its public safety school in Olustee to Avery and Twyla Roberts.



Teacher's Facebook comment sparks outrage at Clay school board meeting

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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Clay County School District officials defended their decision to reinstate a Lake Asbury Junior High School teacher after briefly suspending him for posting on Facebook that he wished unvaccinated people would "die quickly."

Evan Gould was named the school's teacher of the year in 2018.

However, during the school board's October 2 meeting, several speakers condemned the instructor's September 9 Facebook post and questioned district officials why he was reinstated after a brief suspension.

"These comments made by someone who is supposed to be a custodian of our children are disturbing and unacceptable," declared Brittany Sills. "There should be zero tolerance for this type of behavior from individuals commissioned with the education of our children."

Judith Chappell, who identified herself as a precinct committee woman for the Clay County Republican Executive Committee, vice president of the Federated Republican Women of Clay County and a member of Moms for Liberty and the Trump Club, told school board members she was horrified and heartbroken by Gould's post.

"The shock and disgust that I felt upon hearing this cannot be overstated," she said. "It is unfathomable that any adult, let alone an educator entrusted with the lives and the future of our children, could harbor such cruel and hateful thoughts. This is not just a lapse in judgment. It is a chilling betrayal of everything that we stand for as a community."

School board chair Erin Skipper said she agreed with many of the objections to Gould's reinstatement that she heard from audience members.

She asked school board

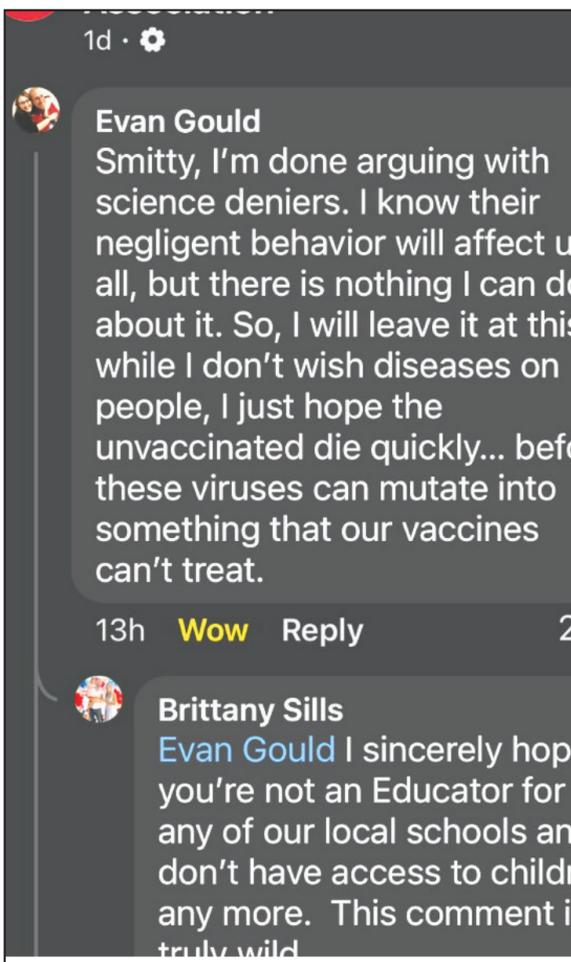
Mary Ann Clawson, painting Florida's soul

BY JENN SAMSEL
Special to the Monitor

Mary Ann Clawson is an accomplished painter with over twenty years of experience. Her dedication and passion shine through in every piece of her artwork. This October, she was recognized as the featured artist at Mossman Hall in Melrose.

"It's just kind of like in my soul," she said. "I like to preserve kind of the way it was, and I've been painting with the Florida Highwaymen, and I love their style."

From a young age, she developed a passion for painting. While living in Georgia, she seized the opportunity to teach students ranging from pre-K to 12th grade. After gaining valuable experience in the classroom, she confidently opened her own art studio, Painted Planet, over 17 years ago.



Evan Gould was named Lake Asbury Junior High School's teacher of the year in 2018.

attorney Jeremiah Blocker to explain the actions the district took after learning about the teacher's post.

Blocker said the district investigated the matter and that Superintendent David Broskie temporarily suspended Gould according to district policy.

He said the district then referred the matter to Florida's Department of Education's professional practice services,

which will conduct its own investigation.

"So, the professional practice services will conduct their own investigation of the conduct of this individual, and they can decide whether they want to withdraw his license or not," the attorney said. "At this point, it's in their hands to evaluate whether his career should end as a teacher licensed in Florida."

Mossman Hall for children on Wednesday, focusing on drawing and painting from 3:30 to 4:30, and by appointment.



Mary Ann Clawson

If you asked her about her preferred mediums, oils and acrylics, she would say they allow her to vividly capture the breathtaking beauty of Florida landscapes in her paintings.

"I've always been artistic, and when I was a little girl, I wanted to be an art teacher. I followed my dream, and I have a motto that I've always taught my children: I believe that everybody has the gift of creativity, because we were made in the image of God. He was our creator, and if we are in his image, then we are created to create as well," she said.

Today, she teaches children's drawing and painting classes, as well as paint parties. Her primary focus is on teaching other artists, and she now enjoys dedicating more time to painting, thanks to the opportunity.

Clawson teaches classes at

Crime

Recent arrests in Bradford, Union and Clay

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

Zachary Edward Adams, 25, of Palatka, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 7 for a probation violation.

Leighann Helen Baker, 35, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 10 for drug equipment possession and drug possession.

Earnest Aaron Fowler, 44, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 6 for drug delivery/distribution, drug equipment possession, drug possession, public order crimes, and amphetamine trafficking.

Robert Martin Benjamin Gallion, 48, of Lawtey, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 10 for public order crimes, drug possession, and drug equipment possession.

Isaias Moreno Hernandez, 48, was arrested by FHP troopers on October 5 for a moving traffic violation and a nonmoving traffic violation.

Pedro Demetrius Jonas, 34, of Starke, was arrested by FHP troopers on October 4 for a moving traffic violation, drug possession, drug trafficking, evidence destruction, and drug equipment possession.

Fred Markham, 57, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 7 for a probation violation.

Kyla Jean Morris, 39, of Waldo, was arrested by FHP troopers on October 9 for an out-of-county warrant.

Anthony Leland Pellechio, 26, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 7 for a probation violation.

Monte Seabrook, 31, of Gainesville, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 6 for a probation violation.

Ex used Facebook to track down victim

Joseph Perry Seymour, 40, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 8 for battery, contempt of court, burglary, aggravated battery, kidnapping/false imprisonment, resisting an officer, and larceny.

According to an arrest report, Seymour arrived uninvited at a residence in the area of Northwest County Road 233, also known as Morgan Road and State Road 16 and began yelling at the victim and two other occupants in the living room. The group repeatedly told him to leave, or they would call law enforcement, and Seymour departed.

But about 30 minutes later, he returned, entering the home brandishing a black knife and pointing it at the residents while continuing to shout.

Eyewitnesses said they demanded he leave again, and after locking the north door behind him, they believed the situation was over.

Seymour returned moments later, shoving through the locked door and heading straight for the victim's bedroom. He tried to force his way inside, but the door was barricaded by a nightstand. Undeterred, Seymour reportedly broke the door frame while yelling threats through the doorway, including one statement overheard by another resident: "I will slit her throat."

After breaking into the bedroom, and slamming the door on the victim's arm, fracturing her wrist, the defendant grabbed two cell phones from the nightstand before storming out. As the victim cried out in pain from her injured wrist, one of the other women in the home followed him outside. Video footage captured by a resident's camera showed Seymour pushing her off the front steps onto a pile of trash bags.

