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FIRST LOOK INSIDE BRADFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



A tour of the new Bradford Elementary School by school staff, administrators and officials and Starke and Bradford County officials on Oct. 16 began with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, with Superintendent Will Hartley wielding the scissors. Pictured (l-r) are Tonya Shays, legislative aide to Sen. Jennifer Bradley; Todd Duffy, chief operations officer with Ausley Construction; School Board Member Candace Osteen; Ken Ausley, chief executive officer with Ausley Construction; Bradford Elementary Principal Cassie Melvin; Jeff Edison, operations director for Bradford Schools; Hartley; School Board Members Gayle Nicula, Lynn Melvin, Cheryl Canova and Sheila Cummings; Jim Hurry, construction project manager with Ausley Construction; and Paul Stressing, architect. Photo by Cliff Smelley. Take a look at the new school inside.

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WORTH NOTING

Bradford schools announce fall festivals

Bradford County schools are gearing up for their fall festivals. Three have been announced for Saturday, Oct. 21. **Brooker Community School** invites everyone for an afternoon of fun, food and festivities as it brings back the annual fall festival. The excitement kicks off with a decorated golf cart/ATV parade to the school at 4:30 p.m. After the parade, the main event begins at 5 p.m., promising an evening filled with entertainment and activities for all ages.

This event will feature Funtastic Entertainment and the "Jambulance" along with food trucks, homemade chicken and rice, bingo, a cake walk, and games galore for the kids.

Lawtey Elementary School's fall festival is also open to the public at the school from 5 to 8 p.m. It will feature carnival games along with bingo and a cake walk. There will be a pumpkin patch and other photo opportunities, and lots of food to savor.

Bradford Elementary School is inviting everyone to a festival at its new campus on Southeast 144th Street. From 5 to 7 p.m. come to the bus loop/track for "Track or Treat." Kids can dress up and bring a bag to fill up with treats. There will also be food trucks on site and events like face painting and a cake walk.

'Oktober Fest' has music, food and more

Concerned Citizens for Bradford County will be hosting its annual "Oktober Fest" on Saturday, Oct. 21, from 3 p.m. – until at the RJE ballfield on Old Lawtey Road in Starke. There will be a DJ, softball games, food trucks and vendors, arts and crafts booths, information booths, gospel singing and a DJ to close the event. To inquire about the booth and vendor truck space, please contact Alica McMillian at 904-966-1100, Glenda Ruise at 904-769-1691 or Carnell Williams at 904-769-9129.

Hampton man stranded in Israel

Staff report

A Hampton man about to board a plane in Tel Aviv to return to the U.S. said his flight was canceled when Hamas rockets started raining down on the facility. Joseph Birt is now trying to get back to Florida with the help of donations.

"I took a trip here to Israel, which has been a lifelong dream, but now, with the war going on here due to the terrorist attacks, I am stranded with no money for food, lodging, etc....," he wrote on GoFundMe.com.

Later Birt reported that the U.S. government got him on a flight to Greece, but he is on his own to get back to the U.S.

"The U.S. State Department has gotten me out of Israel, but now has abandoned me in Athens, Greece," he said. "Airlines are charging an extravagant amount of money for tickets home to the U.S. PLEASE!!! do not let up now on donating because I am here in Athens and still need help getting home."



Fair association determined to retain fairgrounds

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

STARKE — Bradford County commissioners' interest in acquiring the fairgrounds was rebuffed by the fair association's president during a special meeting Oct. 16.

In an email that arrived 16 minutes prior to the meeting, Bradford Fair Association President Bob Milner said the board had no interest in deeding over the property and buildings to the county in exchange for the commission settling its \$1.5 million debt.

County commissioners were acting with concern that the fair association's inability to repay its loan to Community State Bank — money that was used to pay for facility improvements — would result in foreclosure and an uncertain future for the fairgrounds.

Milner said the fair association

will pursue its plans to raise funding through private donors and a fundraising campaign.

Clerk of Courts Denny Thompson said if the fair association wants "to cut off their nose to spite their face, then let them have at it." The statement followed Thompson's comments at a prior meeting on Oct. 5 that the county should take ownership of the fairgrounds in exchange for paying off the debt and lease the property back to a fair board with a majority membership of that board appointed by the county commission.

"I'm not comfortable with somebody going forward from this that made a million and a half dollar decision on "we thought, we were told, and we were led to believe," Thompson said, referring to the fair association acquiring the loan and expecting to receive a state grant to repay it.

See FAIR, page 7

Man not guilty in dog shooting

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Special to the Times

LAKE BUTLER— A Union County jury acquitted a 26-year-old Providence man on charges related to the defendant shooting a neighbor's dog in November 2022.

Frederick Austin Carter was found not guilty for the recreational discharge of a firearm in a residential area and for animal cruelty.

The trial involved the shooting of a Blue Heeler puppy, much discussed on local social media sites.

9-month-old puppy survived

According to the warrant affidavit, Carter was outside his residence in an outbuilding, searching for a staple gun when the dog, which had gotten through the fence from the neighboring property, approached him and tried to bite him.

He said he entered the outbuilding,

removed an AR15 556 NATO rifle from its case, and then shot the dog as it was running away toward its owner's property. It is noted in the affidavit that he fired the shot in the direction of that property, as well as that home's neighbors. The dog was hit in the left side, with the bullet exiting through the animal's right shoulder.

The call for law enforcement came from the father of the dog's owner, Jim Rooney, and his daughter, Mistee Fry, the puppy's owner. They had retrieved the injured dog from Carter's property across the street and, on arrival, the deputy saw the dog on its owner's property, lying on its side panting and bleeding from what appeared to be the exit wound in its right shoulder. The owners admitted that the dog had a history of getting through the fence and that they had tried to repair the wire livestock fence to prevent it.

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Why does Starke want property downtown?

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

STARKE — Starke is interested in purchasing property downtown, but the reason remains a mystery.

Even a specially called meeting on Oct. 12 resulted in more questions than answers.

Notably, the meeting to brief city commissioners on the process for acquiring land took place after a request for proposals had been advertised.

Attorney Clay Martin explained that the commission's policy calls for the commission to seek proposals instead of bids to consider factors other than price in making a purchase.

In this case the city wants land within a one and a half block area bordered on the north and south by Call Street and Madison Street and on the east and west by Church Street and the railroad crossing.

Properties in that area are owned by the John D. Jarmon Revocable Trust, Bible Baptist Church, Victory Chapel and Health Safe Services.

The advertisement does not specify how many properties the city would consider purchasing, or for what purpose. Per the RFP solicitation packet, the ideal property offers access to both Call and Madison streets, and a minimum total area of

17,000 square feet. This description and brief comments by commissioners singled out the Jarmon property, a former retail store. Martin said the preferences are not requirements, however, and multiple owners are encouraged to work together to submit joint proposals.

RFP submission documents have been drafted for owners interested in selling and are available at city hall. The



The city of Starke has issued an RFP to purchase property in the area between Call and Madison streets, the railroad and Church Street.

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The proximity of the parcels to the Downtown Square give a clue to the city's intentions, as does the agenda for the special meeting, which called for strategic planning for the Citywalk project, which is a vision for revitalizing the area.

There was no talk of strategic planning during the brief meeting, however. Mayor Scott Roberts did say there have been a number of meetings about the project and its various "moving parts."

"One is the acquisition of property, if that comes up," he said.

What role the property would play — from the

expansion of the Downtown Square to the addition of parking or new amenities — was left to the imagination.

When Commissioner Andy Redding inquired about the use for the land, Roberts said, "We'll decide that. That's up for discussion."

The commission approved the RFP post advertisement, 4-0, with Commissioner Janice Mortimer absent.

The commission will hold a special meeting on Oct. 31 at 5:30 p.m. to consider staff recommendations regarding any proposals received.

The commission did not discuss alternatives if no proposals were submitted.

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Brooker Community School hosts open house

BY CAROL MOSLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Brooker Community School welcomed parents and students at its first open house. The evening began in the auditorium with students performing for the parents. Pastor Jerry Carris, who has been volunteering his guitar skills for “sing-along” with the students, led the chorus.

Parents and students went through the classrooms to meet the teachers and get a taste of what the school day is like for their children. E.J. Hamilton likes to play with the stimulating toys provided for his kindergarten class. Emerson Ogden said she likes Ms. Hersey’s second grade science class because they get to eat the results of the experiments they conduct.

This was also Scholastic Book Week, and the library was stocked with books for sale. Volunteer Wanda Sowell was on hand to collect the funds and assist with questions. She also had supplies available at checkout, such as book markers and erasers. The books were on

site for the entire week and students and parents could make purchases before and after school, and at lunch break. The students have an account that can be loaded with credit by the parents so the students can shop on their own.

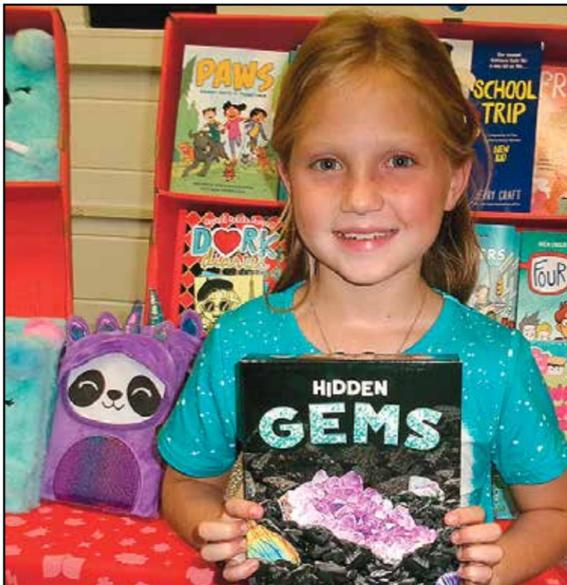
Josie Barnes is a third grader in Ms. Nash’s class. Reading is favorite subject. She selected some fun reading materials for herself and some to share with her cousin. She chose a boxed package on gems.

Some of the books came with gadgets to go with the story line. Another of Ms. Nash’s third grade students, Bryan Daugherty, picked out a stack of spy adventure books.

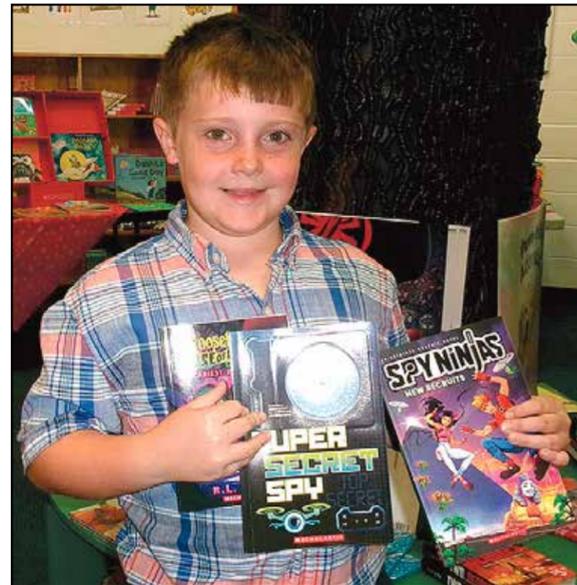
The students were enthusiastic about the reading materials they were taking home. Parents were grateful for the school’s community driven nature. Now that the kids have engaging reading material for the quiet times, everyone is gearing up for a spectacular fall festival on Oct. 21.



Students welcomed parents to the open house in song.



Josie Barnes picks out some “gems” to share.



Bryan Daugherty likes to read about spies.

Housing problem for poor residents and code enforcement

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

Last month, a 71-year-old woman appeared before the town council in Brooker with a plea for assistance. Caught up in a code enforcement complaint initiated by the town, she had neither the money to fully clean up her property and nowhere to live other than a camper since her previous home burned down.

Mayor Gene Melvin did offer his own hand in assistance, but even if the town had the funding, it couldn’t justify helping her without helping everyone else, he said.

While volunteers might help an overwhelmed senior comply with codes requiring cleanly kept properties, providing safe and permanent housing goes beyond chores.

Facing a code enforcement hearing before a judge, the Brooker woman, who lives with her disabled son, asked if they could remain in the camper. That is a matter she was told she would have to take up with someone else.

It is a matter Corp. Glen Ward of the Bradford County Sheriff’s Office has dealt with more than once. As the sheriff’s code enforcement officer, his job is not

just about seeking compliance, but sometimes helping people get there.

The housing issue is a big one. He estimates 700 cases of people living in sheds, campers or RVs throughout Bradford County.

In the Brooker case, Ward said no fines have been assessed as gradual progress has been made. He said the case began more than a year ago when the original home burned down. The county allowed a year to clean-up the property and make other living arrangements. The time expired, and the property was one of several the town of Brooker asked code enforcement to address.

Ward said the electrical wiring is a particular safety concern with this case, with extension cords running from a telephone pole for power. When it comes to hurricanes and other disasters there is a general lack of safety if someone is living in such a structure.

The county’s land development regulations prohibit living in recreational equipment or accessory structures such as sheds. Recreation equipment includes boats, travel trailers, motorized dwellings, etc.

The regulation states: “No major recreational

equipment shall be used for living, sleeping, or housekeeping purposes when parked or stored on a lot in a residential district, or in any other location not approved for such use.”

An approved location would include a campground or RV park. The regulations also restrict parking in residential districts for an extended time to the rear or side yard of a home.

As for accessory structures: “Accessory structures should constitute a minimal investment, may not be used for human habitation, and be designed to have minimal flood damage potential. Examples of accessory structures are detached garages, carports, storage sheds, pole barns, and hay sheds.”

“We’re not here to make things difficult for people, especially ones that are having issues right now monetarily,” Ward said. “The sheriff’s philosophy is as long as they’re making slow progress, we’re not going to fine them.”

