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## Keystone schools locked down during suspect search

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Keystone Heights Junior-Senior High School and the elementary school across the street went on modified lockdown during the afternoon of Wednesday, Oct. 16.

Sheriff Michelle Cook said she ordered the action after two suspects, Quentin Foster, and James Lewis,

ran from her deputies near the high school.

One teacher said that during a regular lockdown, students must remain still. However, during a modified lockdown, the teacher or administrator locks the door, but students may still move around the room.

Cook said that while students

remained in school, deputies established a perimeter, searched for the suspects, and employed tracking dogs to find them.

While students at the high school had already been released, leaving only school clubs and sports teams in session, the parent pick-up line at the elementary school grew long, stretching from Highland Avenue

toward State Road 21.

Cook appeared on a social media channel, telling parents that with an increased law-enforcement presence, they would soon be able to pick up their students. The sheriff did not say whether the two fugitives were eventually apprehended.

## Helene storm damage eligible for FEMA assistance

Deadline for individuals to apply is Nov. 27

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Bradford residents and businesses impacted by Hurricane Helene last month are eligible for assistance through FEMA.

Bradford County Emergency Management confirmed that, so far, Helene is the only storm with enough damage across the county to qualify for personal FEMA aid.

Emergency Management Director Capt. Brad Witt told Bradford Commissioners that local government expenses related to impacts from Debby, Helene and Milton were also eligible for reimbursement.

There are three ways individuals



Emergency Management Director Capt. Brad Witt

can apply for FEMA assistance by the Nov. 27 deadline. There is a toll-



free number to call — 1.800-621-3362. You can also apply online at DisasterAssistance.gov. Alternatively, you can download FEMA's application to your mobile device and follow

directions to apply there.

According to Witt, more than \$60,000 had already been approved in individual assistance for Bradford residents.

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## UC commissioner continues recovery following explosion

BY TRACY LEE TATE  
Special to the Times

In August, Union County Commissioner Jimmy Tallman experienced an accident at his business, North Florida Meats. Tallman had gone to an outbuilding to check on a smoker, which he found turned off with the gas feed still open. He turned off the gas, opened the building to air it out, left for about an hour, and then returned. Upon smelling no gas, he attempted to light the smoker. The smoker exploded, blowing Tallman out of the building in a blast of flame. He was badly burned in the incident.

According to Tallman's brother, Richard Androlevitch, an ambulance was called, which transported Tallman to Sprinkle Field in Lake Butler, meeting a helicopter that was ready to transport him to Shands Trauma Center in Gainesville. The flight was made in 10 minutes. Upon arrival at the trauma center, Tallman was examined and sent to the burn unit. He was determined to have sustained mainly third-degree burns, with some deep second degree, on his hands, arms, chest, back, face and eyes. Androlevitch said he was enroute to the hospital and arrived at the burn unit as Tallman was being treated.

### 5 surgeries and new treatment

Tallman was immediately put on a respirator while his airway was still relatively open, before this throat began to swell or become infected. At the burn unit he underwent five surgeries to removed dead and burn-damaged tissue from the wounds, which were then bandaged in cadaver



Commissioner Jimmy Tallman

skin, which will not stick to the burns as will conventional dressings.

Shands personnel used a relatively new burn treatment on Tallman — an autologous skin spray. According to a report on the Temple Health website, the spray is made by taking a small area of healthy skin from the patient and immersing it in an enzyme solution to form a liquid suspension. This suspension is sprayed directly on the entire burn wound, then covered with human cadaver skin as a bandage. The spray treatment is primarily used on patients burned on more than 20% of their body surface, as well as on facial and hand burns.

Tallman's burns covered about 70% of his skin surface. The skin sample used to make the spray takes a piece of skin about the size of a credit card, which becomes enough liquid to cover an average patient's entire back. This treatment results in faster healing,

less pain, less chance of infection and decreased scarring, improving joint mobility.

### 50% chance of survival

Over the next few days, Tallman developed pneumonia, sepsis and a blood fungus and was out in dialysis. He was sedated to put him in a medically induced coma state to allow the use of an Ecmo life support system, as his lungs could not handle the amount of fluid leaking from the damaged tissue. He was given just a 50% chance of surviving this process.