The victim later told deputies that Seymour had been tracking her via Facebook, where her baby shower photos, visible to the public, revealed her pregnancy and location. She noted that all prior contact from him had come through Facebook Messenger, despite active court orders barring communication.

The victim, who had retreated to the bedroom, said Seymour blocked her attempt to leave, shoving her back inside and slamming the door on her wrist as she tried to escape.

"He was telling her she could not go to a friend's house," the report stated, adding that another woman intervened, only to be pushed away by Seymour. The entire bedroom altercation was partially recorded on video, which Deputy Michael Gillick reviewed on scene. The footage depicted Seymour at 10:59 p.m. aggressively pushing against the door, yelling about "tomorrow" plans, and physically restraining the victim while she pleaded to be let out. Audio captured her pleas for help to get to the hospital, with Seymour grabbing her wrist and insisting it "was not broken."

An investigation revealed that the victim is listed as a protected party in a longstanding restraining order against Seymour, originally served on April 21, 2011, and a temporary injunction issued as recently as August 4, 2025, both prohibiting any contact. Court records also show Seymour's prior conviction for battery on October 24, 2006.

Kymberly Sierra Smith, 36, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 9 for a probation violation.

Ahmad Rashad Strong, 46, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 4 for an out-of-county warrant.

Joshua Ethan Wilkerson, 36, of Lawtey, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 10 for drug equipment possession, possession of a weapon, drug possession, and amphetamine trafficking.

Tried to hide in retention pond

Joseph Jerome Willis, 34, of Jacksonville, was arrested by FHP troopers and Bradford deputies on October 6 for hit and run, resisting an officer, fleeing/eluding police, DUI, and a moving traffic violation.

According to arrest reports, at approximately 11:55 p.m., deputies stationed at a weigh station on the US-301 Bypass near the north interchange clocked a gray Infiniti sedan travelling northbound at 102 mph.

When deputies activated their emergency lights to initiate a traffic stop, the driver, later identified as

Willis, accelerated and fled south on US-301 into the city.

Deputies lost contact with the defendant and issued a be-on-the-lookout alert, to which FHP trooper Alan Palmer responded.

The trooper wrote that he found the defendant's vehicle crashed in front of Starke's Hardees'.

The collision caused extensive damage, demolishing a speed limit sign, landscaping bushes, and a telephone pole.

"Shortly after I spotted a subject later identified...as Mr. Joseph Jerome Willis, near the wood line behind Hardees'," wrote the officer. "Upon seeing me running towards him, the subject began to run into the woods. At this time, I began to chase Mr. Willis through the woods. Mr. Willis then jumped a fence and went into the retention pond behind Hardees'. Mr. Willis then submerged himself in the water in an attempt to not be spotted."

Palmer and two deputies then apprehended the defendant and took him back to the crash scene.

Union

David Lee Wade, 36, of Lake City, was arrested by Union deputies on October 7 for a probation violation.

William Michael Hedrick, 44, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Union deputies on October 8 for a conditional release violation.

Tony Joseph Knight, 40, of Otter Creek, was arrested by Union deputies on October 10 for a probation violation.

Mark Alan Ault, 35, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Union deputies on October 13 for aggravated battery by person detained in prison or jail facility.

Clay

Andrew Lewis Archibald, 41, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Clay deputies on October 9 for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Justin Lee Harris, 34, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Clay deputies on October 10 for burglary.

Changed his mind when deputy drew taser

Robert Daniel McGee, 22, of Melrose, was arrested by Clay deputies on October 4 for assault and resisting an officer.

Clay deputy Jerred R. Skeen wrote in an arrest report, that deputies J. Decrosta and A. Santillana were first on the scene, encountering the defendant in a highly agitated state, pacing and shouting loudly.

The area was littered with broken glass from a vehicle window, which McGee had allegedly shattered by throwing a drill, along with a broken ceramic pot and other scattered items.

Despite multiple attempts to calm him, McGee remained uncooperative, clenching his fists and making threatening statements toward law enforcement, including Deputies Decrosta and Higginbotham.

When approached by a deputy, McGee assumed a combative stance with balled fists and refused to comply with orders to place his hands behind his back. As the defendant backed away to avoid arrest, Skeen drew his taser, prompting the defendant to halt his retreat. He was then escorted to the ground and handcuffed. During the escort to a patrol car, the 22-year-old resisted, pulling away from Skeen's grip and kicking Deputy Higginbotham in the left leg while flailing. After being subdued, McGee was searched and placed in a patrol car without further incident.

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come in, and their protein's depleted.

The panelists also emphasized the importance of making social connections to combat depression and cognitive decline.

The panel also spoke at length about end-of-life planning, distinguishing between palliative care, which aims to optimize quality of life for individuals with chronic conditions, and hospice care, which focuses on comfort in the final stages of life.

Braseth reassured the audience that advance directives are flexible tools designed to ease the burden of decision-making on family members.

"It's not 'do not resuscitate' forever," he explained. "You can change it."

Cubbedge, Nixon connect for 3 scores in 28-7 BHS win

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Quarterback Cy Cubbedge and receiver Kemontae Nixon connected on three touchdown passes for the Bradford High School football team, which defeated visiting Newberry 28-7 on Oct. 10 to stay alive in its quest for a district championship.

The Tornadoes (7-1, 3-0 in District 5-2A) missed out on winning the district when it lost to Newberry last year. The Panthers also defeated Bradford in the Region 2 playoffs.

Bradford Head Coach Jamie Rodgers said you can call it revenge or anything you want. The bottom line was he was happy to be victorious against Newberry (3-4, 3-1) this season.

“What I call it is we came out and played really well tonight,” Rodgers said.

Bradford, which hosts Tallahassee Leon for homecoming on Friday, Oct. 17, at 7:30 p.m., led just 7-0 at halftime, but scored two touchdowns on passes of 20-plus yards in a span of less than four minutes in the third quarter.

“Our defense stayed around long enough, kept them at zero,” Rodgers said. “Then, all of a sudden, boom, boom, boom. Big plays. That’s kind of what we’ve done this year. I would like to be a little more consistent in the first half, but that’s what we’ve been.”

Those “boom, boom, boom” plays were part of a 129-yard

night for Cubbedge, who completed 7 of 14 passes. Nixon caught all but one of Cubbedge’s completions, finishing with 93 yards.

“They’re really good,” Rodgers said.

It was almost Bradford’s fourth straight shutout (and fifth overall), but a turnover led to a Newberry score in the final three minutes.

“We don’t fumble inside the 5, we get another shutout,” Rodgers said. “I probably won’t count that one against our guys.”

Newberry’s first offensive play was a fumble, which was recovered by Bradford’s Parviele Lee at the Panthers’ 34-yard line. Newberry was then hit with a personal-foul penalty on Bradford’s first offensive play following the turnover, putting the Tornadoes at the 20. Cubbedge would throw his first touchdown pass to Nixon from 15 yards out at the 8:31 mark of the first quarter. Tyler Sapp added the extra point for a 7-0 Bradford lead.

The start of the Panthers’ ensuing series summed up the kind of night it was for the Bradford defense. Jonathan Andrews and J.J. Hall combined to make a tackle for a loss of 2 yards on first down, while Danny Torres made a tackle for a 3-yard loss on second down.

Bradford made nine tackles behind the line of scrimmage in the first half and 14 for the game. Newberry gained only 38



LEFT: Cy Cubbedge (left) makes a throw with Iyen Addison providing protection. BELOW: Kemontae Nixon (center) fights for yards after making a catch.



yards in the first half.

The Tornadoes were unable to take advantage of a punt block by Jackson Parmeter that set the offense up 2 yards shy of midfield. The result was one of the Tornadoes’ four three-and-out series since their first-quarter touchdown.