Ward said he is monitoring this Brooker case and met face-to-face with the woman, telling her she didn’t need to appear before the magistrate.

He said the county is also implementing a service for extreme cleanups that would

provide a dumpster at a much lower cost for the disposal of garbage and debris. If they cannot afford the lower price, then the county can attach a lien against the property and allow the owner to pay it back in installments like a loan.

As for permanent housing, Ward said he spoke with someone involved in the cleanup. They are looking for options.

“We don’t want to go in there and start fining this lady and take their land. They got nowhere to go,” he said. “We are trying, and we’re actually going above and beyond other counties. I really would like to find something, to have something there that is legal, affordable for her to get. That’s what we’re trying to find, some kind of a solution for that. And to be honest with you, it’s hard.”

Even if a suitable mobile home were available, there is a cost to acquire, transport and install it.

“Are we going to put her out on the street? Yeah, we’re not going to do that. But we’ve got to have some kind of a cut off. Because there’s probably a good 700 people living in sheds or RVs in the county,” he said.

The question of fairness is

raised if only some of those cases are facing code enforcement action.

Ward said the sheriff’s office only responds to complaints, and per the sheriff, that does not include anonymous complaints. And if the subject of the complaint is responsive and trying to comply, they won’t face fines.

“We’re actively looking for a solution, rather than just dropping the hammer on them,” he said. “Another gentleman who’s in the same position that she’s in, he’s elderly, he’s low income, and his house is structurally unsafe. But we haven’t put it in front of magistrate yet. We’re looking at options to help without the county footing the bill. So, you

can only imagine how hard that is.”

There isn’t a blanket solution, and cases are dealt with individually. Some housing cases have gone before the judge, including one Ward said involved dumping raw sewage on the ground. In another case, the property owner was unresponsive, so a lot depends how residents work with the sheriff’s office.

“I can go to 50 different cases involving these campers, and I can have 50 different outcomes and 50 different scenarios,” he said, adding they want to be fair.

“We don’t put these people out in the street, but we got to come to some kind of conclusion to keep the area safe.”

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Legislative delegation hearings announced

Bradford date updated

State Rep. Chuck Brannan has announced the dates of the annual legislative delegation hearings in Union and Bradford counties.

The Union County hearing has been scheduled for Monday, Oct. 23, at 1 p.m. at Lake Butler City Hall, 200 SW First St.

The Bradford County hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 31, at 1 p.m. in the Bradford County Commission Meeting Room at the courthouse, 945 N. Temple Ave. in Starke.

The legislative delegation holds a public hearing each year to afford local officials, members of the public, and other interested parties the opportunity to present legislative proposals or express opinions on state issues.

The delegation includes Sen.

Jennifer Bradley (R-Fleming Island) and Rep. Chuck Brannan (R-Macclenny). The 2024 Regular Session of the Florida Legislature will convene on Tuesday, Jan. 9 in Tallahassee.

For additional information or to be placed on the agenda for the hearing, contact Brannan’s office at 386-758-0405, or email jason.carter@myfloridahouse.gov or Alisa.Bergmann@myfloridahouse.gov.

Democrats meet Oct. 23

The Bradford County Democratic Party will meet on Zoom, Oct. 23 at 7 p.m. Hear about the latest improvements for voter outreach and become a participant. All Democrats are welcome. To receive the Zoom link or for further information, contact bradfordcodec@gmail.com or call 904-526-2257.

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Lake Region

Couple awarded Yard of the Month

BY BARBARA ANDERSON AND GINNY GEIGER
Garden Club of the Lakes

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — When we think of “Yard of the Month” or we say someone has a pretty yard, we usually are referring to a relatively normalized yard that has some pretty plants and flowers or unique landscaping. Well, not in the case of Harvey and Lorissa Rhoden on County Road 18 between Theresa and Hampton.

Lorissa explained they had downsized from 20 acres to 10 acres and then to three acres four years ago, but this “yard” is larger than others. And all of those three acres have something to beautify almost every side and corner.

It took us quite a while to look at everything and take pictures. We are sure there is not enough room for all of them in this article. You will just have to ride by and see for yourself.

Many people will recognize the name Harvey Rhoden because he has been a local law enforcement officer for 30 years. Lorissa worked for the school board for 32 years. They both love “working” in the yard, supporting each other in such special ways.

They have their own expertise that compliments each other. Harvey cuts the grass and then meticulously blows off any loose grass to make things look immaculate. He also painted the many white blocks all around the yard, even making sure they were placed correctly by using a level. It seemed to us that Harvey does everything Lorissa asks him to do, maybe not always cheerfully, but always willing to help her.

He said what makes him the happiest about making the yard beautiful is seeing Lorissa happy. Lorissa’s greatest joy is to finish a project and then sit back and



Lorissa worked for the school board for 32 years. Here she shows off her she shed.

enjoy.

When asked what some of the plants were, Lorissa said she really didn’t know. She just sees a plant or flower that she likes, and she buys it. Don’t let her fool you. She knows more than she lets on.

They both came by their passion for the beauty of nature from their moms. Even while both moms were in Hospice, they were in beds beside windows where they could see the beauty outside.

In memory of Harvey’s mom, they planted in their rose bed some of her roses. One of them she lovingly named “Harvey” because it was so hardheaded that it would not bloom when it was supposed to. They also have a beautiful peace lily from her funeral. The couple honored Lorissa’s mom’s memory by the beautiful Christmas cactus that sits at the entrance of their side porch.

We were wondering why

Lorissa had so many plants in pots around their trees and not around the yard planted in the ground. Well, she likes to decorate around trees, so Harvey does not have so many little plants to mow around and only potted plants make it around the trees. The roots of the trees kill any plants that are in the ground. Harvey is very thankful for Lorissa’s consideration.

When asked what they did not like about their yard, they both said the Dollar Weeds. We shared with them that last year we had a speaker for one of our Garden Club of The Lakes’ meetings who taught us about edible weeds. Dollar Weed is one of them. Now Harvey is afraid he is going to be served a new and exciting salad.

If you want to learn more about the Garden Club of The Lakes or nominate yourself or anyone in the community for Yard of the Month, please contact Pat Lorenzo at (904) 728-9460.



Harvey and Lorissa Rhoden’s three-acre homestead on County Road 18 between Theresa and Hampton is the Yard of the Month.



Many people will recognize the name Harvey Rhoden because he has been a local law enforcement officer for 30 years.

Fathers join kids at school

Staff report

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — McRae Elementary and Keystone Heights Elementary School participated in the school district’s Dads Take Your Child to School Day on Sept. 28.

During the Oct. 5 school board meeting, Superintendent David Broskie said a father’s involvement in his child’s education is critical.

He added that the event helped the district fulfill one of five strategies outlined in its strategic plan: increasing family involvement.

“There’s always a saying that there’s nothing like a mother’s love for a child,” he said. “I’m going to one-up that and say there’s nothing more important than a father’s pride in their child and involvement in their life.

We need you out there, Dads, to be involved in your child’s education.”

The superintendent said that several women responded to the event by saying Mom’s Day is every day.

“Yes, I get it,” Broskie added. “But this is one day to celebrate Dads.”



Fathers accompany their children to breakfast during Keystone Heights Elementary School’s Dads Take Your Child to School Day. Photo: Keystone Heights Elementary School.

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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.

Summary of Year's Actions							
Type of Property	Number of Parcels					Reduction in County Taxable Value Due to Board Actions	Shift in Taxes Due to Board Actions
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Commercial	0	0	0	2	2	\$ 0	\$ 0.00
Industrial and miscellaneous	0	0	0	0	0	\$ 0	\$ 0.00
Agricultural or classified use	0	0	0	0	0	\$ 0	\$ 0.00
High-water recharge	0	0	0	0	0	\$ 0	\$ 0.00
Historic commercial or nonprofit	0	0	0	0	0	\$ 0	\$ 0.00
Business machinery and equipment	0	0	0	5	5	\$ 0	\$ 0.00
Vacant lots and acreage	0	0	0	0	0	\$ 0	\$ 0.00
TOTALS	0	0	0	8	8	\$ 0	\$ 0.00

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	904-368-3981	ext.	3981

NOTICE OF CERTIFICATION OF TAX ROLL

PURSUANT TO SECTION 193.122(2), FLORIDA STATUTES, KENNY CLARK, PROPERTY APPRAISER FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, HEREBY GIVES NOTICE TO ALL TAXPAYERS AND OWNERS OF BOTH REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY THAT THE 2023 BRADFORD COUNTY TAX ROLLS HAVE BEEN EXTENDED TO SHOW THE TAX ATTRIBUTABLE TO ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY AND THAT SAID TAX ROLLS WERE CERTIFIED FOR COLLECTION TO THE TAX COLLECTOR ON October 17, 2023.

KENNY CLARK
PROPERTY APPRAISER

UNION COUNTY

Senior Social Club brings seniors together for fun activities

BY MARY BROWN
Special to the Times

LAKE BUTLER — The Union County Public Library is now entering its third year hosting the Senior Social program. The seniors met previously at the Lake Butler Hospital, but when COVID struck, the program there ended. The library became the obvious place to hold the programs that now run on the first and fourth Tuesday of each month, starting at 10 a.m.

Seniors enjoy a wide variety of events, including crafts, refreshments, prizes, guest speakers, and much more. The group is always eager to learn new things, and “social” is the key word – they love socializing and catching up with all their friends.

All seniors are welcome to join the free, bi-monthly programs. For more information, check out the library’s Facebook page at www.facebook.com/unioncountylibrary.



Senior Social Club members, pictured with their fall crafts: (l-r) Mary Kay Metz, Louise Alldredge, Pat Metz, Evelyn Clark, Nell Carter, Jane Russell, Steve Godwin, Gerda Godwin, Wanda Godwin, Donna Godwin and Deborah Carter.



Continuing legacy of school support

On Oct. 10, the Union County School District recognized and honored Pritchett Trucking Inc. and Nextran Truck Centers for their continued support for the students of our district. Robin Pritchett Pruitt, Jon Pritchett and Phillip Pritchett attended the regular board meeting to accept a plaque of appreciation and the gratitude of the district and school board. Following in the footsteps and legacy of their late father, Marvin Pritchett, these three siblings continue to provide substantial support to students by supporting athletics, academics and many extra-curricular activities. Students are afforded opportunities and experiences they otherwise would not be able to have if it were not for the generosity of the Pritchett family, Pritchett Trucking Inc. and Nextran Truck Centers. Pictured (l-r) are Superintendent Mike Ripplinger, Robin Pritchett Pruitt, Jon Pritchett and Phillip Pritchett.

September marriage licenses

Charles Cody Bias, 28, of Raiford and Sarah Elizabeth Cauthen, 34, of Raiford on September 1.

David Scott Crawford, 59, of Lake Butler and Nina Irene Hedges, 41, of Lake Butler on September 8.

Brad Lee Elixson Sr., 55, of Lake Butler and Dorothy C. Park, 52 of Lake Butler on September 5.

Brandi Marie Kelemen, 39, of Lake Butler and Patrick Williams, 38, of Lake Butler on September 25.

Ross Charles Ledger, 23, of Lake Butler and Olivia Brooke Ward, 21, of Lake Butler on September 11.

Raymond Michael Miller, 38, of Fort White and Shelby Leigh Lynne Sanford, 28, of Callahan on September 26.

Brian Sheldon Starling Sr., 41, of Raiford and Stephanie Jean Beasley, 45, of Raiford on September 11.

14. Stephanie Graham and William Eric Graham on September 14.

Charles Ray Hunt and Earnestine Hunt on September 14.

Phillip Randall Joyner III and Kelsie Lee Joyner on September 6.

Randy Randell Randolph

III and Ashly Jones on September 14.

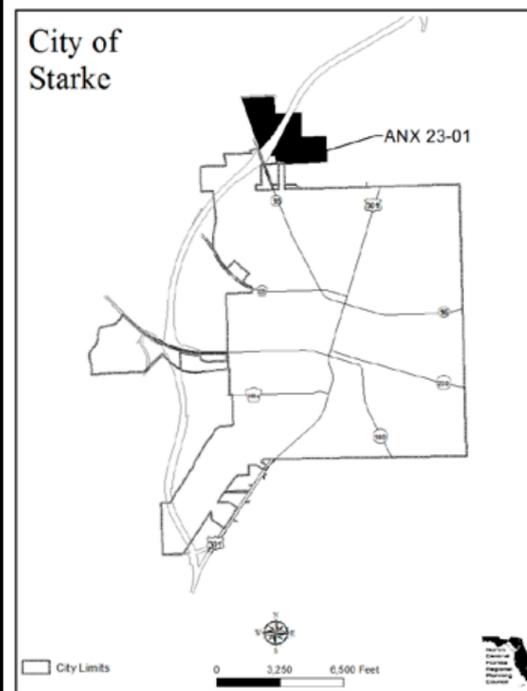
Christopher Register and Brandi Register on September 22.

Sherrie Ring and Michael Ring Sr. on September 14.

NOTICE OF VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 171.044, Florida Statutes, as amended, that the ordinance, which title hereinafter appears, will be considered for enactment by the City Commission of the City of Starke, Florida, on November 7, 2023 at 5:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard in the City Commission Meeting Room, City Hall located at 209 North Thompson Street, Starke, Florida. At the aforementioned public hearing all interested parties may be heard with respect to the ordinance. The complete legal description of the areas to be annexed, as well as a copy of the petition for annexation and the ordinance, can be obtained from the City of Starke Zoning Department, located at 209 North Thompson Street, Starke, Florida, during regular business hours.