Tallman had been transferred to the thoracic department for the Ecmo treatment — often referred to as a "last chance life support." While his lungs were healing enough to do their jobs he remained on the Ecmo unit, despite a danger of blood clots, infection and bleeding. After about 10 days his lungs recovered their ability to function the machine kept his blood properly oxygenated. He was then transported back to the burn unit, where the breathing apparatus was removed, and he was intubated to ensure his airway stayed open.

### Rapid improvement

"The doctors, nurses and medical staff were unbelievable," Androlevitch said. "He started improving rapidly. They expected the intubation to have to remain in place for about six months but were able to remove it after about four weeks."

Tallman is now off all pain medications, awake and alert. He has minimal, if any, scarring. He is starting physical and occupational therapy and

is already walking with the assistance of a walker. He is predicted to be fully mobile in about two weeks.

"We almost lost him twice," Androlevitch said, "and now they are predicting a full recovery. He has a really positive attitude and is looking forward to life and returning to work. He never complained through it all and is grateful to his family and friends for all their support."

### Makes video appearance at county commission meeting

At the Oct. 21, 2024, regular meeting of the Union County Board of County Commissioners, where Tallman's seat at the table is decorated with a large yellow ribbon, County Coordinator Jimmy Williams played a short video made by Tallman from the hospital. Tallman spoke clearly but slowly as he thanked his fellow commissioners, friends and members of the community for their thoughts, prayers and messages to him during his ordeal. He said he loved his fellow commissioners, the county staff and the people of Union County and expressed the gratitude he felt at being alive and soon able to return to the community he loves.

This meeting would have been Tallman's last as a county commissioner, as he had chosen not to run for re-election but to retire instead. At the board's next meeting, Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2024, Melissa Dukes McNeal will take Tallman's former seat and begin her first term as a county commissioner. She was elected in the Aug. 20, 2024, primary election.



## WORTH NOTING

### Vote for your favorite Farm Family

The UF/IFAS Union County Extension Office is asking county residents to vote for their favorite farm family in a contest for the Farm Family of the Year. Persons are asked to fill out an entry for the family of their choice, giving details of the family, their farm, and some additional information. The winners will be recognized at the annual Farm-City Week celebration on Wednesday, Nov. 20, at noon in the Agricultural Education Center.

Applications must be submitted by Nov. 1 to the extension office. Applications may be picked up at that office or requested by email at jd@ufl.edu. For more information, please call Pamela Toney at 386-496-2321 or contact her by email at ptoney@ufl.edu.

### Pumpkin Escape and Witches' Ride

The Great Pumpkin Escape is coming up on Saturday, Oct. 26. Merchants will pass out candy from 5 to 8 p.m. along with the fun games, contests and other attractions. The pet costume contest will take place at 5:30 p.m. in front of the chamber of commerce.

On Oct. 30, the Witches' Ride will return to downtown, and everyone is invited to don their pointy hats and parade around on their bikes, carts or brooms, then enjoy a special tasting with all money raised supporting Bradford County Education Foundation and Communities for Schools. Walkers are welcome, too. It will begin at 6 p.m.

### BES Track or Treat

Bradford Elementary School's Track or Treat will be held Friday, Oct. 25, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the school bus loop. Dress up and bring a bag to collect treats. Entry is \$1 per person. Children under 3 enter free.

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# Conservation board concerned project causes flooding

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Starke has been asked to take a closer look at wetlands mitigation project and its impact on flooding in the city.

Paul Still, a board member of the Bradford Soil and Water Conservation District, has asked for a workshop with the commission to discuss the Edwards Bottomlands project.

The conservation district recently gave a presentation to the county commission about its overall goals, but Still specifically wanted to address longstanding concerns he and BSWCD have had about the Edwards Bottomlands project in the city of Starke.

The project was devised and carried out by the Suwannee River Water Management District. Located west of the U.S. 301 bridge over Alligator Creek on 40-plus acres owned by the city, it was conceived of to combat erosion in the creek caused by unpermitted excavation by the city. The restoration of the wetlands has also served as mitigation for wetlands lost to state road construction.

Restoration of the wetlands area was meant to serve as a collection point to capture sediment before it reached the lakes where it would impact water quality and eventually must be removed. Still and the conservation board contend that the project is slowing the flow of water, resulting in more flooding upstream all the way from 301 to



A photo from Paul Still of Lake Sampson and the aquatic plant buildup this past June.

the Clay County line.