Despite its struggles,

Newberry put together a strong drive to open the second half. Kaleb Woods picked up two first downs on runs of 12 and 3 yards, while Darius Debose had three carries for 16 yards as the Panthers moved from their own 26 to the Bradford 35. After Bradford’s Caiden Carn broke up a pass, Woods and quarterback

Zaden Wilcox had consecutive carries of 1 yard each. Newberry went for it on fourth-and-8, with Jamarcus Wimberly being held to a 6-yard gain.

The Tornadoes then put their own offense struggles behind them. Two straight carries by Iyen Addison gained 27 yards and a first down at the Newberry 46. Nixon had a 14-yard reception to convert a third-down play before hauling in a Cubbedge pass for a 29-yard touchdown with 5:11 to play in the third quarter. Sapp added the PAT to make it 14-0.

Newberry’s next drive, which included a holding penalty and a 5-yard sack by Bradford’s Travis Reed, was a quick three-and-out. The Tornadoes then needed just four plays to increase their lead. Addison had three straight carries for 17 yards before Nixon made an incredible catch in a tight window for a 22-yard touchdown with 1:45 remaining in the third quarter. Sapp kicked the extra point as Bradford went up 21-0.

“Kemontae’s a really good receiver,” Rodgers said. “He’s big, so he’s a matchup nightmare for corners. His hands are unbelievable. If you put it anywhere in his radius, you’ve got a chance.”

Bradford’s defense recorded another sack on the Panthers’ next series, with Hall dropping Wilcox for a 5-yard loss.

When the Tornadoes got the ball back, they turned mainly to Addison. He began the drive with

three straight carries for 14 yards. Cubbedge completed a 9-yard pass to Nixon to set up third-and-2. Keshawn Kennedy was held to 1 yard run, but on fourth-and-1, Addison gained 3 yards to pick up the first down. Addison then had three straight carries for 12 yards as Bradford gained a first down at the Newberry 39. A 36-yard pass from Cubbedge to Elijah Lawrence set up first-and-goal at the 3. Addison scored on a run from there with 5:47 to play. Sapp ended his perfect night on PATs, putting the Tornadoes up 28-0.

Addison finished with 131 yards on 28 carries.

The Tornadoes came up with their second turnover when Maliki Cobarris intercepted a pass. That put the Bradford offense back onto the field at its own 16. After a holding penalty, the Tornadoes fumbled the ball away, with the Panthers recovering at the 4-yard line. A 3-yard run by Wimberly set up Debose’s 1-yard touchdown run with 2:51 on the clock. Newberry added the extra point to complete the scoring.

Bradford recovered Newberry’s onside-kick attempt. Runs of 8 yards by Jarell Harris, 14 yards by Lawrence and 16 yards by Harris allowed Cubbedge to take a knee to end the game.

The Tornadoes finished with 316 yards of offense compared to 100 for Newberry.

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KHHS to play for district title after 3-1 win over Crescent

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Keystone Heights High School's volleyball team will play for the District 5-3A championship after its 3-1 (10-25, 25-19, 25-13, 25-21) win over third seed Crescent City in an Oct. 14 semifinal match in Keystone.

The second seed Indians (17-9) will travel to Newberry to play the top seed Panthers (18-8) for the championship on Thursday, Oct. 16, at 6 p.m.

After scoring just 10 points in the first set against Crescent City (15-10), the Indians took a 6-1 lead in the second set, going on a 4-0 run with Kadence Massey serving.

It was 17-12 in favor of Keystone when the Indians scored three points with Rachel Blank serving. Two of those points came off a Mia Rivera



Eagles claim SECC West title

Northside Christian Academy's volleyball team won the Western Division championship, defeating First Christian and Corinth Christian to get to the title match, where the Eagles defeated Hope Christian 2-1 (20-25, 25-22, 15-12). Pictured are (front, l-r) Stella Vahlakis, Briley Gay, Addison Wilson, Gabby Smith, Maddie Garrison, (back, l-r) Kaylea King, Baeleigh Bradley, Bella Smith, Ali LaFollette, Caydance Slayton, Brooklyn Cooper, Callie Potts and Coach Todd von Weyhe.

Tigers win 2 matches to get district title shot

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Union County High School swept second seed Lafayette 3-0 (25-22, 25-18, 25-15) in the Oct. 14 District 6-Rural tournament semifinals, advancing the third seed Tigers to the Thursday, Oct. 16, championship match against top seed Branford at UCHS at 7 p.m.

It's a repeat scenario up to this point, as the Tigers (20-7) defeated second seed Lafayette in last year's district semifinals as well to set up a championship match with top seed Branford. Union hopes that's where the similarities end since Branford won last year's district championship.

As was also the case last year, Branford (19-4) is not only the district's top seed, but the number-one team in the Rural Class as a whole.

The Tigers, who have won eight in a row, advanced to the tournament semifinals off a 3-0 (25-11, 25-8, 25-16) win over sixth seed Taylor County in an Oct. 13 quarterfinal match.

Bella Johns had a service ace during a 3-0 span that helped the Tigers begin to pull away from Taylor (8-15) in the first set. The ace put Union up 15-7.

It was 16-8 when Union scored five points with Mallory Waugh serving. Waugh had an ace as the



Morgan Smith takes a swing for the Tigers in their district quarterfinal win over Taylor County.

Tigers built a 21-8 lead. Jaily Simmons and Morgan Smith each had a kill off a Waugh assist to put Union up 24-10 before the Tigers won 25-11 on a Taylor attack error.

An 8-0 run that included a Johns ace and a Waugh kill gave Union a 17-5 lead in the second set. The Tigers closed it out with seven straight points with Waugh serving. The run included an ace and a Shaley Maloney kill before Waugh set up Simmons for the game-winning kill.

Union held a 17-12 lead in

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Mackenzie Castlevecchi goes up for an attack in the district semifinal win over Crescent City.

BHS defeats Ft. White to end regular season

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Bradford High School's volleyball team fell in the first round of the District 4-3A tournament, losing 3-0 (25-12, 25-15, 25-20) to top seed Wolfson in an Oct. 14 semifinal match in Jacksonville.

The fourth seed Tornados (12-5) entered the tournament on an eight-match winning streak and a 3-0 (25-22, 25-17, 25-4) win over host Fort White to conclude the regular season on Oct. 6.

Kingslee Phillips had 27 assists, while Tatum Burkhalter

Tatum Burkhalter (left) shared the team highs in kills, digs and service aces in Bradford's 3-0 win over Fort White to conclude the regular season. The Tornados won eight in a row before losing to Wolfson in the District 4-3A tournament semifinals.



and Autumn DeKorver each had seven kills and 14 digs. Phillips had eight digs, while Shelby Cole and Ky'lee Johnson had six and five digs, respectively.

Wynter Barrington led the team in blocks with three, while Burkhalter, Phillips and Lakelyn Sheppard each had two service aces.

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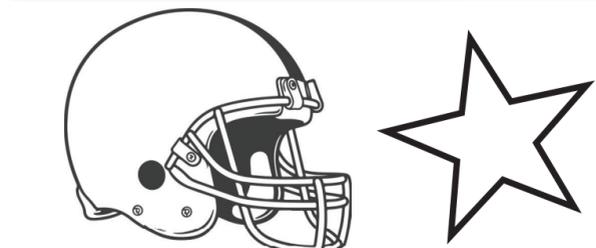
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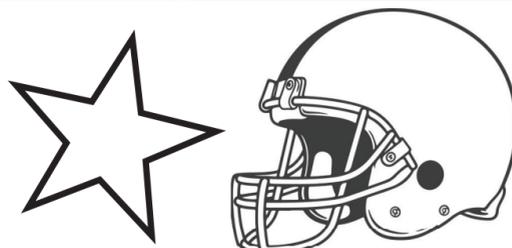
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THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO: 04-2025-CA-120
BARRETT MAINE CORPORATION A FLORIDA CORPORATION
Plaintiff,
VS.
CHRISTOPHER WILBURN, BRADFORD COUNTY CLERK OF COURT, STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
Defendants.

AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE PURSUANT TO F.S. CHAPTER 45 (Amended to Add Court Address) Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on the 28th day of September, 2025, in Civil Case No. 04-2025-CA-120, of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Bradford County, Starke, Florida, wherein Barrett Maine Corporation, is the plaintiff and Christopher Wilburn, Bradford County Clerk of Court, and State of Florida Department of Revenue, are defendants, the Clerk of the Court, Denny Thompson, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at public outcry, one by one, in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes on the 13th day of November, 2025, beginning at 11:00 AM EST at the Bradford County Courthouse, 945 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida 32091, the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure to wit:

A parcel of land lying in the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4, of Section 29, Township 7 South, Range 21 East, Bradford County, Florida; said parcel being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at a concrete monument found at the Southwest corner of said SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 and run North 01 degrees, 19 minutes and 33 seconds West, along the Westerly boundary thereof, 434.60 feet to a set concrete monument for the Point of Beginning. From Point of Beginning thus described continue North 01 degree, 19 minutes and 33 seconds West, along said Westerly boundary, 133.64 feet to a set iron rod; thence North 89 degrees, 01 minute and 55 seconds East 626.33 feet; thence South 01 degree, 20 minutes and 12 seconds East, 564.40 feet to a concrete monument found on the Southerly boundary of said SW 1/4 of NW 1/4; thence South 88 degrees, 40 minutes and 53 seconds West, along said Southerly boundary, 25.00 feet to a found concrete monument; thence North 01 degree, 20 minutes and 12 seconds West, 434.60 feet to a set concrete monument; thence South 88 degrees, 40 minutes and 53 seconds West, parallel with said Southerly boundary, 601.35 feet to the Point of Beginning. Containing 2.14 acres, more or less.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished via U.S. Mail to Christopher Wilburn at 9674 SW 110 Lane, Hampton, FL 32044, The State of Florida Department of Revenue C/O Jim Zingale, Executive Director 2450 Shumard Oak Blvd., Building 1, Floor 2 Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0100 and to Bradford County Clerk 945 N. Temple Avenue Starke, FL 32091 on this 29th day of September, 2025.

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

CASE NO.: 04-2025-CP-98
In Re: The Estate of:
WILLIAM DAVID WILKERSON,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the Estate of WILLIAM DAVID WILKERSON, deceased, whose date of death was April 26, 2024, and whose last four digits of his social security number are 3919, is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 945 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, FL 32091

The names and addresses of the personal representative and personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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The date of first publication of this notice is October 9, 2025.

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Certificate Number: 259
Year of Issuance: 2023

Parcel Number: 00990-0-00300
Case Number: 04-2025-TD-007

Description of Property:
A parcel of land lying in the W 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 25, Township 7 South, Range 21 East, Bradford County, Florida; said parcel being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at a concrete monument located at the Northwest corner of said W 1/2 of NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 and run North 88 degrees 56 minutes 37 seconds East, along the Northerly boundary thereof, 662.02 feet to an iron rod located at the Northeast corner of said W 1/2 of NE 1/4 of SE 1/4; thence South 01 degree 31 minutes 49 seconds East, along the Easterly boundary thereof, 854.79 feet for the Point of Beginning. From the Point of Beginning thus described continue South 01 degree 31 minutes 49 seconds East, along said Easterly boundary, 469.62 feet to a concrete monument located on the Southerly boundary of said W 1/2 of NE 1/4 of SE 1/4; thence South 89 degrees 32 minutes 19 seconds West, along said Southerly boundary, 463.60 feet; thence North 01 degree 35 minutes 41 seconds West, parallel with the Westerly boundary of said W 1/2 of NE 1/4 of SE 1/4, a distance of 469.63 feet; thence North 89 degrees 32 minutes 19 seconds East, 464.13 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Above described parcel being conveyed with an easement for ingress and egress over a 25.00 foot strip of land described as follows:

Commence at the Northwest corner said W 1/2 of NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 for the Point of Beginning and run North 88 degrees 56 minutes 37 seconds East, along the Northerly boundary thereof, 175.59 feet; thence South 01 degree 35 minutes 41 seconds East, parallel with the Westerly boundary of said W 1/2 of NE 1/4 of SE 1/4, a distance of 824.75 feet, thence North 89 degrees 32 minutes 19 seconds East, parallel with the Southerly boundary of said W 1/2 of NE 1/4 of SE 1/4, a distance of 46.42 feet; thence South 01 degree 35 minutes 41 seconds East, 25.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 32 minutes 19 seconds West, parallel with said Southerly Boundary, 71.42 feet; thence North 01 degree 35 minutes 41 seconds West, parallel with said Westerly boundary, 824.50 feet; thence South 88 degrees 39 minutes 46 seconds West, parallel with the Northerly boundary of said W 1/2 of NE 1/4 of SE 1/4, a distance of 66.04 feet to an iron rod on the Easterly boundary of the right of way of County Road 221, thence North 37 degrees 42 minutes 03 seconds East, along said Easterly boundary, 32.19 feet to an iron rod set on last said Northerly boundary; thence North 88 degrees 39 minutes 46 seconds East, 45.41 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Name in Which Assessed: FRANK YACOVONI

Name on last tax roll, if different:

All of said property being in the County of Bradford, State of Florida. Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the BRADFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, STARKE, FL on 12/17/2025, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.

Denny Thompson,
Clerk Of The Circuit Court
By: KANETRA JENKINS,
Deputy Clerk

Contact the Tax Deed Office at 904-966-6280 to obtain the amount

necessary to redeem.
DATED: September 30, 2025
DATE OF PUBLICATION: OCTOBER 9, 2025; Oct. 16, 2025; OCTOBER 23, 2025, OCTOBER 30, 2025

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

GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO. 24000341CAAXMX
U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST,
Plaintiff,

vs.
TERESAANNE HALL AND TIMOTHY RAY HALL, et al.

Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 25, 2025, and entered in 24000341CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Bradford County, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST is the Plaintiff and TERESA ANNE HALL; TIMOTHY RAY HALL are the Defendant(s). Denny Thompson as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Front Lobby 945 N. Temple Ave., Starke, FL 32091, at 11:00 AM, on October 30, 2025, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

A PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN THE SOUTHEAST ONE-QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST ONE-QUARTER AND IN THE SOUTHWEST ONE-QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST ONE-QUARTER OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEING AT A CONCRETE INTERSECTION AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SOUTHEAST ONE-QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST ONE-QUARTER WITH THE WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF STATE ROAD NO. 200 (U.S. HIGHWAY NO. 301) AND RUN NORTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE WITH A CURVE CONCAVE NORTHWESTERLY SAID CURVE HAVING A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 0°55'28", A RADIUS OF 6756.50 FEET, AN ARC LENGTH OF 109.00 FEET AND A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF NORTH 14°23'09" EAST, 109.00 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 86°57'52" WEST, 196.00 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 03°22'11" WEST, 99.00 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SOUTHEAST ONE-QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST ONE-QUARTER; THENCE RUN NORTH 88°48'35" EAST, ALONG AFOREMENTIONED SOUTH LINE OF 174.50 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Property Address: 9742 US HWY 301, HAMPTON, FL 32044

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 45.031.