Ordinance No. 2023-17, Petition No. ANX 23-01, by Osceola Land & Timber Co., LLC, provides for the voluntary annexation of a parcel of land contiguous to the boundaries of the City of Starke, Florida, as shown on the location map below. The area to be annexed is located in Sections 16 and 17, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida. The area to be annexed consists of 177.51 acres, more or less.



The title of said ordinance reads, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-17

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF STARKE, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO PETITION NO. ANX 23-01, RELATING TO VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION; MAKING FINDINGS; ANNEXING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, WHICH IS REASONABLY COMPACT AND CONTIGUOUS TO THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF STARKE, FLORIDA, INTO THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF STARKE, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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

Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact the Office of the City Clerk at 904.964.5027 or via the Florida Relay Service 800.955.8770 (voice) or 800.955.8771 (TTY) at least 48 hours prior to the date of the public hearing.

SHOOTING

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Carter also stated that the dog coming to his property was an ongoing issue but denied that he had ever reported the issue to animal control.

The dog was transported to the University of Florida Emergency Veterinary Clinic in Gainesville, as it was the only place the owner knew of that was open on Sunday. The nine-month-old puppy was treated and survived the incident.

Lunged, showed teeth, and tried to bite

On Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2023, the case was heard before the Honorable Judge Mitchell Bishop. Bruce Helling prosecuted the State’s case, while the defendant was represented by Travis Koon.

In his opening remarks, Helling told the jury that the shooting of the animal was unnecessary, and that the firearm was discharged recklessly or negligently.

Koon then made his opening remarks, stating that the prosecution “can’t give a complete picture” of the occurrence “because they were not there.”

He said that the dog lunged at his client, showed its teeth, and

attempted to bite him, then ran away and circled the building and that he was afraid that he was about to be bitten and felt it was necessary to shoot the animal.

Bandit was just a playful puppy

The prosecution called its first witness, dog owner Mistee Fry who stated that the dog, named Bandit, was just a playful puppy who spent most of his time in the house. She was outside and saw the dog running towards her, then heard the shot and saw the dog fall. Cross-examination by the defense revealed that she did not see the interaction between the dog and Carter.

Next called was James Rooney, Fry’s father, who testified that he heard the shot and came out of his room to his tearful daughter.

He crossed the fence to retrieve the dog, about 15 feet away, and saw Carter outside the outbuilding, standing on the building’s concrete pad. After handing the dog over the fence to his son-in-law, he called out to Carter, who answered, “I’m sorry, he tried to bite me.”

The State then called Chase Fry and questioned him about his knowledge of the incident. Fry said he was inside the house, heard the shot, and exited the residence when Rooney did. He crossed the fence and saw the dog lying down and in distress. He said he also heard Rooney and

Carter talking but did not recall anything specific about what was being said. He also said he knew Carter, but only in passing.

The final witness for the prosecution was Union County Sheriff’s Office Deputy James Jankowski. He said he answered an animal shooting call and, upon arrival, found several family members standing around the animal, which had blood on it and a wound that was covered. He said he contacted Carter and then spoke with him at his outbuilding. He stated that Carter was very cooperative and said that the dog had tried to bite him and that he had gotten his AR-15 out of its case and shot the animal as it was running away from him toward the fence.

The deputy said Carter showed no signs of injury and saw no evidence of any contact with the dog. He also noted that there were several homes “in the line of fire.”

Koon cross-examined the deputy and questioned whether he was qualified to identify the entrance and exit wounds on the animal, to which Jankowski replied that the exit wound was usually larger than the entry wound. In a redirect questioning from Helling, the deputy said he had seen a few bullet wounds in his years of service and was confident in his judgment on the dog’s wound. He also said Carter had told him the dog was running away when it was shot.

Defendant takes the stand

The State rested its case, and Koon called his first and only witness, Carter himself.

The defendant stated that he did not know the Frys and did not know who owned the dog. He said that the dog came running up behind him, first growling and then barking, then lunging and trying to bite the back of his legs. He said he was afraid, had never been bitten before, and felt it necessary to shoot the dog. He said he was sorry he shot the dog and had never shot any animal before.

In summation, the State told the court that the circumstances led to the criminal charges, not the actual occurrences. Helling said there was no evidence that the dog tried to bite Carter and that it was a rambunctious puppy, at most, trying to play. He concluded there was no reason to shoot the dog when it ran away.

In his summation, Koon told the jury to be “very aware” of half-truths and whether or not the State had proven its case. He also stated that Carter had never done anything like this before the incident.

After about an hour of deliberation, the jury returned its verdict of not guilty on both charges, and Carter was free to go.

Welcome to Bradford Elementary



The front building of the new Bradford Elementary. Photo by Cliff Smelley.



A view of the campus from the second story of the elementary classroom suite. The building at the far left contains the front office, administrative offices, guidance area, clinic and media center, while the building at the far right includes the cafeteria and the music and STEM areas. The building in the background is the middle-school classroom suite. Photo by Cliff Smelley.



A view of the new school's cafeteria. Photo by Cliff Smelley.



Tornadoes are prominent across campus, including hanging from the ceiling in the administration building. Photo by Cliff Smelley.



School Board Member Lynn Melvin (right) is loving an elementary classroom's technological features, as shown off by Operations Director Jeff Edison. Photo by Cliff Smelley.



A view of the new school's media center. Photo by Cliff Smelley.



Checking out Building 1 are (l-r) School Board Members Candace Osteen and Sheila Cummings, Starke City Clerk Jimmy Crosby and Starke Mayor Scott Roberts. Assistant Principal Lauren Morgan's office is on the left. Photo by Cliff Smelley.



Checking out one of the elementary classrooms are (l-r) Bradford County Manager Scott Kornegay, County Commissioner Carolyn Spooner, School Operations Director Jeff Edison, Starke Mayor Scott Roberts and Starke City Clerk Jimmy Crosby. Photo by Cliff Smelley.



Teacher Tyhesia Brady stands in her soon-to-be classroom. Photo by Cliff Smelley.



One of the science laboratories in the middle-school classroom suite. Photo by Cliff Smelley.



A lesson in fire prevention

Firefighter Reggie with first-grader Olivia Banda during Fire Prevention and Safety Week at Hope Christian Academy. (Photos submitted by Virginia Denmark.)



Third-grader Ethan Adusah



Second grader Nicole Pardo



Kindergartener Charles Woodard

Witches Ride downtown Oct. 27

The Downtown Grill's second annual Witches Ride and Wine Event will take place Friday, Oct. 27, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Join in a night of fun! Put on your witch gear,

grab a bike (with a broom attached), or decorate a golf cart, and meet everyone at The Downtown Grill at 6 p.m. Take a ride through downtown Starke and return to the restaurants for

snacks and a wine tasting. The \$25 donation to attend will be donated to Bradford County Education Foundation and Communities in Schools.

FAIR

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"I wouldn't invest any of this county's money unless we have whole ownership and control," he said.

That was the message delivered when Milner and Fair Manager Dale Woodruff met with county staff, including County Manager Scott Kornegay. Milner responded in his Monday morning email.

Milner said the meeting called Oct. 5 in which he was allowed to explain the fair board's position to the county commission resulted in even more misinformation, despite the bank vice president explaining there had been no move toward foreclosing on the property.

"Unfortunately, that resulted in a number of uninformed naysayers to spout their usual baseless and ludicrous opinions about the BOCC and the fair board on various social media sites, and apparently, some commissioners are listening to these folks," he wrote, defending the board's financial track record with its annual audits as

evidence.

Turning over the \$8 million in assets the fair association has built in exchange for the county paying off its loan is "obviously not acceptable to the fair board at this time," he wrote.

"We have received early support from some friends of the fair, and we'll be conducting a previously planned major fundraising program in the next few months, while still engaging various state officials to follow through on the initial intent for the state to provide a grant for the remaining \$1.5 million the association should have received in 2020.

"I have asked the Community State Bank to not discuss the business of the fair association with anyone other than us as they should with any client. We are not a unit of local government, and they have agreed. Fortunately, they are working with us to renegotiate the loan in the meantime," Milner wrote.

The fair board did not attend the Oct. 16 meeting, but Milner did leave the door open to work with the county on a mutually beneficial partnership in the future.

With the email read into the record, commissioners agreed there was nothing more for them to do at this time. Commissioner Chris Dougherty said they "would not consider moving forward with the same people in place and end up with the same result."

"I do agree 100% if the county pays it off, then the county has 100% control over everything that happens at the fair from now for the fairgrounds, because that's a very, very valuable piece of property to all the citizens of Bradford County and Union County," Commissioner Danny Riddick said.

Commission Chair Diane Andrews said the board's intervention was the result of being told foreclosure was taking place earlier this month.

"Our first thought was that we were going to lose the fairgrounds, and the board, in every attempt, wanted to make sure that that did not happen. That's why we became involved. That's why we stepped up to the plate and tried to correct that," she said.

Hearing that the bank is continuing to work with the fair



BCFR announces latest grant

Bradford County Fire Rescue shared its gratitude after receiving a nearly \$34,000 grant from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation. The foundation supports first responders and those they protect by providing resources for life-saving equipment. BCFR purchased three Hurst rams with accessories to enhance vehicle extrication capabilities. Pictured above are Capt. Chris Cooksey, FF/EMT David Jackson, FF/EMT Dylan Thornton, FF/PMD Brandon Ames, FF/EMT John Tallman and Division Chief Dylan Rodgers.

School board pays \$15k for bus crash lawsuit

Staff report

STARKE— The Bradford County School Board settled a 2019 lawsuit involving one of its buses. According to court papers, Khiana James, individually and representing a minor, sued the district for an April 23, 2015, crash in which Judith Cummings Chesser was operating a 2008 Thomas school bus while employed by the district.

According to the complaint, Chesser was taking students home when, around 3:20 p.m., the bus collided with James's 2010 Honda Accord, resulting in damage to the Honda and injuries to its occupants.

In court papers, the school board blamed the plaintiff for the collision.

"Plaintiffs so carelessly and negligently conducted themselves as to cause or contribute to the occurrence of the alleged incident referred to in the Plaintiff's complaint, together with any resultant alleged injuries," lawyers for the school board wrote, "thus barring or reducing proportionately all claims for damages against the board."

In a settlement agreement, the school board agreed to pay the plaintiffs \$15,000 while not admitting any wrongdoing or liability.

Methodist Women donate scholarships

Methodist Women of Starke

celebrated fall with their annual Salad Supper on Sept. 17. Members and guests met in the fellowship hall for a delicious meal, inspirational devotional and a fun program by Joyce Thompson and Emily Patterson. A fashion show was followed by an auction, which generated \$255 for missions.

During a brief business meeting, \$500 scholarships were presented to Ashley Adams (Garnita Parker Scholarship) and Hunter Crawford (Laurie Mullins Scholarship). The group donated \$250 to the shawl ministry. Memorials were given for JoAnne Rowe and Scott Lilly.

SAVE THE DATE: Methodist Women's next event is planned for Nov. 10 and 11 — a craft and baked goods bazaar.

'Not a people person like me, but he is very focused'

Sheriff endorses DeSantis for president

Staff report

Bradford County Sheriff Gordon Smith joined 59 other Florida Sheriffs last week in endorsing Gov. Ron DeSantis for president. At a campaign event in Tampa last week, headlined by Florida Attorney General Ashley Moody and Brevard County Sheriff Wayne Ivey, the governor emphasized his support for law enforcement during the George Floyd protests.

Smith did not attend last week's campaign event in Tampa but said in a telephone interview that endorsing the two-term

governor was an easy decision.

"He has done everything he has promised," Smith said. "He has supported law enforcement, and I think the U.S. as a whole, from law enforcement to foreign policy, would benefit from his leadership."

"He's not a people person like me, but he is very focused," Smith continued. "Not as social as I am, but a very pleasant person to be around. People are coming to Florida because of his leadership."

Smith said the GOP primary front-runner and former president deserves credit for his accomplishments, but it is time to move on.

"Trump did everything he said he would do, but it's time for a fresh face," the sheriff said. "We need someone that can bring this country together, not pull people apart."

According to the DeSantis campaign, other area sheriffs endorsing him include Brad Whitehead of Union County, Michelle Cook of Clay County, Alachua County's Emery Gainey, and Baker County's Scotty Rhoden.

Food distribution at True Vine

A communitywide food distribution hosted by Farm Share and True Vine Ministry will take Tuesday, Oct. 24, at 10 a.m. at True Vine Outreach Ministry in Starke.

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

family to us, and so we never meant to upset people and to hurt anyone's feelings. We just felt that we were trying to help the county save what we feel is a very important part to our community."

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Crime

Recent arrests in Bradford, Union and Clay

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

Bradford

Jimmy Berrios, 49, of Fort Myers was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 10 for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Mikel Marvin Bright, 42, of Lawtey was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 10 for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Charles Dejuan Corbitt, 46, of Jacksonville was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 8 for a probation violation and driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Walter Shane Davis, 33, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 10 for larceny, fraud, and battery.

Dawn Nicole Hayford, 42, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 12 for larceny, vehicle theft, and burglary.

Howard Dever Huckabee Muhs, 38, of Bryceville was arrested by Starke police on October 9 for an out-of-county warrant.

Joshua Paul Norman, 24, of Starke was arrested on October 11 for an out-of-county warrant.

Juan Perez Jiatz, 34, of Jacksonville was arrested on October 13, for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Kimberly Dawn Strickland, 45, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 10 for burglary and larceny.

Shaquanna, Rachel Tate, 36, of Jacksonville was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 9 for failure to appear.

Torsten Daniel Troutman, 47, of Starke was arrested by Starke Police on October 10 for a probation violation.

Union

Heather Lynn Brady, 41, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on October 16 for disorderly conduct and trespassing.

Turosia Evett Bright, 60, of Lawtey was arrested by Union deputies on October 10 for DUI.