Earlier this year, BSWCD sent the following comments to the water management district: "BSWCD contends that the SRWMD Edwards Bottomlands Mitigation Project current conditions may be placing the property and lives of residents and business owners along Alligator Creek upstream of the project at risk of flooding. Waiting for a major rain event to demonstrate that there is not sufficient flow through the SRWMD Edwards Bottomlands Mitigation Project to avoid upstream flooding should not be the approach the SRWMD follows."

Still asked Starke

commissioners for a workshop next month to share the information the conservation board has collected as well as their concerns.

"I think there's some issues with design and the maintenance of that project that are impacting the flow of water through the project," Still said.

He wants Starke commissioners to get involved now before the water management district turns the project over to the city, making the city responsible for the ongoing maintenance like removal of trash and sediment.

"The cost to remove the trash and the sediment and control the invasive plants is probably going to be pretty significant," he said.

BSWCD has already asked the water management district to act, including:

- remove the trash and debris that has accumulated on the site during high flow events to prevent blockages that can reduce flows.

- mow the secondary channel in the site to maximize flow through the secondary channel.

- remove the trees killed by beavers and SRWMD herbicide treatments to reduce the chance of trees falling across the channel and trapping debris and trash.

- mow the Fakahatchee grass planted by the SRWMD to improve flow rates and establish the tree density and species mix required for the project.

Mayor Andy Redding asked staff to coordinate with Still, the conservation board and any other agencies to bring that presentation to the commission.

Development Corporation to become a governmental member. The investment would be \$10,000.

In other business:

—the commission finalized planned unit development zoning for the CityWalk townhouse project.

—General Manager Drew Mullins said the move of the Call Street wastewater lift station would be getting underway.

—Mullins said the city is finishing up debris removal following the hurricanes. He reported the city did not lose electricity during Hurricane Milton and saw only a "small blip" after the storm. He said storm hardening, including tree trimming, over the past several years has gone a long way to prepare the city for these storms. Staff and commissioners thanked employees, including Fire Chief Jason Clemons and his department, for being ready and willing when called upon.

—Chief Administrative Officer Jimmy Crosby cautioned commissioners about written communications, including text messages, which they should be aware are public records for elected officials. Commissioners are prohibited from discussing city business with one another outside of a public meeting. When receiving and replying to a group text or email from staff, commissioners were advised to contact staff directly if they have a question or concern.

## Impact fees discussion needed

Commissioner Bob Milner thanked staff for supplying several reports since he rejoined the board, including one on impact fees.

Impact fees are fees paid by developers on new construction to offset the cost of associated with growth. These costs can be related to infrastructure such as streets or public services such as firefighting.

Starke, like Bradford County, placed a moratorium on collecting impact fees when the real estate market crashed in 2008. The boards didn't want to disincentivize the construction of new housing. Since then, however, they have been missing this revenue stream. For example, a 25-unit housing development is under construction in the city, and a 45-unit townhouse project is on the drawing board.

Milner asked that the discussion be placed on a future agenda, and Redding asked staff to prepare that presentation.

On the connected topic of economic development, Milner asked that the commission consider the request from the Northeast Florida Economic

## FEMA

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"There is money moving into the county to help out residents from Hurricane Helene. If you remember, that was a largely

wind event. I would say probably the biggest wind event we've seen in quite some time, which resulted in a lot of that damage we saw there," Witt said.

Witt told commissioners this is the first time in 20 years Bradford County has had to manage this many disastrous storms one after

the other. He said emergency management and public works were working closely to compile government costs and submit the reimbursement request, although there will be much less to report regarding Hurricane Milton.

Even though the costs may be covered, verification of that and

disbursement of that money can take years.

As for Hurricane Helene, there were more than 40 reports of damage around the county, with around 20 of those being damaged homes, according to Witt. The county's survey of those cases — aided by Property

Appraiser Kenny Clark's office — were followed up by FEMA and the state.

Witt reminded the board the state will be covering the cost of debris removal, although there had been a delay because of Milton. Trucks should be on the road beginning this week, he said.

While it has been a busy hurricane season, Witt said the season extends through the end of November. Everyone should remain prepared, especially witnessing the destruction throughout the South.