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Publish in: BRADFORD COUNTY TELEGRAPH

Submitted by: Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC
Attorneys for Plaintiff
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STORAGE SALE
Notice of Self Storage Sale
Please take notice Safe and Easy Self Storage located at 7192 SE 9th Ave Starke FL 32091 intends to hold a sale to sell the property stored at the Facility by the below list of Occupants who are in default at an Auction. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.lockerfox.com on 11/6/2025 at 10:00 AM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods, furnishings and garage essentials. William Powell unit #197; Katelyn Ledford unit #54. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details.

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NOTICE OF SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO: 2025-CA-000293
MACY C. MCWILLIAMS,
Plaintiff,
and
MARTHA POWELL MCCLANE,
deceased, JAMES HUSTON MCCLANE, deceased, and their unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, or any other claimants.

NOTICE OF ACTION
TO ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED of the filing of a Complaint against you to quiet title to the following described property in Bradford County, Florida:

Parcel One:
A parcel of land lying in the SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 27, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida; said parcel being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the Northeast corner of said SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 and run South 0 degrees, 18 minutes and 30 seconds East, along the Easterly Boundary thereof, 41.15 feet to a concrete monument located on the Southerly boundary of the right of way of Bessent Road for point of beginning. From point of beginning thus described, continue South 0 degrees, 18 minutes and 30 seconds East, along said Easterly boundary, 168.85 feet to a concrete monument; thence North 89 degrees, 54 minutes, and 20 seconds West and parallel with the Northerly boundary of said SW 1/4 of SE 1/4, 630 feet to a concrete monument; thence North 0 degrees, 18 minutes and 30 seconds West and parallel with said Easterly boundary, 174.35 feet to a concrete monument located on said Southerly boundary; thence South 89 degrees, 24 minutes, and 20 seconds East, along said Southerly boundary, 630

feet to Point of Beginning.

A parcel of land lying in the SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 27, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida, said parcel being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northeast corner of said SW 1/4 of SE 1/4, and run South 0°18'30" East along the Easterly boundary thereof 41.15 feet to the Southerly boundary of the right of way of Bessent Road; thence North 89°24'20" West along said Southerly boundary 630 feet to a concrete monument for the point of beginning. From point of beginning thus described continue North 89°24'20" West along said Southerly boundary 60 feet to a concrete monument; thence South 0°18'30" East 174.88 feet; thence South 89°54'20" East, parallel with the Northerly boundary of said SW 1/4 of SE 1/4, 60 feet; thence North 0°18'30" West 174.35 feet to point of beginning LESS AND EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LANDS:

A parcel of land lying in the SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 27, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida; said parcel being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northeast corner of said SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 and run South 0°18'30" East along the Easterly boundary thereof 41.15 feet to the Southerly boundary of the right of way of Bessent Road; thence North 89°24'20" West along said Southerly boundary 60 feet to a concrete monument; thence South 0°18'30" East 174.88 feet; thence South 89°54'20" East, parallel with the Northerly boundary of said SW 1/4 of SE 1/4, 60 feet; thence North 0°18'30" West 171.33 feet to the Point of Beginning.

You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, on Geraldine C. Hartin, the Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 3168 US Hwy 17, Suite A Fleming Island, Florida 32003 on or before the day of _____, 2025, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either immediately before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Dated this 25th day of September, 2025.

DENNY THOMPSON
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: D. Jenkins
Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF ENACTMENT OF AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STARKE, FLORIDA

The City of Starke Florida will hold a City Commission Meeting on November 4, 2025 at 5:30 pm at City Hall, 209 North Thompson Street, Starke, Florida 32091 during which the second reading and a vote will occur for the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2026-01
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STARKE, FLORIDA, REVISING CHAPTER 102, ARTICLE IV, DIVISION 3, SECTION 102-187 SCHEDULE OF SECURITY LIGHT RATES; AMENDING THE MONTHLY SECURITY LIGHT RATES FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS; PROVIDING DIRECTION FOR CODIFICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance is available for public inspection at City Hall, 209 North Thompson Street, Starke, Florida 32091. Interested parties may appear and have an opportunity to be heard at the meeting with respect to the proposed ordinance.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION

Division
File No. 63-2025-CP-000029CPAXMX
IN RE: ESTATE OF GARY H. WOLFE

Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of Gary H. Wolfe, deceased, whose date of death was May 5, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court for Union County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 55 W. Main Street, #1654, Lake Butler, Florida 32054. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate

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must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is 16 October, 2025.

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LAKE REGION

NOTICE OF AGENCY ACTION
TAKEN BY THE ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Notice is given that the following permit was issued on September 3, 2025.

(Name and address of applicant)
Keystone Heights Airport Authority
7100 Airport Road, Starke, Florida 32091-9347 Permit# 93470-7. The project is located in Clay County, Section 31, Township 7S South, Range 23E East. The permit authorizes a surface water management system on 1-13 acres for the construction of an aircraft storage building known as Bulk Aircraft Storage Hangar. The receiving water body is Crystal Lake. A person whose substantial interests are or may be affected has the right to request an administrative hearing by filing a written petition with the St. Johns River Water Management District (District). Pursuant to Chapter 28-106 and Rule 40C-1.1007, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), the petition must be filed (received) either by delivery at the office of the District Clerk at District Headquarters, P.O. Box 1429, Palatka FL 32178-1429 (4049 Reid St., Palatka, FL 32177) or by e-mail with the District Clerk at Clerk@sjrwm.com, within twenty-one (21) days of newspaper publication of the notice of District decision (for those persons to whom the District does not mail or email actual notice). A petition must comply with Sections 120.54(5)(b)4. and 120.569(2)(c), Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Chapter 28-106, F.A.C. The District will not accept a petition sent by facsimile (fax). Mediation pursuant to Section 120.573, F.S., may be available and choosing mediation does not affect your right to an administrative hearing.

A petition for an administrative hearing is deemed filed upon receipt of the complete petition by the District Clerk at the District Headquarters in Palatka, Florida during the District's regular business hours. The District's regular business hours are 8 a.m. — 5 p.m., excluding weekends and District holidays. Petitions received by the District Clerk after the District's regular business hours shall be deemed filed as of 8 a.m. on the District's next regular business day. The District's acceptance of petitions filed by e-mail is subject to certain conditions set forth in the District's Statement of Agency Organization and Operation (issued pursuant to Rule 28-101.001, Florida Administrative Code), which is available for viewing at www.sjrwm.com. These conditions include, but are not limited to, the petition being in the form of a PDF or TIFF file and being capable of being stored and printed by the District. Further, pursuant to the District's Statement of Agency Organization and Operation, attempting to file a petition by facsimile (fax) is prohibited and shall not constitute filing.

The right to an administrative hearing and the relevant procedures to be followed are governed by Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, Chapter 28-106, Florida Administrative Code, and Rule 40C-1.1007, Florida Administrative Code. Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means the District's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this notice. **Failure to file a petition for an administrative hearing within the requisite time frame shall constitute a waiver of the right to an administrative hearing. (Rule 28-106.111, F.A.C.)**

If you wish to do so, please visit http://www.sjrwm.com/nor_dec/ to read the complete Notice of Rights to determine any legal rights you may have concerning the District's decision(s) on the permit application(s) described above. You can also request the Notice of Rights by contacting the Director of Office of Records and Regulatory Support, 4049 Reid St., Palatka, FL 32177-2529, tele. no. (386)329-4570.