Chavarius Eugene Dickens, 21, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on October 10 for committing a sex act in the presence of a correctional facility employee.

Charles Harold Hollen, 50, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on October 15 for battery.

Charles Earl Lovett, 39, of Bristol was arrested by Union deputies on October 10 for

committing a sex act in the presence of a correctional facility employee.

Clay

India M Johns, 25, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on October 11 for domestic battery.

William Randolph Parker, 28, of Melrose was arrested by Clay deputies on October 11 for felony domestic battery.

Stephen Lee Sweeting, 26, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on October 7 for criminal mischief.



Alexander-Bacon

LB woman arrested in Gainesville hit-and-run

Staff report

Gainesville police arrested a 73-year-old Lake Butler woman after she allegedly struck a person crossing Gainesville's West University Avenue and left the scene after the crash.

Betty Jean Alexander-Bacon was arrested for hit-and run just after midnight on Thursday, Sept. 12. The victim was transported to UF Health Shands with a severe head wound and other injuries.

According to an arrest report, the incident occurred near the University of Florida, and police located the defendant 20 minutes later after officers saw that her windshield was damaged.

Alexander-Bacon told police she knew she had hit something but did not know she had hit a person. She also said she did not notice the damage to her windshield until she was further down the road.

Police wrote that the defendant stated she knew she needed to return to the crash scene, and at the time officers stopped her vehicle, she had turned around and was headed south on Northwest 13th Street in the direction of the crash.

"The Def. had several opportunities to pull over closer to the incident but continued to at least NW 16th Ave., approximately 1.5 miles north of the incident, before turning back southbound," wrote police.

10 years for trying to run over officer

Staff report

A man who led police on a chase from Starke's Market Road to a riverbed near Union Correctional Institution was sentenced to 10 years in prison.

Edwin Elisha Baker, 35, pleaded to aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer, felony fleeing and eluding, driving with a suspended or revoked license, resisting an officer, and possession of a weapon by a convicted felon.

According to an arrest report, Starke police Sergeant Frank W. Krol met the buyer of a side-by-side at the eastern end of Market Road. The victim told the officer that the off-road vehicle turned out to be stolen, and Baker County deputies confiscated it. While Krol and the victim were talking, the victim pointed out the defendant's truck, which was approaching the pair. Krol reported that he tried to flag down the truck, but the driver sped up and nearly hit him. Krol and other officers chased Baker to the Union County line, where they lost him after the defendant drove into the woods. Tracking dogs eventually located Baker in a creek bed near the Union County prison.

Jail and probation for throwing rock at car

Staff report

A 46-year-old Lake Butler man was sentenced to four years' probation and 296 days served for throwing a rock through a car window and other charges.

Dexter Dewin Edwards pleaded to throwing a missile into a vehicle, criminal mischief resulting in \$1,000 or more in damage, resisting an officer without violence, and carrying a concealed firearm without a permit.

According to an arrest report, the victim told deputies the defendant threw a rock through her vehicle window, causing between \$1,000 and \$1,500 in damages. When deputies found the defendant nearby on a bicycle, Edwards squatted by a light pole and took a knife out of his backpack. After he dropped the weapon and was detained, deputies found a loaded handgun in the backpack.

Women wrote fraudulent checks to one another

Staff report

A Lake Butler woman was sentenced to four years' probation after admitting to depositing fraudulent checks written on the account of another woman and then converting those deposits into cash.

Brittney Veronique Crawford, 32, pleaded to scheming to defraud.

According to court documents, employees of Starke's Community State Bank called police after the defendant deposited checks and then immediately withdrew the funds on several occasions. However, the checks, drawn on a Wells Fargo account, were returned to Community State Bank for insufficient funds. A bank employee told an investigator that the defendant had also written NSF checks to the other woman, who deposited the worthless checks into her account and immediately withdrew the funds.

Pop-up party defendants get probation, charge dropped

Staff report

LAKE BUTLER — Three defendants arrested during a June 3 pop-up party at Lakeside Park in Lake Butler settled their cases.

The gathering, which started near Waldo's Lake Alto but moved to Lake Butler after Alachua County officials chased the revelers away, resulted in one person shot, several roads blocked, and deputies using chemical agents to chase away the out-of-towners.

Surrounding law enforcement agencies, including the Bradford County Sheriff's Office, assisted Union deputies in breaking up the party.

Brantley Keith Taylor

The State Attorney's office dropped an affray charge against 38-year-old Brantley Keith Taylor II.

Taylor of Lake Butler was arrested for disorderly conduct.

Deputy Erik L. Krueger wrote in an arrest report that while trying to disperse a crowd gathered at the Spires IGA Market, Taylor, a white male on a bicycle, approached the lawman's patrol vehicle and blocked Southwest First Street with his two-wheeler.

"While approaching my patrol vehicle, Taylor was yelling derogatory remarks and motioned for me to shut my sirens off," Krueger wrote. "I placed my vehicle in park and made contact with Taylor, who continued to yell."

The deputy added that he

removed the defendant from the bike, placed him into handcuffs, and took him to jail.

Betty Carn

Betty Taniyah Amahni Carn, 21, of Starke pleaded to resisting an officer without violence and was sentenced to one year probation and 50 hours of community service.

According to an arrest report, Carn was the driver of a Dodge Charger, one of two vehicles Bradford SWAT members stopped during traffic enforcement.

Officers told Carn to leave the area and not to return while they turned their attention to the second vehicle stopped.

"I observed the vehicle drive approximately 100 yards east and turn around," wrote arresting deputy Clyde N. Berringer in the report. "Betty returned to the scene, parking on the opposite side of the highway, partially on the grass and on the highway, and stated, 'I need to check on my friend.'"

Berringer added that he arrested the 21-year-old because she returned to the scene after being ordered not to come back and that she made the scene unsafe because her vehicle partially blocked the roadway.

Donneya Robinson

Donneya Robinson, 22, pleaded to resisting an officer without violence and culpable negligence and was sentenced to a year's probation and 50 hours of community service.

Robinson, of Gainesville, was arrested for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Berringer wrote in an arrest report that he saw Robinson and Bradford Sgt. Scott Konkell in a verbal dispute at West Main Street and Southwest 6th Avenue, an intersection surrounded by Skip's Deli, Shatto Heating and Air, McDonald's, and Spires.

According to Berringer, Konkell ordered Robinson to turn south onto Southwest 6th Avenue because of a traffic tie-up. Robinson refused to comply with Konkell's order and also rebuffed his command for her to exit the vehicle.

"Sergeant Konkle delivered a one-second burst of Oleoresin Capsicum in an attempt to gain compliance," reported Berringer. "He then attempted to open the driver's door of the vehicle. When Sergeant Konkle attempted this, Donneya immediately sped off, causing Sergeant Konkle to lose his balance and nearly being run over by the back left tire of the vehicle."

Deputies stopped the defendant in the Spires parking lot and took her into custody.

Robinson and Carn were each ordered to pay the sheriff's office \$500 to reimburse the agency for the costs of investigations.

The cases of seven other defendants, including that of Diamond Wanee Golden, whom deputies accuse of organizing the party, and that of Troy Carter Goodman II, arrested for shooting a person at Lakeside Park, remain pending.

Bradford prosecutor appointed Levy County judge

Gov. Ron DeSantis has appointed the State Attorney's division chief in Bradford County as the Levy County judge.

Luis Bustamante has been the division chief in Starke since 2015. His previous positions include jobs with the State Attorney's Office in Daytona Beach and the Statewide Prosecutor's Office based in Tallahassee. The Chiefland resident has also been in private practice.

Bustamante replaces James T. "Tim" Browning, who retired in

May and died on Sept. 20.

Because the governor made the appointment after Aug. 20, Bustamante's first term will continue until 2026, when the seat will be up for re-election. If DeSantis had made the appointment before Aug. 20, the new judge would have filled out the remaining year of Browning's four-year term and then face voters in 2024.

The Eighth Judicial Circuit's Nominating Commission submitted six candidates to the governor for consideration. In addition to Bustamante, the applicants were Sunshine Dawn Baynard of Chiefland, Arielle Screws of Williston, Cheryl Dianne Westmoreland of Morriston, Doreen T. Inkeles of Trenton, and Caridad Susana Torres of Gainesville.



Bustamante. Photo: State Attorney for the Eighth Judicial District.

SWAT calling out the tobacco industry's use of social media

With the sixth annual Not A Lab Rat Day set to take place on Oct. 18, Students Working Against Tobacco is ready to go viral and put focus on the tobacco industry's increasing usage of social media to target youth and promote products that are addictive and pose serious health risks.

SWAT, Florida's youth-led movement, empowers and encourages youth to protect themselves and future generations by taking a stand against the e-cigarette and tobacco industry. Not A Lab Rat Day serves as a rallying cry for youth statewide to stand up and declare that they refuse to be Big Tobacco's "lab rats" as more is learned about the long-term health effects of e-cigarettes.

"For Not A Lab Rat Day this year, we commit our time to engage our peers and push back against Big Tobacco's efforts to create a new generation of users," said Ella Hewett, BMS SWAT VP. "The tobacco industry knows that youth are influenced by social media and they have used these platforms to lure and tempt youth with their appealing products. We are determined to call out these efforts and make sure youth across our county put Big Tobacco on 'mute.'"

Social media has become a staple of everyday life, especially for younger generations. The

tobacco industry is aware of this and utilizes social media to generate buzzworthy content that can influence youth to start using their products. According to the 2021 National Youth Tobacco Survey, 73.5% of students who use social media reported viewing e-cigarette content.

To generate content, tobacco companies use influencers and sponsored content. Vape advertisements shared by influencers rarely included warning labels about the addictive potential of nicotine, feature imagery that appeals to youth, and defy federal advertising regulations such as failing to disclose brand relationships, a requirement by the FTC. I

nfluencers are often invited by companies to serve as brand ambassadors to promote their tobacco products. They rarely use the Instagram feature that restricts youth access, despite the post claiming the content is for 18+ or 21+. Even if influencers follow this guideline, teenagers can easily get around age restrictions by creating a profile with a fake age.

Tobacco companies also sponsor and hold events designed to connect with younger audiences, allowing them to promote the event on social media and promote their products by extension. These events often spare no expense in order to attract new customers.

In 2022, 15.2% of high school students in Florida reported actively using e-cigarettes, while 6.6% of middle school students did the same. While usage rates in Florida are continuing to trend in the right direction, there is still work to be done to end the youth

e-cigarette epidemic.

When this year's Not a Lab Rat Day kicks off, SWAT members will be energized and ready to put the tobacco industry on blast for their use of social media to target youth.

Bradford County SWAT Chapter is taking this opportunity to educate their peers at Bradford High School, Bradford Middle School and Starke Elementary through morning announcements, creative bulletin boards, and tabling events to show Big Tobacco is up to the same old tricks.

For information on how to get involved with SWAT, visit SWATFlorida.com/join-the-movement/.

Fall festival at Old Providence Baptist

Old Providence Baptist Church will be hosting a fall festival on Saturday, Nov. 4, from 4 until 8 p.m. Attractions include games, trunk-n-treat, and chili/hotdogs. All activities are free, and everyone is invited. The church is located at 9316 NW C.R. 245, Lake Butler.

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Carn leads BMS to 34-6 win over LBMS for SMAC title

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Caiden Carn was a one-man highlight reel for the Bradford Middle School football team, which captured the Suwannee Middle School Athletic Conference championship with a 34-6 win over visiting Lake Butler on Oct. 17.

"They showed up," Bradford Coach James "Bat" McNeal said. "They wanted it."

Carn certainly showed up. He threw two touchdown passes and rushed for another score before adding two more touchdowns on a punt return and an interception return.

This was the Tornados' first year back in the SMAC after playing in the Northeast Florida Athletic Conference for a number of years. Bradford won two championships during its

time in the NEFAC.

McNeal said the SMAC is a more natural fit, though, with Bradford not having to play against nothing but Clay County schools as it did in the NEFAC.

"We finally came back home to where we should be," McNeal said.

Excepting two kneel-downs, the Bradford offense ran just six plays from scrimmage, due in part to Lake Butler's time-consuming drives and the Tornados making the most out of the few touches they had.

It was a nightmare start for the visiting Tigers, who muffed the opening kickoff and then fumbled the ball away the next time they received a kick. Both miscues led to Bradford scores.

"That was big," McNeal said. "We got ahead of them."

The Tornados faced first-



Players, cheerleaders and coaches celebrate Bradford Middle School's SMAC championship. This year's football team consisted of Montrez Aldridge, Brilyn Cliffin, Damarion Dodd, Bryson Hill, Cy Cubbedge, Caiden Carn, Dylan Ruise, James Hall, Chase Small, Jaden Williams, Ja'veon Childs, Braxton Durant, Pedro Raimond, Jamie Lopey, Benjamin Bridges, Maleak Aldridge, Kingston Carroll, Jonathan Armstrong, Aiden Jackson, Tafarus Jackson, Azariah Taylor, Kaison Pierce, Randell Risby, Ramarion Williams, Terrence Slocum, Amir Montaser, Jareme Jenkins, Tremeze White, Keith Phillips, Cameron Hendrieth, Levi Jeffrey, Grant Lawson, Mason Lowe, Easton May and Gavin Mills. Photos by Cliff Smelley.



Lake Butler's Kiptyn Shuler (center) fights for tough yardage against Bradford's Maleak Aldridge (far left) and Montrez Aldridge.

and-20 before they even got a chance to run a play thanks to illegal-procedure penalties. On their first play that finally counted, the Tornados got a 7-yard run from Carn. Montrez Aldridge then caught a pass in the backfield and turned upfield for a 33-yard touchdown approximately one minute into the game. Damarion Dodd caught Carn's pass on the two-point conversion to make the score 8-0.