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BHS falls behind Villages in Region 2-2A power rankings

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Bradford High School and The Villages continue to swap

spots in the Florida High School/MaxPreps Region 2-2A power rankings, with The Villages (8-0) now occupying the top spot with the release of the latest rankings

on Oct. 14. Rankings, which take record and strength of schedule into account, will be updated weekly and be used to determine playoff

seeding and at-large qualifiers. The four district champions in each of the four regions in 2A automatically qualify for the playoffs. Each region will also

have four at-larger qualifiers. Bradford (7-1) is second in Region 2. The remaining top eight is currently Clearwater Calvary Christian (4-3) in third,

Cocoa (2-4) in fourth, Titusville Astronaut (5-3) in fifth, Tampa Berkeley Prep (2-4) in sixth,

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Clara Covington

Mother Clara Mae DeSue Covington was born Oct. 8, 1931, to the late Steve and Alice DeSue of Starke. God sent His angels to claim one of His very own Saturday, Oct. 4, 2025, while at Haven Hospice Care Center in Lake City. Mother Covington was a dedicated and faithful member of New Covenant Baptist Ministries, where she served in various capacities and was known for her unwavering faith, kindness, and commitment to God's work. She was an active member of the Mother's Ministry, served as Church Sexton, and was a devoted Noonday Prayer Warrior. She was one of the original 13 members who helped establish the church under the leadership of Rev. Isaac Brantley. In the early days, she graciously opened her home for noonday worship until the New River Baptist Association allowed the congregation to use their building for services. She served faithfully until her health began to fail, after which she relocated to Fort White with her daughter and son-in-law and attended the Body of Christ Assembly Church of God in Christ. She also enjoyed cooking, baking, and providing for her family. She retired from a skilled nursing facility after 24 years in which she served as the supervisor over the linen department. She was preceded in death by her husband, Mose Covington of 39 years on the date of his demise; son, Hershel Bryant; three sisters, Mary Glinton, Irene Goodwine and Patsy Davy; and five brothers, Leo DeSue Sr., Julian DeSue, Tommy DeSue, Steve DeSue Jr. and Leslie DeSue.



She leaves to cherish her memory a loving daughter, Vivian (Rickey) Merriex; loving son, Carlton (Passion) Covington Sr.; grandchildren, Michelle Bryant, Shrin Bryant, Gregory Hendrieth Jr., Renee Hill, Kimberly Covington, Randal Risby, Chuckie Covington, Dorothy Risby, Carlton Covington Jr, Treyonte Covington and Heavenlee Covington; 20 great-grandchildren; sister, (Sissy) Marion DeSue; daughter-in-law; Betty Bryant; sisters-in-law, Joyce Perry and Shirley Covington; brother-in-law, Clarence "The Mighty Duck" Roddey; Mother Mildred Hankerson; devoted church friend, Glory Jackson; cherished neighbor, Rosa Thomas; beloved cousin, Priscilla Jackson; dear niece, Shirley Crum; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and loving friends.

The processional will line-up at the home of Clara Covington at 10 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 18. The service will be Saturday, Oct. 18, at 11 a.m. at True Vine Ministry, 422 St. Clair St., Starke, 32091. The repast will be held at same location. Food items can be dropped off at 9 a.m.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to Combs Funeral Home, 292 NE Washington St., Lake City, 386-752-4366.

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Susan Dubois

Susan Parker Dubois, 60, of Keystone Heights died unexpectedly Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2025, at HCA Hospital in Gainesville.

Survivors are her husband of many years, Tim Dubois; four children, Danielle Kendrick (Randy) Scudder, Carolyn Ann Kendrick, Austin Dubois and Justin (Elba) Markle; sister, Tammy Poudrier; and nine grandchildren. A Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date.

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

Cynthia McConville

Cynthia Gail Deason McConville, 77, of Keystone Heights died Monday, Oct. 7, 2025, in Gainesville, surrounded by her family. She was born Sept. 14, 1948, in Sylacauga, Alabama, to Ernest Eugene and Louise (Hassett) Deason.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, Oct. 14, at Vincent Cemetery in Vincent, Alabama.

Services were entrusted to Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 340 E. Walker Drive, Keystone Heights 32656.

Michael McRae

Mr. Michael "Mike" James McRae, 74, of Starke, passed away at his home Sunday, Oct. 12, 2025, following an extended illness. He was born Oct. 1, 1951, in Starke to James "Potlicker" McRae and Marian (Kurtz) McRae. He was a proud graduate of Bradford High School, Class of 1969. He honorably served his country in the United States Air Force for 20 years. Following his military service, he continued his dedication to public service as a deputy with Bradford County Sheriff's Office and as a corrections officer at Union Correctional Institution. He also gave back to the community as a substitute teacher with Bradford County Schools. A member of Madison Street Baptist Church, he was a man of faith and commitment. He had a passion for riding his Harley-Davidson and was a devoted Florida Gators fan. He was preceded in death by his parents; and brother, David "Davie" Russell McRae.

He is survived by his loving son, Zach (Angel) McRae of Starke; several nieces, nephews, and cousins; his cherished grand-pups; and a host of extended family members and dear friends.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Monday, Oct. 20, at DeWitt C. Jones Chapel, with Rev. Charles Warren and dear friend Mr. Bob Milner officiating. Burial will be private at later date at Crosby Lake Cemetery.

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

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Running in honor of Gillenwaters

It was more than a race. It was a heartfelt tribute to John Wesley Gillenwaters, a beloved personal trainer from Titanup Fitness I Jacksonville Beach and Nocatee.

On Sept. 28, 19 Bradford County natives traveled to New York City to run in Gillenwaters' memory at the American Brain Tumor Association's Breakthrough for Brain Tumors 5K, which was held at Pier 84 along the scenic Hudson River.

The event raised \$298,000 for research and support programs. Participants donned team shirts emblazoned with "John Wesley's Titans," a fitting homage to Gillenwaters' inspiring motto: "Titans are just built different." This not only encapsulates his approach to fitness, but the strength he exhibited throughout his life and during his battle with cancer.

Gillenwaters' life journey took a tragic turn on Aug. 24, 2024, when he was diagnosed with astrocytoma grade 4 after multiple visits to the ER for persistent headaches. Following an urgent surgery to remove the tumor on Aug. 25, he faced the challenges of his illness



Dolly and Lyla Smrtic of Nocatee ran the event virtually.



Honoring the memory of John Wesley Gillenwaters and helping to raise money for the American Brain Tumor Association at its Breakthrough for Brain Tumors 5K were (front, l-r) Jennifer McClellan, Missy Chitty, Mindy Polk, Cassidy Chaff, Melissa Gillenwaters-Reddish, Elizabeth Nazworth, Bailee Sheppard, Jenna Best, Logan Andrews, (back, l-r) Heather Bennett, Kenly Chitty, Sungmi Stephens, Wendy Chaff, Tiffany Dougherty, Grant Gillenwaters, Shi Ann Best, Jill Walding, Madison Box, Summer Chaff and Hunter Chaff.

with remarkable strength and resilience. Unfortunately, after a courageous battle, Gillenwaters lost his life on May 4, 2025, at the age of 30.

Elizabeth Nazworth, who is Gillenwaters' aunt, organized the 5K team to honor her nephew's legacy. The camaraderie and determination displayed by the team highlighted the deep connections within the Bradford County community and its commitment to raising awareness and support for brain-tumor research.

As they crossed the finish line, participants not only celebrated their physical achievements, but the enduring spirit of a young man whose impact will be felt far beyond the finish line.



Family members who ran in support of John Wesley Gillenwaters at the American Brain Tumor Association's Breakthrough for Brain Tumors 5K were (l-r) Missy Gillenwaters, Kenly Chitty, Melissa Gillenwaters-Reddish, Elizabeth Nazworth, Grant Gillenwaters and Bailee Sheppard.