Aldridge forced the fumble on the ensuing kickoff, with Bryson Hill falling on the loose ball at the Lake Butler 15. Bradford was backed up on a holding penalty, but Carn threw a 26-yard touchdown pass to Dylan Ruise for a 14-0 lead. The Tigers' Cadenz Merriex tackled Dodd for a loss on the two-point conversion attempt.

Lake Butler made it a one-score game with a drive that

consumed approximately seven minutes. The possession was nothing but handoffs to Kiptyn Shuler, who had 11 carries for 49 yards. He capped the drive with a 4-yard run into the end zone. Garrison Smith's pass on the two-point conversion was incomplete.

The Lake Butler defense made a big play on the ensuing series as Braylen Tyson had a sack that caused a fumble. Ayden Klein recovered the loose ball for the Tigers at the Bradford 48.

Seven straight runs by Shuler — plus an offsides penalty — moved Lake Butler to the 26. Tyrese Chandler then had a 12-yard reception for a first down at the 14.

Bradford's defense stiffened. After an incomplete pass, the Tornados held Shuler to 3 yards on two carries. Lake Butler turned the ball over on downs when a reception by Shuler



Bradford's Caiden Carn takes off on a 50-yard touchdown run.

gained only 1 yard.

The Tornados received the second-half kickoff and started their first offensive series on

the 50-yard line. Carn scored on a run from there to make it a 20-6 game. Lake Butler's Merriex broke up the pass on the conversion attempt.

Dodd made a tackle for a loss of 5 yards to start the following series as Bradford forced the Tigers to go three and out. Carn returned the punt 45 yards for a touchdown with 4:35 to play in the third quarter. Dodd's run on the conversion attempt put Bradford up 28-6.

The Tigers had a drive going and had crossed midfield before Carn stepped in front of a pass for what turned out to be a pick-six that covered approximately 70 yards on the first play of the fourth quarter. Shuler sacked Carn on the conversion attempt.

Carn finished with more than 110 yards rushing and passing.

Lake Butler's Shuler rushed for approximately 130 yards on 31 carries.

Tornados come back from Miami with 24-13 victory

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Dae'Jon Shanks threw for one score and rushed for two others, while the defense recorded a second-half shutout as Bradford High School's football team defeated True North Classical Academy 24-13 in a matchup of top-10 teams on Oct. 13 in Miami.

The Tornados rallied from two early deficits (the only times they've trailed all season) in improving to 7-0 against the sixth-ranked team in the Florida High School Athletic Association's Class 1M power poll.

"They never pressed," Bradford Head Coach Jamie Rodgers said of his Tornados, who are ranked third in Class 2S. "Mentally, they always stayed in the moment. On offense, we went and got the lead back."

Bradford, which hosts Lecanto on Friday, Oct. 20, at 7:30 p.m., gave up a total of three points after True North (6-1) had first-and-goal opportunities at the 5- and 6-yard lines.

"Those were the two biggest series of the whole thing," Rodgers said. "If they get touchdowns, it's a completely different outcome."

The Titans also had a second-and-5 at the 8-yard line, with that trip resulting in only a field goal.

True North had 156 yards in the first half, but gained just 29 in the second.

Rodgers gave kudos to his defensive coaches, saying, "All of the adjustments they made at halftime were what carried us through."

True North, which received

the opening kickoff, picked up a first down on two plays before striking big on a trick play. Quarterback Zac Katz threw a backward pass to wide receiver Jasen Lopez, who then threw a deep ball to Christian Garcia for a 46-yard gain to the Bradford 14-yard line. After two straight incomplete passes, Joshua Reyes scored on a reverse. Chris Macias kicked the extra point for a 7-0 Titans lead approximately two minutes into the game.

Bradford responded with a five-play scoring drive. Shanks and Brian Cliffin each had a 17-yard run to help the Tornados drive to the True North 30. On a second-and-4 play, Chalil Cummings caught a 24-yard touchdown pass from Shanks at the 6:38 mark of the first quarter. Shanks' run on the two-point conversion put Bradford ahead 8-7.

Shanks completed 6 of 7 passes for 144 yards, with Cummings catching three passes for 38 yards.

A penalty and a sack by Chason Clark force the Titans into a second-and-17 play on the ensuing series, but Katz completed two passes to pick up a first down. Katz and Lopez then hooked up for a 10-yard gain and a first down at midfield before the pass-and-catch duo connected again for a 45-yard gain to the Bradford 5-yard line. Two plays later, on third-and-goal at the 4, Devon McBride sacked Katz for a 6-yard loss. True North had to settle for a 27-yard Macias field goal, which put the Titans up 10-8 with 1:24 to play in the first quarter.

The Tornados answered again, scoring on a 75-yard drive.



Dae'Jon Shanks leaps over a prone defender on his way to a big rushing gain. Photo by Cliff Smelley.

A 29-yard acrobatic reception by Jordan Cason converted a third-and-11 play and put Bradford at the True North 47. Runs of 17 yards by Shanks and 6 yards by Cliffin resulted in a pair of additional first downs. A 12-yard reception by Cummings and an 8-yard run by Shanks overcame a holding penalty and gave the Tornados first-and-goal at the 9. A pair of Cliffin runs set Shanks up for a 4-yard touchdown run with 6:48 to play in the second quarter. Shanks' successful run on the two-point conversion made the score 16-10.

Bradford forced True North to punt on its next possession, but the Titans would get the ball back when the Tornados' offense fumbled the ball at the Bradford 13. A 5-yard pass play moved True North to the 8. Two plays later, Duke Lewis had a sack that forced a fumble and resulted in an 8-yard loss. Macias kicked a 33-yard field goal to make it a 16-13 game with 58 seconds remaining until halftime.

A 28-yard kickoff return had Bradford starting its next drive at its own 41. A 9-yard run by Jeremiah McKenzie helped the

Tornados pick up a first down before Jyquez Cason caught a 47-yard pass at the True North 1-yard line. Shanks, who rushed for 82 yards on 15 carries, scored on a run from there with four seconds left on the clock. Clark caught Shanks' pass on the two-point conversion to make it 24-13.

The teams combined for just 147 yards of offense in the second half. Each had a chance to score, with the Tornados failing to do so after driving inside the True North 10 to start the second half. A 30-yard reception by Jordan Cason, who finished with two catches for 59 yards, put Bradford at the True North 44, while a pass-interference penalty resulted in a first down at the 35. Shanks had two runs for 11 yards before Cliffin broke free for a 17-yard run to the 7-yard line. The Titans dropped Cliffin for losses on the next two plays and then sacked Shanks for a 10-yard loss. Shanks threw a 20-yard touchdown pass to Cummings in the corner of the end zone, but a penalty for ineligible receiver nullified the score. Shanks made it interesting on fourth-and-goal from the 25, scrambling his way toward the end zone before being tackled at the 1-yard line.

True North threatened to score in the fourth quarter on a drive that began with a 4-yard loss, courtesy of a Clark tackle. The Titans picked up a first down anyway on a 26-yard reception by Lopez to the Bradford 45. True North picked up another 15 yards on a pass play to Reed Ramirez, while a personal-foul facemask penalty on a second-and-18 play left the Titans needing just 1 yard to pick up a

first down, which they did on an 8-yard run by Katz.

An unsportsmanlike-conduct penalty before the next play was snapped gave True North a first-and-goal at the 6. The Titans were then backed up 10 yard for holding and, after an incomplete pass, an additional 5 yards for illegal procedure. Clark sacked Katz for a 14-yard loss, forcing the Titans into third-and-goal from the 35-yard line. Bradford's defense made a tackle for a 4-yard loss on a pass play, which led to True North punting from the 39-yard line.

The Titans had their opportunities as well as several big-yardage plays, but the Tornados made nine tackles behind the line of scrimmage and held True North to minus-12 yards rushing for the game.

"It just shows you the resiliency of our defense," Rodgers said. "We knew coming in they did things that were going to give us trouble."

After True North failed to score, Bradford was able to chew up the final 6:41, mostly due to McKenzie, who lined up at quarterback for most of the final drive's snaps. He had four carries for 21 yards — with three of those runs resulting in first downs — before taking three kneel-downs.

For the game, McKenzie rushed for 46 yards on seven carries. Cliffin finished with 48 yards on 13 carries.

The Tornados close out the regular season with three straight games at home, beginning with playing a Class 3S Lecanto team that is coming off a 35-18 loss to Gulf. The Panthers are 4-3.



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Obituaries

Amanda Altman

Amanda Louise Altman, 38, of Starke departed this life peacefully on Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2023, at Haven Hospice ET York Care in Gainesville. She was born in Jacksonville on Feb. 21, 1985. She could brighten any room and found joy in spending time with her family. She was a "Papa's Girl" who loved her "Papa," her family, and had a special place in her heart for all children. Her caring nature was admired, and her memory will be cherished by those who knew her. In her final days her family was by her side with utmost care, love, and support, and she will be greatly missed. She was preceded in death by her "Nanny," Dorothy Hall Altman.

She leaves behind her "Papa," Donald Leonard Altman Sr. of Starke; brother; Donald "Don" (Debbie) Altman Jr.; natural mother, Rhonda Arnett; half-sister, Christina Bell, and family; along with a large family of aunts, uncles, cousins; and a loving relationship with Derrick Callan and family.

A Celebration of Life was held Monday, Oct. 16, at Bayless Highway Baptist Church with Pastor Mike Conner officiating. The family received friends before the service at the church.

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Arthur Carter

Arthur "A.B." Carter, 82, passed away on Sunday, Oct. 8, 2023, at UF Health Shands in Gainesville. He was born on July 20, 1941, in Waycross, Georgia, to the late Dewey and Elizabeth Carter. Following high school, he dedicated two years of his life to serving in the United States Army. He was proud of his service and a loyal patriot to our country. He met the love of his life, Sylvia Courson, and after a quick courtship, the two were married in 1970. After a string of various jobs, he discovered a career with CSX, where he served as a bridge supervisor. He took great pride in his work, ensuring the safety of railway operations for countless commuters and freight shipments for 28 years. His career took him and Sylvia all over the country. However, in 1996, they settled home in Lake Butler. In addition to his successful career, he found joy in various hobbies and interests. He enjoyed spending time outdoors, engaged in yard work and building wooden creations with his skilled hands. Sports brought him great excitement, particularly football, baseball, and golf. Although he may have had a gruff exterior at times, his true nature shone through his teasing demeanor. Those fortunate enough to know him well bore witness to his big heart and unwavering kindness. He had a special place in his heart for his nieces and nephews, showering them with love and treating them as his own. He was preceded in death by his parents, Dewey and Elizabeth Carter; and his sisters, Onnie Pittman, Gertrude Yancey, Annie Mae Meeks, and Bertha Mae Hickox.

He leaves behind a loving wife of 52 years, Sylvia Carter; his sisters, Helen (Horace) Martin, Josie Drury, and Glenda Portie; along with his brothers-in-law, Ralph (Bonnie) Courson and Alan (Joan) Courson; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The services honoring his life took place on Wednesday, Oct. 11, at Archer-Milton Funeral Home in Lake Butler. The interment ceremony was held at Douglas Cemetery in Lake Butler immediately following the service with military honors.

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Betty Ann Prevatt

Betty Ann Prevatt, 87, was born in 1936 in Jacksonville and passed away peacefully on Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2023, in Gainesville. At a young age, her family relocated from Jacksonville to the family farm in Brooker. She later attended Bradford High School, where she was active in numerous activities, including cheerleading and basketball. She graduated from BHS in 1954 and married Edwin Prevatt the following year. In 1978, she graduated from Rollins College with a degree in business administration and worked as the Director of Human Resources at South Lake Memorial Hospital in Clermont until her retirement. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend whose kindness and quick sense of humor brought joy to the lives of everyone around her. She was an avid tennis fan and enjoyed playing spirited games of cards and dominoes with family and friends. She also enjoyed traveling, often commenting on how fortunate she was to have seen so much of the world. Her Christian faith was very important to her. Throughout her lifetime, she was actively involved in her local church congregation.

She is survived by her husband, Edwin; daughters, Melissa (Bryce) Foulke and Patricia Prevatt (Robert Reinauer); two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. A memorial service honoring her life will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 21, at First Christian Church of Starke. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial gifts be designated to Pulmonary Research at Mayo Clinic - Florida. Gifts can be made out to Mayo Clinic and mailed directly to Mayo Clinic, Department of Development, 4500 San Pablo Road, Jacksonville, FL 32224. Please include a note detailing that the gift is in memory of Ann Prevatt. Alternatively, gifts can be made by calling 855-852-8129, or online by visiting philanthropy.mayoclinic.org/donateMC PAID OBITUARY



Quentin Brown

Quentin Lawrence Brown, 47, of Starke passed away on Sunday, Oct. 15, 2023 at his residence. He was a life-long resident of Starke and was of the Christian faith. He attended the local schools of Bradford County and was employed by AWP Construction.

He is survived by his mother and stepfather, Mohsen and Cynthe Berenjian; daughter, Jessica (Trainor) Clayton; sister, Azar Berenjian; brother, Keyvan (Tania) Berejian; one grandchild; two nieces; goddaughter, Jaliya Frett; godson, Terrell James; a host of cousins; and many friends.

Visitation will be held on Friday, Oct. 20, in the Carl D. Haile Memorial Chapel from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m. Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 21, at Mt. Pisgah AME Church with Pastor Gregory James, eulogist. Interment will be at Oddfellow Cemetery, Starke under the direction of Haile Funeral Home, 802 N. Oak St., Starke. PAID OBITUARY

Doris Groves

Mrs. Doris Groves, 93, formerly of Starke, died Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2023. She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward C. Groves.