The event served as a reminder of the importance of community, resilience and the ongoing fight against brain tumors.

Arc of Bradford car show to be held Oct. 25

The Arc of Bradford will host a car show on Saturday, Oct. 25, along Call Street in downtown Starke from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

This family friendly event will consist of classic and custom cars, unique products and services from community vendors, prize drawings and more.

Admission is free, but donations to the Arc will be accepted.

The cost to display a car is \$25. Awards will be presented for Top 20 and Best of Show. Registration will on site the day of the event.

For more information, please visit thearcofbradford.org/ or call 904-964-7699 or send email inquiries to info@thearcofbradford.org.

Thomas siblings lead KHHS at New World Spectacular

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Ryleigh Thomas and her brother, Ryder, led the Keystone

Heights High School cross-country teams at the Oct. 11 New World Fall Spectacular, which was held at Jacksonville's Cecil Field Golf Course.

The Division B high-school girls field consisted of 278 runners, with Ryleigh Thomas placing 40th with a time of 20:55. The seventh-grader posted a personal record.

Melody Tyre ran a 60th-place time of 21:34 for the girls team, which also had the following results: Olivia Griffin 23:48, Tessa Gray 26:29, Clara Beth Robinson 26:45, Kirsten Lavin 26:49, Schiley Starling 32:13 and Raina Daniel 32:14.

Ryder Thomas placed 60th out of 362 with a time of 17:38 in the Division B high-school boys race. The Indians got a 133rd-place time of 18:30 from Hunter Sheppard and also had the following results: Hunter Gray 19:22, Ryeland Wahl 19:30, Jason Parales 20:10, Alex Mahaffey 20:50, Gavin Morford 21:06, Mason Gray 21:09, Oliver Miller 23:22 and Eli Rabe 24:10.

Prior to the event, Keystone competed in the Oct. 4 Alligator Lake Invitational in Lake City. Ryder Thomas placed 51st out of 278 with a time of 18:28, while Hunter Gray and Sheppard placed 78th and 101st, respectively, with times of 19:02 and 19:27.

Parales finished with a time of 20:57, while Morford and Wahl had times of 21:42 and 21:55, respectively.

Ryleigh Thomas led the girls team, placing 79th out of 234 with a time of 22:51. Tyre ran an 87th-place time of 23:05.

The Indians also had the following girls results: Griffin 24:52, Gray 26:17, Robinson 28:04, Bailee Morris 29:15, Lavin 29:34, Daniel 32:04 and Starling 34:59.

Mahaffey placed 62nd out of 175 in the junior varsity boys race with a time of 21:53. Rabe had a time of 23:13, while Miller and Mason Gray ran times of 23:48 and 23:58, respectively.

Santa Fe hands Indians their 7th loss

BY MELANIE CRABTREE
 Special to the Telegraph-Times-Monitor

This past Friday, Keystone Heights High School's varsity football team suffered another loss, this time to the Santa Fe Raiders, who outpaced the Indians 35-6.

Santa Fe's Josiah Powell made the first touchdown of the game with an 88-yard run. The Raiders (5-2) continued to carry out this momentum throughout the game with Keimaron Neal and Tyler Gentry scoring TDs.

Powell scored yet another touchdown with kicker Mayer Steen following each touchdown with an extra point. Santa Fe led at the half 35-0.

Returning from the break, the Indians (0-7) displayed a newfound spark, with a stronger defense holding the Raiders to no points in the half.

In the fourth quarter, the Indians worked their way down the field. Quarterback Hunter Crumpton managed to run 11 yards and make it into the end zone.

To shorten the gap in the score, the Indians tried to fake a kick attempt by having kicker Ryder Thomas throw the ball. However, the pass attempt fell short.

Indians Head Coach Steve Reynolds credited his counterpart, Earnest Graham, for preparing the Raiders for the matchup.

Reynolds also spoke positively about his own squad, bragging about his team's heart and reminding fans that most of the players are ninth- and 10th-graders who are playing both ways.

Crumpton broke Cole Crabtree's season high of rushing yards with 130 yards on 21 carries and one touchdown. Crabtree followed Crumpton with 70 yards on nine carries.

Pete Bostic dominated the Indians' defensive stats with six solo tackles. Tallon Lybarger and Luke Bacorn both had three tackles, while Trase Wooden and Micha Screen each notched two.

The Indians travel to Levy County this Friday, Oct. 17, for a 7:30 p.m. kickoff against Chiefland.

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Santa Fe (5-2) in seventh and Newberry (3-4) in eighth.

The Tornadoes are ranked fourth in Class 2A overall behind Sarasota Cardinal Mooney (6-1), Jacksonville Bolles (6-1) and The Villages.

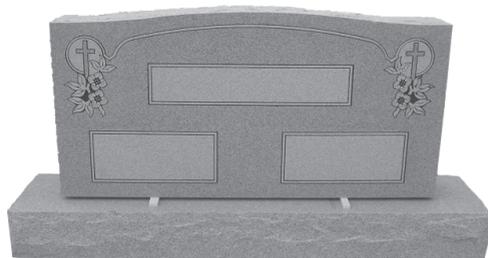
Two of Bradford's victories have come against two current top-10 teams: Mandarin, which is fourth in Class 6A and Eastside, which is eighth in Class 3A.

The Tornadoes also have wins against South Sumter, which is currently 14th in Class 3A, and Dunnellon, which is 20th in 3A.

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Cubbedge has 3 TDs as BMS wins SMAC title

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Raef Cubbedge rushed for two scores and caught a pass for another to help the Bradford Middle School football team cap an undefeated season with a 30-18 win over visiting Baker County in the Oct. 7 Suwannee Middle Athletic Conference championship game.

After playing in the Northeast Florida Athletic Conference, Bradford returned to the SMAC in 2023 and has now won two championships in three years.

Bradford (7-0) outscored its opponents 262-84 this season, with an average margin of victory of 25 points. The closest games the Tornadoes had were against Baker, which Bradford defeated by 12 points in the regular season and then by 12 points again in the SMAC title game.

Baker held the advantage in total yards in the SMAC championship game (148 to Bradford's 119), but the Bobcats had two turnovers that led to

Bradford points.

The Tornadoes marched 56 yards for a score on their first drive of the game. Runs of 3 yards by Swade Britt and 8 yards by Cubbedge resulted in first downs, while quarterback Tony Richardson completed passes of 9 yards to Cameron Hampton and 7 yards to Braylon Shanks to set up a first down at the Baker 13-yard line. Cubbedge and Carter Three straight run plays netted just 2 yards, but Cubbedge caught a short pass on fourth-and-8 and turned it into an 11-yard touchdown at the 7:52 mark of the first quarter. Hampton's run on the two-point play was good for an 8-0 Bradford lead.

It only took the Bobcats 20 seconds to tie it up as they scored on a 59-yard run and added a successful two-point conversion.

Baker needed even less time to take the lead. Bradford's first offensive play following the ensuing kickoff was a fumbled snap that Richardson fell on in the end zone for a safety, putting Baker up 10-8.



Quarterback Tony Richardson looks for an open receiver.

The Bobcats then began an offensive series at the Bradford 37 following the free kick that was awarded due to the safety. The Bradford defense rose to the occasion, getting a sack from Tayten Raymond and a pass breakup from Isaiah Reece. Baker turned the ball over on downs after running four plays.

A personal-foul penalty and a 40-yard reception by Britt moved the Tornadoes from their own 36 to the Baker 17. Hampton took a direct snap and found the end zone on a 17-yard run, but a holding penalty negated the score. Bradford then turned the ball over on a fumble.