Survivors are her children, William (Margie) Groves (Margie), Wayne (Judy) Groves, James (Joy) Groves, and Rebecca Hord; eight grandchildren; and many extended family members.

Services were held Saturday, Oct. 14, at DeWitt C. Jones Chapel. Interment followed at Dyal Cemetery.

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Shirley Wheeler

Shirley Wheeler, 82, of Lake Butler passed away peacefully on Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2023, at Haven Hospice in Lake City. Born on July 7, 1941, in Columbus, Georgia to the late Homer and Lois Shelnut, she led a joyful and fulfilling life that was dedicated to her family. Throughout her life, she found immense joy in being a loving wife and mother. She shared 36 beautiful years of marriage with her devoted husband, William "Bill" Wheeler Sr. Their bond was strong and served as an inspiration to all who knew them.

Her nurturing and caring nature extended beyond her marriage as she raised three incredible children. She found enjoyment in traveling, with her favorite destination being Biloxi. Whether it was a solo road trip or a getaway with family and friends, she reveled in the experiences that traveling brought into her life. Shirley was also an active member of the Lake Butler Church of Christ. She is preceded in death by her parents, Homer and Lois Shelnut; and her husband, William "Bill" Wheeler Sr.

She is survived by her children, Audie Alan (Emily) Wheeler of High Springs, Kathleen Hope (Mark) Redd of Brooker, and William "Bill" (Karen) Wheeler Jr. of High Springs; her grandchildren: Audie (Kaitlyn) Wheeler, Samantha (Alex) Dobosiewicz, Mark Redd Jr., Laura Redd, Kyle (Katie) Wheeler, and Brandon (Stacy) Wheeler; great-grandchildren: Adley, A.J., Donovan, Ava, Corie, Cole, Garrison, Gavin, and Declan; along with a host of nieces and nephews.

The services honoring her memory were held on Saturday, Oct. 14, at Newnansville Cemetery in Alachua. The visitation began at 11 a.m., followed by a graveside service. The service was officiated by Brother Brian Reagan.

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Angie O'Steen

Angie Marie O'Steen, 56, of Starke, passed away on Thursday, Oct. 12, 2023, at St. Vincent's Hospital Clay County after a brief illness. She was born in Gainesville on May 16, 1967, to the late James and Erma Blanton. She was an outgoing and vibrant individual who never met a stranger. Her joyous and bubbly personality illuminated the lives of those around her. She had a zest for life and embraced every moment with enthusiasm and positivity. Her warm and welcoming nature made everyone feel valued and loved. She was a dedicated medical records clerk with RMC. She loved her job and the people she worked with. In her free time, she cherished spending time with her family. Being surrounded by her loved ones brought her immeasurable happiness. She was preceded in death by her parents, James and Erma Blanton; and sister, Sheri Archer.

She is survived by her husband of 38 years, James O'Steen of Starke; their daughters, Jeannie O'Steen of Lawtey and Heather Jones of Starke; grandchildren, Devon O'Steen, Dalton Griffis, Hailey Griffis, and Zayden Geistlinger; brothers, James Blanton of Starke and Ricky Blanton of Atlanta, Georgia; as well as her special niece, Crystal Johnston; along with a host of nieces and nephews.

To honor her, a visitation was held at Archer-Milton Funeral Home on Monday, Oct. 16, followed immediately by the funeral service. She was laid to rest at Antioch Baptist Cemetery after the service.

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Tigers to play for district volleyball title

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Union County High School's volleyball team will play for the District 6-1A championship after defeating third seed Bell 3-0 (25-23, 26-24, 25-23) in an Oct. 17 semifinal match.

The second seed Tigers (11-11) will play top seed Branford (21-4) on Thursday, Oct. 19, at 7 p.m. at Branford.

Stats weren't available by deadline.

Union entered the tournament off a 3-1 (25-22, 12-25, 26-24, 25-23) win over visiting Suwannee to close out the regular season on Oct. 12.

Jailyn Simmons and Layla Barber had 19 and 12 kills, respectively, while Rylie Parrish had eight. Indi Knox added seven kills.

Simmons also had eight blocks, with Parrish adding four.

Kamryn Southerland and Jordan Hendricks had 20 and 18 assists, respectively. Southerland also had 15 digs, while Hendricks had six.

Jurney Crim led the team in digs with 27. Barber had 15, while Bella Johns had seven.

BHS volleyball team falls in district semis

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Bradford High School's volleyball team dropped two straight sets in losing to second seed Interlachen 3-2 (13-25, 25-21, 21-25, 26-24, 15-13) in the semifinals of the District 3-3A tournament on Oct. 17 in Starke.

The third seed Tornadoes (6-11) led 17-10 in the first set before scoring six straight points with Rylie Blankenship serving, getting two blocks and a kill from Ar'Nayshia Griffin and Blankenship also had an ace to help put Bradford just two points away from winning the set.

Interlachen (15-4) built a 14-4 lead en route to winning the second set by just four points.

Bradford trailed at one point in the third set, but scored four straight points with Griffin serving to go up 14-13. Ajjiah

Jackson had a kill during that span, while Kencie Wainwright tipped the ball over the net for another point.

Reagan Harris had a kill late in the set to help the Tornadoes take a 2-1 lead.

Harris and Harli Mosley had kills late in the fourth set, but the Rams were able to win on a Bradford error.

A Jackson kill forced side-out, setting up Blankenship to serve with the Tornadoes trailing 14-13 in the fifth set. Interlachen recorded a kill to end the match.

Raelynn Moore had 38 assists, with Jackson recording nine kills. Griffin and Mosley each had eight kills, while Harris had seven. Wainwright added five kills.

Blankenship had 38 digs, while Kinley Burkhalter and Harris had 19 and 17, respectively. Kendall Shanks added 10 digs.

Griffin led the team in blocks with seven, while Jackson had four.

Moore had four service aces, while Blankenship and Griffin each had two.

Tornadoes win 3-1 in quarters

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Raelynn Moore tallied 35 assists, with Ajjiah Jackson recording a team-high 12 kills in the Bradford High School volleyball team's 3-1 (25-21, 25-20, 23-25, 25-13) win over sixth seed Taylor County in a District 3-3A tournament quarterfinal match on Oct. 16 in Starke.

It was a one-point game early in the first set before Bradford scored three straight points with Rylie Blankenship serving.

Blankenship had an ace during that span to put the Tornadoes up 6-2. Bradford would hold a 4-5-point lead for most of the match. With a 22-20 lead, the Tornadoes scored two points with Moore serving. One point came off a Jackson kill set up by Moore.

Kencie Wainwright ended the set with a tip for the 25-21 final.

The second set was close throughout. With Bradford clinging to a 22-19 lead, Jackson blocked a Bulldogs attack as part of a two-point span with Wainwright serving. The Tornadoes eventually won on a Taylor service error.

Taylor (7-12) scored eight of the first 11 points of the third set and later led 24-20 when Bradford made it a little interesting, scoring three straight points. Reagan Harris, who was serving, had two aces, while another point was scored off a Ar'Nayshia Griffin block.

Harli Mosley had two kills during a five-point stretch with Moore serving as Bradford took a 6-1 lead in the fourth set. Jackson recorded a kill as well as a block that led to an eventual point during a four-point span with Wainwright serving, making the score 11-4.

Moore had three service points late in the set to put the Tornadoes ahead 24-11. Moore then recorded the assist on a Jackson kill that ended the match. Wainwright finished with seven kills, while Harris and Mosley each had six. Harris also had a team-high four aces.

Griffin and Jackson had four and three blocks, respectively, while Blankenship led the team in digs with 38.

Kendall Shanks and Kinley Burkhalter added 14 and nine digs, respectively.

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Tigers fall 28-0 to defending state champion Hawthorne

BY ANTONIO HENDERSON
Special to the Telegraph-Times Monitor

Union County High School's defense held the normally high-scoring Hawthorne Hornets to just 14 points through most of the game, but the Tigers couldn't put any scores on the board in a 28-0 loss to the number-two team in the Florida High School Athletic Association's Class 1R power rankings on Oct. 13 in Hawthorne.

The Hornets (7-0), who entered the game averaging 42 points per game, scored twice in the game's final six minutes.

Union (3-3), which travels to play Santa Fe on Friday, Oct. 20, at 7:30 p.m., received the ball first and was gifted 5 yards on the first play of the game when the Hornets were penalized for being offside. Running back Thomas Williams, after being stopped for no gain, ran for 3 yards to make it third-and-2. Hawthorne's stingy defense, which is allowing eight points per game, was looking for a three-and-out, but the Tigers went to big back Johnnie Nichols, who broke a couple of tackles for a 5-yard gain and a first down. A flag for unnecessary roughness added 15 yards to Nichols' run.

The Tigers went back to Williams on back-to-back plays, but the Hawthorne defense was on him, stopping him for no gain on each carry. On third-and-10, quarterback Trenton Klein threw to Gavin Jenkins for a 6-yard gain. Union decided not to go for it and got a great punt from Deonte Jones. The ball was downed at the Hawthorne 5-yard line.

Running back Keenon Johnson broke for an 8-yard gain on Hawthorne's first play. Quarterback C.J. Ingram then threw a pass to a wide-open Andrew Zock for 25 yards. The Hornets went back to Johnson for a 5-yard gain before handing it off to Alvon Isaac for a 7-yard gain. A flag for holding, however, resulted in Hawthorne having a second-and-15 play.

Union's Jimmy Cox, who sat out three games due to injury, tried to get the defense going with a big tackle for no gain. The Hornets went back to the air, with Mathew McKinley-Daniels making a catch for 16 yards. Ingram then recovered a high snap, but Brycen Boney and Blake McCoy made a great tackle for a 5-yard loss. Klein came up with a tackle on third down to make it fourth-and-2.

Hawthorne's offense stayed on the field, with Ingram calling his own number for a 4-yard gain.

The Hornets were penalized for a false start on the next play. Union's Anthony Holmes then stuffed the hole as Hawthorne gained just 3 yards on a run play. Isaac gained 8 yards to set up third-and-4. The Tigers held the Hornets to no gain, but Hawthorne went for it on fourth-and-2 at the start of the second quarter. Ingram completed a pass to Johnson, who was tackled by a host of Tigers. A penalty for a late hit, however, gave Hawthorne a first down. Johnson then went right up the middle for a 10-yard touchdown. The Hornets added the extra point for a 7-0 lead with 11:40 to play in the second quarter.

Union's offense couldn't get anything going and punted back to the Hornets. Hawthorne went back to workhorse Johnson, but a host of Tigers stopped him for a 1-yard gain. Caleb Rollerson made an 8-yard catch before Johnson picked up a first down on a 1-yard run. Isaac and Johnson each had 2-yard runs to set up third-and-6 with 5:52 remaining until halftime. Ingram threw a hitch to McKinley-Daniels, who broke a tackle and took it 30

yards for a touchdown and a 14-0 lead after the extra point.

A short punt later set Hawthorne up at the Union 32. An 8-yard catch by Isaac was called back for a block in the back. On first-and-20, Ingram overthrew a wide-open Darian Bowie with 51 seconds left in the half. The Hornets' quarterback tried to go deep again, but Dayquan Diston broke up a pass intended for McKinley-Daniels. Ingram tried to scramble out of the pocket on third down, but was forced out of bounds for just a 2-yard gain. An incomplete pass on fourth down resulted in a turnover on downs.

The Tigers tried to run the ball up the middle, but a fumble was recovered by Hawthorne with 19 seconds on the clock.

Jenkins broke up a pass on the following series to help keep it a 14-0 game at the half.

Hawthorne had the ball first in the second half, but after a 15-yard catch by Rollerson, the Hornets fumbled the snap, with the Tigers recovering.

Klein called his own number, trying to get the offense rolling with a run of 9 yards. The Tigers tried to keep it on the ground with Williams, but he was held to no gain, making it third-and-1. Williams got another attempt,

but the Hawthorne defense was ready, making another tackle for no gain. Union decided to go for it on fourth down, with Klein rushing for 7 yards and a first down.

Three plays later, Hawthorne was penalized for pass interference, giving the Tigers another first down. Drew Simmons got his turn to run the ball, but he was held to a 1-yard gain. Klein then had two carries of 5 yards each for another first down.

Williams followed with a 5-yard gain of his own before Bobo Woodall was held to no gain. Klein threw a 12-yard pass to Woodall to keep the promising drive going. The next two plays, however, resulted in no yards. After an incomplete pass, the Tigers decided to go for it on fourth-and-10, but another incompletion gave the ball to the Hornets.

Union's next offensive series, which began in the fourth quarter, started with a 6-yard gain by Klein. Two plays later, Simmons was held to a 1-yard gain, setting up fourth-and-3. The Tigers went for it, with Klein passing to McCoy for a 6-yard gain and a first down. An unsportsmanlike-

conduct penalty after the play backed Union up 15 yards. The Tigers couldn't get anything going on the next three plays and punted with 9:19 to play.

Again, the Tigers' offense got the ball back after the defense forced another three-and-out. Klein rushed for 6 yards before going deep to Jenkins for a 40-yard pass play. The next play, however, was an interception in the end zone by Hawthorne's Jordin Fluellen.

The Hornets' Johnson broke loose for an 80-yard touchdown with 6:18 to play. With the extra point, Hawthorne led 21-0.

Union turned the ball over on downs on its next drive. The Hawthorne offense then got catches of 30 and 4 yards by Isaac. Ingram went Isaac's way again for a 20-yard touchdown with one minute remaining.

Klein led the Tigers in rushing with 55 yards on eight carries. He completed 8 of 21 passes for 107 yards, with Jenkins making three receptions for 59 yards.

McCoy caught three passes for 36 yards.

Klein also led the defense in tackles with nine. Nichols and Ashton Newsom each had five tackles.

Indians' comeback falls short in 41-21 loss to Panthers

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Telegraph Times Monitor
General Manager

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—Keystone Heights (3-4) scored 14 unanswered points in the fourth quarter, but that was not enough to overcome a 34-point deficit, and the Indians fell to District 6-2S opponent Palatka (6-1) 41-21 on Oct. 13 in Palatka.

Palatka scored in the game's opening drive, going 63 yards in four plays, with Tommy Offord connecting with Trenton Williams on a 29-yard touchdown pass. Gage White's extra point put the Panthers up by 7.

With 8:52 left in the second period, the Panthers took over on the Indian 25 after Keystone went for it on fourth-and-4 from the 50, and the Indian snap sailed to the right, beyond the outstretched arms of quarterback Baylor Ford.

A 22-yard run by Palatka's Cartaveon Valentine advanced the ball to the 3, where Offord finished the drive with a 3-yard run. The PAT gave the home team a 14-0 lead with eight minutes left in the half.

Palatka took advantage of another Indian miscue during the ensuing drive when the visitors muffed a handoff exchange, and Palatka recovered the ball on the Indian 20. Four plays later, Justin Fells scored on a 6-yard run, and Palatka was up by 21 with 6:44 left in the half.

The Panthers returned the favor on Palatka's next possession, losing the ball on a bad snap. Keystone's Jayden Goodman came up with the ball, and five

plays later, Cartez Daniels scored on a 5-yard rush. Tyler Sapp's extra point allowed the visitors to close the gap to 21-7 at the half.

Three consecutive plays in the third quarter resulted in disaster for the Indians, from which they never recovered.

After recovering a Palatka fumble on the Panther 38, Keystone drove to the Panther 9 and tried three consecutive runs by Daniels that got the offense to the 2. On fourth-and-goal, Ford attempted a quarterback sneak, but the Palatka defense held, and the Panthers took over. Two plays later, Valentine broke free for a 98-yard gallop, putting Palatka ahead 28-7 after the extra point and resulting in a 14-point swing in one minute.

The Panthers put 13 more on the scoreboard in the next eight minutes. An unsuccessful two-point conversion was the only good news coming from the end of quarter 3 through the first half of the final period.

Keystone put together a nine-play, 68-yard drive in the fourth quarter following substantial substitutions by both squads. Quarterback Jackson Parmeter hit Zane Leger on an 18-yard pass to pull the Indians within 28.

Errant snaps and dropped passes plagued the Indians all night, and on Keystone's two-point conversion attempt following the Parmeter-to-Leger score, a bad snap struck again. This time, Parmeter scooped up the ball and hit Andru Siemer in the end zone, cutting Palatka's lead to 41-15 with 3:51 left in the

game.

After Palatka lost another fumble, Keystone took over on its own 44, and Parmeter struck gold again, this time finding Wyatt Van Zant for a 43-yard touchdown pass. The Indians' two-point conversion attempt failed, leading to a final of 41-21. Parmeter finished 4 of 7 for 65

yards, while Ford was 4 of 11 for 34 yards.

Siemer caught four passes for 41 yards, while Van Zant finished with the one catch for 43 yards.

After the game, Coach Steve Reynolds spent extra time talking to his squad in what appeared to be an animated lecture at midfield.



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When asked what he told the team, Reynolds responded, "I told them I loved them, and that's not going to change if it's 41 to 21 or if it's 21 to 41."

"Whether we win or lose," he continued, "it's about teaching them to deal with adversity and serve each other. That's the goal. To get them to learn those things."

Keystone's Friday, Oct. 20, game against Pierson Taylor has been called off. Reynolds said the Volusia County school canceled the remainder of its schedule after the injury-plagued team ran out of players.

The Indians will return to action with a home game against Joshua Christian Academy on Friday, Oct. 27, at 7:30 p.m.

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BRADFORD

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO: 04-2023-CP-047
PROBATE DIVISION
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF DORIS LEE SANDBERG, DECEASED.

FORMAL NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of DORIS LEE SANDBERG deceased, whose date of death was January 29, 2022, is pending in the Circuit Court For Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 631 W Lafayette Street, Starke, FL 32091 to-wit:

Lots 25, 26, 27, 28, 37, 38, 39 and 40 of Block 3, in Dowling's Addition to Towa of Starke, in Section 29, Township 6 South, Range 22 East. Parcel Number: 03837-C-2500

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 DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is August 3, 2023.

Marcella D. Thomas
Personal Representative
CHARLES DANIEL SIKES
817 W. MacMahon Street
Starke, Florida 32091
Email: dan.sikes30@gmail.com
(904) 964-2020
Florida Bar No: 0886858
Attorney for Petitioner

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

CASE NO: 04-2023-CP-035
PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF THOMAS W. BARKER, DECEASED.

FORMAL NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of THOMAS W. BARKER deceased, whose date of death was November 22, 2022, is pending in the Circuit Court For Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 4824 North West 179th Street, Starke, FL 32091, to-wit:
Parcel Number: 02229-0-00600 (7928) HX HB

A parcel of land lying in the SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Section 17, Township 6 South, Range 22 East Bradford County, Florida, and being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the intersection of the Westerly boundary of the right of way of State Road 16 and the Northerly boundary of the right of way of a county road and run thence West along said Northerly boundary a distance of 501.26 feet to a point, said point being 911.2 feet Easterly of the SW corner of said SE 1/4 of NW 1/4; run thence North a distance of 456.04 feet to a point; run thence North 89 deg 58 min 30 sec West a distance of 250 feet to an iron stake for point of beginning. From point of beginning thus described continue West a distance of 110 feet to an iron stake; run thence North 175 feet to an iron stake; run thence South 89 deg 58 min 30 sec East 110 feet to an iron stake; run thence South 175 feet to the Point of Beginning.

SUBJECT TO taxes for the year 1987 and all subsequent years, easements, restrictions and covenants of record if any.

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

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NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY

CLAIM TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is September 14, 2023.

Virginia Anderson
Personal Representative
CHARLES DANIEL SIKES
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Starke, Florida 32091
Email: dan.sikes30@gmail.com
(904) 964-2020
Florida Bar No: 0886858
Attorney for Petitioner

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION

FILE NO.: 23-CP-000081

IN RE: ESTATE OF JOSEPH WOLFE LAPLANTE DECEASED.

NOTICE OF ACTION (Formal Notice by Publication)

TO: All known and unknown heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, or all others who may have an interest in the above estate:

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a Petition to Appoint Administrator Ad Litem and a Petition for Administration has been filed in this court. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, on petitioner's attorney, whose name and address are:

L. Michael Maddox, Esq
2119 Riverside Ave
Jacksonville, Florida 32204

on or before 10/30/2023, and to file the original of the written defenses with the clerk of this court either before service or immediately thereafter. Failure to serve and file written defenses as required may result in a judgment or order for relief demanded, without further notice.

Dated on Sept. 5th, 2023.
Denny Thompson
As Clerk of the Court
BY: Tasher Allen
As Deputy Clerk

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RE-NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Notice is hereby given that RB TAX INVESTMENTS LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate Number: 1029
Year of Issuance: 2021
Parcel Number: 06230-B-03000
Case Number: 04-2023-TD-0016
Description of Property: A parcel of land located in the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of Section 12, Township 9 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida, locally referred to as Lot Thirty (30) of an unrecorded plat of "SEMINOLE RIDGE, UNIT NO. 2" and more particularly described on attached Exhibit "A and by this reference made a part hereof.

EXHIBIT "A"

A parcel of land located in the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of Section 12, Township 9 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida, locally referred to as Lot Thirty (30) of an unrecorded plat of "SEMINOLE RIDGE, UNIT NO. 2" and more particularly described as follows:

Commence at a concrete monument located at the Southeast corner of said Section 12 and run thence North 06° 22'43" East along the section line a distance of 814.56 feet to a concrete monument; thence run South 89°55'00" West a distance of 1015.50 feet to a concrete monument; thence run North 14°14'19" East a distance of 522.41 feet to a concrete monument; thence run North 04°54'33" East a distance of 342.71 feet to a concrete monument; thence run North 83°59'45" West a distance of 417.41 feet to a concrete monument; thence run due West a distance of 175.68 feet to a concrete monument; thence run South 82°40'00" West a distance of 72.12 feet to a point; thence run South 16°26'17" West a distance of 82.45 feet to a point for the Point of Beginning. From this Point of Beginning continue South 16°26'17" West a distance of 82.45 feet to a point; thence run North 87°30'13" West a distance of 234.8 feet to a concrete monument; thence run North 21°11'13" West a distance of 87.60 feet to a concrete monument; thence run South 87°30'13" East a distance of 295.30 feet to the Point of Beginning.

TOGETHER WITH any and all water, riparian and littoral rights thereunto appertaining or in anywise belonging. Name in Which Assessed:

CHRISTOPHER G R CHIAPPINI

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 11/8/2023, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.

Denny Thompson, Clerk Of The Circuit Court

Bradford County, Florida

BY: LISA BRANNON, Deputy Clerk

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

DATED: October 3, 2023

DATE OF PUBLICATION: OCTOBER 5, 2023; OCTOBER 12, 2023; OCTOBER 19, 2023; OCTOBER 26, 2023

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO.: 04-2023-CP-000101

In re: THE ESTATE OF SONDRA HOWELL BLAKE, also known as SONDR A BLAKE

Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Sondra Howell Blake, also known as Sondra Blake, deceased, whose date of death was August 10, 2023, and whose Social Security Number is ***-**-5499, is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Bradford County Courthouse, 945 N Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida 32091. The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE 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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NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD 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 October 12, 2023.

Personal Representative:
Ronald E. Blake
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Keystone Heights, Florida 32656
Attorneys for Personal Representative:
TAYLOR ARRUBA HARDWICK P. A.

By /s/Jennifer T. Arrubla
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352-473-8161 (facsimile)

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NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA CLAY COUNTY

In The District Court
EVA D. ERWIN, and ELJAH B. ERWIN, vs. SETH MICAH NORVIEL and JENNIFER INEZ CONE NORVIEL

CLAY COUNTY FILE NUMBER 23 CVD 163

TO: DEFENDANT JENNIFER INEZ CONE NORVIEL:

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed on September 6, 2023, in the above-intituled action. That nature of the relief being sought is custody of the minor children that are the subject of this action by the plaintiffs.

You may obtain a copy of the civil summons, domestic civil action cover sheet, servicemembers declaration, and verified complaint from the Clerk of Superior Court in Clay County, Hayesville, North Carolina.

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than December 1, 2023, and upon your failure to do so the plaintiffs will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This, the 10th day of October, 2023, By:

William R. Shilling
Attorney at Law
PO Box 677
Murphy, NC 28906
NC Bar # 33073

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

CASE NO: 04-2023-CP-0088

IN RE: The Estate of: DAVID LEE HODGES, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of DAVID LEE HODGES, deceased, File Number 04-2023-CP-0088, is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 945 North Temple Ave., (P.O. Drawer B), Starke, Florida 32091. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmaturing, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

The date of first publication of this Notice is October 19, 2023.

Attorney for Personal Representative: JONATHAN H. GOODMAN, ESQ.
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1377 Cassat Avenue
Jacksonville, Florida 32205
(904) 389-1346
Personal Representative:
Martin D. Kickliter
1007 Rowbarton Court
Hendersonville, TN 37075

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Ron Denmark Mini Storage will hold a public auction on 11/3/23 10:00am at 2117 N. Temple Ave. Starke, FL on the following units containing personal items:

#117 - Belonging to M. Lynn
#13 & 28 - Belonging to S. Douglas
#110 - Belonging to V. Atkinson
#44 - Belonging to R. Bruce
#39 - Belonging to V. Seelye
#155 - Belonging to C. Simpson
#134 & 144 - Belonging to S. Wilkinson

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To: All Interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

This is to give notice that the City of Starke has determined that the following proposed action under the Florida Department of Commerce Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program from the Federal Fiscal Year 2021-2022 is in the 100-year floodplain. The City of Starke will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the floodplain and the potential impacts on the floodplain from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on

Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands.

The proposed activity is the replacement of deteriorated water mains with safer more durable PVC water mains within the City of Starke, which is the County seat of Bradford County, Florida. The project will also involve installing fire hydrants in the same area that is served by the replaced water mains. The proposed water line replacement and fire hydrant activities (Addressed Need) will take place in Service Area #1 which includes the Old Lawley Road and E. Brownlee Street area. The replaced water line will extend from Oak Street along Brownlee Road in an eastward direction for 1240 LF to Old Lawley Road. From there the line will extend northward for 1275 LF along Old Lawley Road to Crum Street. The fire hydrants will be located on the replaced water lines and at street intersections within the service area. The proposed locations are: (Oak Steet/North Street; Pine Street/Floida Street; Keller Street/North Street; Old Lawley Road/Crosby Street; Keller Street/Brownlee Street; Pine Street/Brownlee Street; Oak Street/Crosby Street). The area of benefit for these improvements is bounded by Oak Street to the west, Old Lawley Road to the east, Pecan Tree Apartments to the south and North Street and Crum Street to the north. A portion of this area is located in the 100-year flood zone. After the water line and fire hydrant activities are completed, and if funds are available the City will use grant funds to install up to 54 water meters in Service Area 1. Also, the City will install one fire hydrant at the intersection of Crum Street and Old Lawley Road, which is Service Area #2 and is also in the floodplain. The construction activities will impact approximately .01 acres of flood prone area. The replaced water lines will be located 3 to 5 feet underground in the public right of way next to existing streets that are already in the floodplain, and thus are expected to have little if any impact on existing drainage patterns.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains/wetlands and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the floodplain, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate impacts. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplains can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains/wetlands, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments may be mailed to Scott Roberts, Mayor, C/O Russell A. Mullins, City Manager, at 209 N. Thompson Street, Starke, FL 32091, or delivered to the Starke City Hall which is located at the same address on or before November 7, 2023. Comments may also be submitted by email to: dmullins@cityofstarke.org. Additional information may be obtained by contacting: Russell A. Mullins, City Manager at (904) 964-5027.