Britt came up huge for the Bradford defense on the following series, blowing up an attempt at a double reverse for a loss of 12 yards and then intercepting a pass.

The Tornadoes quickly turned the turnover into points, with Cubbedge scoring on a 50-yard pass play with 27 seconds remaining in the first half. Brandon Arnold's run on the

two-point play sent Bradford into halftime leading 16-10.

Cubbedge finished with three receptions for 60 yards, while Richardson was 7-of-13 passing for 94 yards.

Baker successfully attempted an onside kick to start the second half. The Bobcats were able to pick up one first down at the Bradford 32, but Cubbedge and Lee combined on a sack that resulted in a fumble. Jacoby Pernel scooped up the loose ball and returned it for a 60-plus-yard touchdown. Cubbedge's successful run on the two-point conversion put the Tornadoes up 24-10.

The Tornadoes threatened to score when a personal-foul penalty and an 11-yard run by Hampton put them at the Baker 10-yard line. Hampton, who led Bradford in rushing with 31 yards on nine carries, had another touchdown run that was wiped out by a holding penalty, while an 11-yard loss on a run play forced the Tornadoes into a fourth-and-goal play from the 22. A pass to Cubbedge resulted in a 1-yard loss and a turnover on downs.

With the fourth quarter underway and needing to score points, Baker went for it on a fourth-and-13 play from its own 20. Cubbedge made a tackle for a 7-yard loss, setting the Bradford offense up at the 13-yard line.

The Tornadoes, who had only 29 yards in the second half, failed to capitalize, turning the ball over on downs at the Baker 16.

Cubbedge made another tackle for a 7-yard loss on the Bobcats' next series, while Raymond had a sack for a 6-yard loss. A pass on fourth-and-23 was incomplete, giving the Bradford the ball at the Baker 3-yard line.

Bradford cashed in this time, though the drive began with an 8-yard loss. A 15-yard run by Hampton moved the ball back



Raef Cubbedge (left) sprints toward the end zone on what would be a 50-yard touchdown pass to put the Tornadoes up 16-10 in the second quarter.



Cameron Hampton (far right) gets free for a long run in the first half.

inside the 10-yard line and The Bobcats answered with a set Cubbedge up for a 6-yard two-play scoring drive on which a 60-yard run set up a 2-yard touchdown run. Baker added a successful two-point conversion for the game's final points.



Easton Fulmer (second from left), Raef Cubbedge (second from right) and Cameron Hampton (far right) surround a Baker County ball carrier.

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Kadence Massey (far right) looks to send a shot past Crescent City's block attempt in the Oct. 14 District 5-3A semifinal match in Keystone. The Indians won three straight sets after dropping the first.



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the third set before scoring five points with Abby Williams serving. Simmons and Smith each had a kill, while Williams had an ace as the Tigers took a 22-12 lead.

Smith and Waugh each had a kill to force side-out in the latter stages of the set, with the winning point coming off a Taylor service error.

Prior to the tournament, Union went 3-0 during the final week of the regular season, with the first win coming against visiting Dixie County by a score of 3-0 (25-10, 25-14, 25-19) on Oct. 6. Simmons had nine kills, seven blocks, seven digs and four aces, while Indi Knox had six kills, six digs and three blocks.

Waugh and Williams recorded 14 and 12 assists, respectively, with Waugh also getting seven digs, five kills and three aces. Williams had five digs.

Johns led the team in digs with 18, while Bayley Staier had eight. Knox and Smith each had six digs, with Knox also recording six kills and three blocks.

In a 3-1 (24-26, 25-15, 25-13, 25-22) win over visiting Baker County on Oct. 7, Simmons reached the 1,000 career mark in kills, while Johns recorded her 1,000th career dig.

The Tigers then recorded a 3-0 (25-17, 25-16, 25-23) win over host Bell in their regular-season finale on Oct. 9.



Abby Williams (left) and Mallory Waugh go up for a block attempt.

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kills and Rivera tip.

A Blank kill forced side-out and gave the serve to Massey, with the Indians leading 24-19. Rivera recorded a kill for the winning point.

Keystone led 15-12 in the third set before getting two consecutive kills by Rivera with Blank serving.

The Indians ended the set on a 5-0 run with Rivera serving. She recorded two straight aces during that span, which also included a point off a Massey tip.

Keystone trailed early in the fourth set, but three points with Blank serving put the Indians up 10-8.

It was 17-14 in favor of the

Indians when the Raiders scored three straight points to tie it up. A Blank tip stopped the brief run and put Keystone back ahead.

Blank and Rivera each had a kill off a Kaleigh Marquart assist to give the Indians a 21-17 lead.

Two points with Blank serving left Keystone one point away from winning the match. A Rivera kill off a Marquart assist made it 24-19, but the Raiders got a kill from Logan Bornstein to force side-out.

That proved to be Crescent City's final point as Keystone's Bralee-Kate Chester recorded the match-winning point on a tip.

Prior to the tournament, the Indians went 2-1 in their first three regular-season matches.

The first of those wins was by a 3-0 (25-9, 25-11, 25-8) score against visiting Hawthorne on

Oct. 6. Massey and Rivera had seven and six kills, respectively. Massey added six digs and six aces, while Rivera also had nine digs.

Marquart recorded 23 assists and nine aces, while Blank had five kills

Mackenzie Castlevecchi and Kaylyn Chapman had two blocks each.

On Oct. 7, the Indians defeated visiting Interlachen 3-0 25-19, 25-10, 25-23), getting 10 kills, six aces and five digs from Massey and nine kills and six digs from Rivera.

Bella Cumbo had seven digs, while Marquart had 24 assists and five aces.

Keystone ended the regular season with a 3-0 loss to host Clay on Oct. 8.



In the Tigers' 3-1 win over Baker County on Oct. 7, Bella Johns (left) reached 1,000 career digs, while Jaily Simmons recorded her 1,000th career kill.

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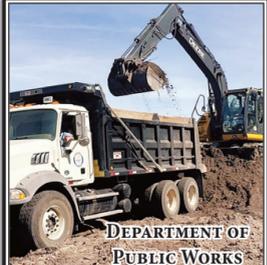
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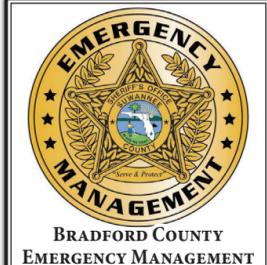


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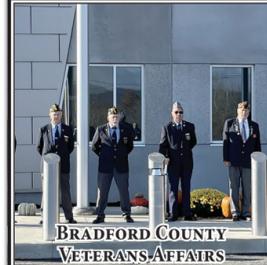
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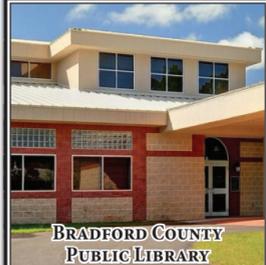
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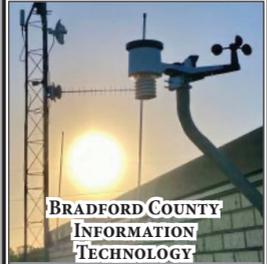






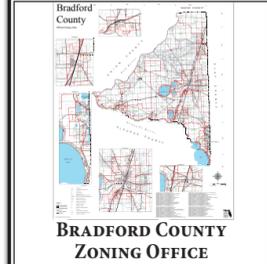


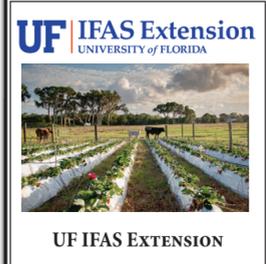














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