Scott Roberts, Mayor and Environmental Certifying Official
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SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING
The City of Starke Commission will hold a Special Commission Meeting on October 31, 2023 at 5:30 pm. The meeting will be held at 209 North Thompson Street in Starke in the Commission Room. Public participation is encouraged.

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NEW RIVER BOARD MEETING
The New River Community Health Center Board of Directors will meet Thursday, October 26, 2023 at the Community State Bank Board Room, 811 South Walnut Street, Starke, FL 32091 from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:
301 Legacy Auto LLC gives notice that on 10/31/23 at 09:00 AM the following vehicle(s) may be sold by public sale at 13168 US HWY 301 S., Starke, FL 32091 to satisfy the lien for any amount owed on each vehicle for any recovery, towing, or storage services charges and administrative fees allowed.

2016 Ford 1FTEW1CP9GKE76667
This notification is published in BRADFORD COUNTY TELEGRAPH on 10/19/2023

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
To satisfy the owner's storage lien, KO Storage LLC will sell at public lien sale on November 14, 2023. The personal property in the below-listed units, which may include but are not limited to: Household goods, boxes/totes/bags, clothing, bedding, tools and toys. The public sale of these items will begin at 10AM on November 07, 2023 and end at 10AM on November 14, 2023. The public sale will take place on www.storage-treasures.com.

KO Storage of Starke - S Walnut St, 1650 South Walnut Street, Starke FL

32091, (952) 314-7121
Time: 10:00AM CST
A48, Wallace, Marisa, A49, Starling, Lynn, A56, Adams, Liz, A68, Adams, Liz, B04, Atkinson, Jeffery, B10, Frantz, Kimberly, B47, Schell, Debra, B52, Barton, Susan, B64, Adams, Liz, B65, Adams, Liz, C05, Schell, Debra
Public sale terms, rules, and regulations will be made available on www.storage-treasures.com. All sales are subject to cancellation. We reserve the right to refuse any bid. Payment must be by credit/debit card, we do not accept checks or cash. Buyers must secure the units with their own personal locks. To claim tax-exempt status, original RESALE certificates for each space purchased is required. By KO Storage LLC, 10301 Wayzata Blvd, Minnetonka, MN 55305. (952)-314-7121.

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UNION

County Court
Bradford County

Case No.: 04-2004-CC-0297
Campus USA Credit Union
Plaintiff

VS
Carrie Ann Godsmark,
As Individual
AKA Carrie Ann Young
Defendant

AMENDED
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Writ of Execution issued in the County Court of Bradford County, Florida, on the 17th day of April, 2023 in the cause wherein CAMPUS USA CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff, and Carrie Ann Godsmark, Defendant, being Case number: 04-2004-CC-0297, in said court, I, Brad Whitehead as Sheriff of Union County, Florida, have levied upon all the right, title and interest of the Defendant, Carrie Ann Godsmark in and to the following described personal property, to-wit:

2018 Ford F150, Color: Red
VIN: 1FTEW1C53JFA88655

I shall offer this property for sale at 55 West Main Street, Room 102, County of Union, Florida, on Thursday, November 2nd, 2023 at 10:00AM, or as soon thereafter as possible. I will offer for sale all the said Defendant's, Carrie Ann Godsmark right, title, and interest in the aforesaid personal property, at public auction and will sell the same, subject to taxes, all prior liens, encumbrances and judgments, if any, to the highest and best bidder for CASH IN HAND plus Florida sales tax if appropriate. The monies received through the levy on sale will be paid as prescribed by Fla. Stat. 56.27 and in accordance with the American with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding shall contact the individual or agency sending notice not later than seven days prior to the proceeding at the address given on notice. Union County Sheriff's Office 386-496-2501

Brad Whitehead, As Sheriff of Union County, Florida
By: Lieutenant B. Miller
Deputy Sheriff

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

Case No.: 63-2023-CP-0034

IN RE: ESTATE OF LEON SHADD, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of LEON SHADD, deceased, is pending in the Circuit Court for the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Union County, Florida, the address of which is 55 West Main Street, Lake Butler, FL 32054. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD 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 October 12th, 2023.

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Telephone: 386.496.9656
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KHHS boys team earns top-10 finish at New World

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Ryder Thomas placed 14th out of 283 runners, helping the Keystone Heights High School boys cross-country team to an eighth-place team finish in the Open Boys division at the Oct. 14 New World Fall Spectacular, which was held at New World



Ryder Thomas led the Keystone boys team with a 14th-place finish. File photo by Cliff Smelley.

Keystone Heights High School's boys golf team set a school record with a team score of 146 in an Oct. 10 win over Ridgeview. Pictured (l-r) are Ty Mitzel, Connor Guy, Coach Ryan Begue, Alex Addington and Nick Binet. Photo provided courtesy of Begue.

KHHS boys golf team sets a school record

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

"Make it happen."
The Keystone Heights High School boys golfers did just what Coach Ryan Begue told them to do, breaking a 40-plus-year school record with a team score of 146 (two over par) in a win over visiting Class 2A Ridgeview on Oct. 10.

Keystone, which finished 47 strokes ahead of Ridgeview, got a total of eight birdies from its top four individuals, including five from Connor Guy. Guy, who also made par on two holes, was the low-score medalist, shooting a personal record of 33 (three under par).

After posting a team score of 152 a couple of times more than a month ago, Begue asked Athletic Director Chuck Dickinson if that score was a school record. Dickinson contacted former coach Wayne Geiger, who said he had a team finish with a score of 148 in a one-stroke win over Gainesville in the late 1970s.

Begue told his top four players prior to the Ridgeview match that it was their last chance during the regular season to try to break a record they were four strokes away from. It would be the last-ever attempt for seniors Guy, Alex Addington and Nick Binet prior to 18-hole match postseason play (the younger players will participate in one last regular-season match prior to the District 3-1A tournament).

Considering the weather was good on Oct. 10 and the potential of the players, why not break the

record? Begue told his players, "Teams like this don't come around a lot."

In other words, "Make it happen."

Keystone (13-5) took the top four individual spots against Ridgeview. Addington, who had a birdie and made par on seven holes, finished three strokes behind Guy, while Ty Mitzel shot a third-place score of 37. Mitzel had a birdie and made par on six holes.

Binet, who had a birdie and made par on five holes, shot a 40 for fourth place.

Begue said he was happy knowing that the players now have something to look back and talk about throughout their adult lives.

"I know how much good memories mean," Begue said.

The Indians' Hunter Sheppard and Will Begue also played against Ridgeview. Sheppard, who had a birdie, placed seventh with a score of 46, while Begue had a ninth-place score of 49. Each player made par on two holes.

The Indians will play in the District 3-1A tournament on Monday, Oct. 23, at 9 a.m. at Quail Heights in Lake City. Keystone's top-four players are among the top six in the entire district, which consists of Bradford, Branford, Lafayette, Madison County, Peniel Baptist, St. Joseph, Taylor County and Union County.

Keystone will be aiming for its third straight district title.

Golf in Jacksonville.

The Open Boys division consisted of 29 teams. Keystone placed behind Oakleaf, Matanzas, Deltona, St. Joseph, Stanton, Seabreeze and North Marion.

Thomas posted a time of 17:50 to lead the Indians, who also got a 25th-place time of 18:15 from Tyler Griffin. Also earning points were Anthony Peak with a 48th-place time of 19:04, Bryce Huntley with an 82nd-place time of 19:54 and Hunter Sheppard with a 98th-place time of 20:23.

Kipton Spence also placed in the top of the half of the field with a 134th-place time of 21:15.

Also running for Keystone were Jason Paredes 21:23, Mason Gray 22:48, Hunter Gray 23:11, Eli Rabe 26:11 and Oliver Miller 26:12.

Olivia Griffin placed 85th out of 252 in the Elite Girls race, finishing with a time of 21:02.

The Indians had nine compete in the Open Girls race, led by Melody Tyre, who placed 71st out of 92 with a time of 25:32.

Alonah Neeld placed in the top half of the field with an 88th-place time of 26:23.

Keystone placed 14th out of 17th teams, with the following runners also earning points: Cali Chamberlain with a 108th-place time of 26:58, Brook Graudons with a 124th-place time of 28:15 and Ella Hutchins with a 131st-place time of 28:45.

Also running were Kirsten Lavin 29:33, Madilyn Miller 29:36, Schiley Starling 31:29 and Clara Beth Robinson 31:52.



LBMS Tigers finish inaugural golf season

Lake Butler Middle School participated in the sport of golf for the first time ever this year, with the inaugural team going 4-2. Coach George Green, a 1993 Union County High School alumnus and current criminal-justice teacher at UCHS, said players have learned basic golf etiquette and how to score the match as well as the skills of the game. "This will make a great feeder program for the (UCHS) varsity team as we strive to make Union County a powerhouse in this amazing sport," Green said. Pictured (l-r) are Green, Timothy Spires, Jayce Sanders, Sophia Elixson, Jaxton Poirot, Hunter Fender, Eric Hall and Wade Christie. Photo provided courtesy of Green.



NCA hosts Dink Pink tournament for cancer awareness

Northside Christian Academy's volleyball program hosted its annual Dink Pink cancer-awareness tournament on Oct. 13. Thanks to donations by participating teams Hope Christian, Corinth Christian and Cedar Key as well as money collected from admissions and concessions, a check for \$1,000 was presented to Bob Lynch, who is pictured in the center with his wife, Rose. Lynch is standing next to (l-r) Hope players Carly Beggs and Addyson Wilson and Northside players Brooklyn Cooper and Rosalea Norman.

Legal Notices

Legals for the week of Oct. 19, 2023

UNION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 63-2022-CA-000024 U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE OF LSRMF MH MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST II, Plaintiff,

vs. JENNIFER DAWN SOUTHERLAND, et al., Defendant.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered

August 24, 2023 in Civil Case No. 63-2022-CA-000024 of the Circuit Court of the EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT in and for Union County, Lake Butler, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE OF LSRMF MH MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST II is Plaintiff and Jennifer Dawn Southerland, et al., are Defendants, the Clerk of Court, Kellie Hendricks Rhoades, CPA, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash Union County Courthouse, 55 West Main Street, Front Lobby, Lake Butler, FL, 32054 in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes on the 9th day of November, 2023 at 11:00 AM on the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit: A PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINING A TOTAL AREA OF 10.4 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LYING, BEING AND SITUATE IN THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 19 EAST, UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA, MORE

PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT A FOUND 4 INCH SQUARE CONCRETE MONUMENT (NOT LABELED) IDENTIFYING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 9, AND RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 48 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 9, A DISTANCE OF 1029.05 FEET TO A FOUND 4 INCH SQUARE CONCRETE MONUMENT (LABELED B.R. WATTLES, RLS 1443), AND TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED PARCEL OF LAND; THENCE RUN SOUTH 04 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 14 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 684.70 FEET TO A FOUND 4 INCH SQUARE CONCRETE MONUMENT (NOT LABELED); THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 22 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 661.01 FEET TO A FOUND 4 INCH SQUARE CONCRETE MONUMENT (NOT LABELED); THENCE RUN NORTH 04 DEGREES

47 MINUTES 08 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 691.01 FEET TO A FOUND 4 INCH SQUARE CONCRETE MONUMENT (NOT LABELED) AT THE INTERSECTION WITH THE AFORESAID NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 9; THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 48 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID NORTH LINE, A DISTANCE OF 268.65 FEET TO A FOUND 4 INCH SQUARE CONCRETE MONUMENT (LABELED; H.R. WATTLES, RLS 1443); THENCE CONTINUE RUNNING NORTH 89 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 48 SECONDS EAST, CONTINUING ALONG SAID NORTH LINE A DISTANCE OF 391.21 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SUBJECT TO THE PRESCRIPTIVE RIGHT OF WAY OF A COUNTY MAINTAINED GRADED ROAD, OVER AND ACROSS THE NORTHEAST CORNER THEREOF. Address: 11994 NW 132nd Trl, Lake Butler, FL 32054 Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any,

other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens, must file a claim before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed. Dated this 10th day of October, 2023 Deputy Clerk CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT As Clerk of the Court BY: Crystal Norman If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Persons with a disability who need any accommodation in order to participate should call Jan Phillips, ADA Coordinator, Alachua County Courthouse, 201 E. University Ave., Gainesville, FL 32601 at (352) 337-6237 within two (2) working days of your receipt of this notice; if you are hearing impaired call (800) 955-8771; if you are voice impaired, call (800) 955-8770.

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PUBLIC NOTICE RULE NAME:

5.19+ Student Records PURPOSE AND EFFECT: To update Board Policies SUMMARY: To update Board Policies AUTHORITY: Florida Statutes LAW IMPLEMENTED: ECONOMIC IMPACT: None Policies can be viewed in the Office of the Superintendent of Schools, 55 SW Sixth Street, Lake Butler, Florida between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. IF A HEARING IS REQUESTED WITHIN 28 DAYS OF THE POLICY POSTING LOCATED AT UNION. K12.FLUS THIS PUBLICATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 120.54 FLORIDA STATUTES, IT WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 19, 2023, IN THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING ROOM. A COMPLETE TEXT OF THIS PROPOSED RULE MAY BE VIEWED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, 55 S.W. 6th STREET, LAKE BUTLER, FLORIDA.

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