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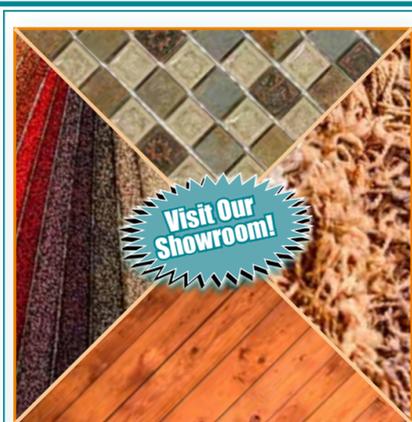
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## Brannan delivers check ahead of election

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD  
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Florida Rep. Chuck Brannan declared it Christmas in October when he popped into a county commission meeting last week with a giant check in hand.

The check was a gesture, of course, but it symbolized millions of dollars in legislative appropriations in this year's state budget for Bradford County.

Brannan went down the list, which included more than \$1.2 million to update communication devices for the sheriff's office and fire rescue. Bradford County and Brooker will each receive money for new fire trucks, and Brooker will receive money on top of that to begin building a new fire station.



Rep. Chuck Brannan

Starke is receiving half a million dollars to improve and expand its drinking water system, and Hampton is receiving

\$550,000 for improvements to its aging water infrastructure.

Hampton has also been granted \$100,000 for the Hampton City Park and Bobbie Sheppard Memorial Park.

At more than \$4 million total, this year bested last year's appropriations by more than \$1 million. Pending the outcome of this year's election, Brannan will be a senior House member entering his fourth and final term.

Brannan said he and Sen Jennifer Bradley work as a team, each fighting in their respective chambers to address local needs. He said if he's fortunate enough to be reelected, the influence he's earned should make his final term his best term for bringing that money home to his district.



(L-R) Commissioner Diane Andrews, County Manager Scott Kornegay, Commissioner Kenny Thompson, Rep. Chuck Brannan, Commission Chair Carolyn Spooner, Commissioner Chris Dougherty, Commissioner Danny Riddick and Fire Rescue Chief Ben Carter.



Gary Park cuts the ribbon on Starke's G's Barbecue on Sept. 30. Also pictured are (l-r) Melinda Padgett, Jenna Mizel, Dallas Witters, Justine Smith, Miriam Nichols, Michele Johnson, Cody Austin, Shawn Lachance, Wes Reed, Eric Lauer, Brooklee Ulrich, Jeremy Stevens, Alexis Berry, Wade Kratzer, Chris Driggers and Jamie Griffiths.

## Bringing 'Florida Barbecue' to Starke

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
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The Clay County man who just opened Starke's newest barbecue restaurant says he wants to put Florida barbecue on the map.

Gary Park founded G's Barbecue in 2006. He opened his Bradford County location last month in Starke's former Pizza Hut and hosted a Chamber of Commerce ribbon-cutting on September 30.

"When you think of Florida," Park said, "you don't think of barbecue. When you think of barbecue, you think of Texas, the Carolinas, Kansas City, and Memphis. So, my niche is that I'm putting Florida barbecue on the map. That's something that I strive for, to really bring a name to Florida when you mention barbecue."

### Barbecue is very subjective

Park does not have a definition for Florida Barbecue. He said he uses the term for the combination of recipes and processes he has developed over the years, beginning with a roadside grill in the Middleburg-Lake Asbury area, competing in cookoffs throughout the country, and progressing through four restaurants before opening the Starke location.

"Barbecue is very subjective," he said. "Depending on where you are, everything's a little different. If you go to one part of North Carolina, it's vinegar sauce; the other side might be a tomato-based sauce, where they're doing whole hogs and the other side's doing shoulders."

Park said Texas-style barbecue had a significant influence on his cooking.

"I've taken everything I've learned and made it my own style, which I call Florida-style barbecue," he said. "I think it's really a conglomeration of just a mixture. I think I do my pork ribs a lot different than most others around. So, I think that kind of sets me apart."

The G's founder added that his incorporation of rubs and insistence on fresh, quality ingredients also distinguish his offerings.

### Started at a small gas station

Park said he got his start in barbecue when a fellow Baldwin High School graduate opened an eatery in South Carolina.

"And me going up there," he

recalled, "visiting there certain times of the year, I just think it just kind of sparked the interest."

Park started cooking and serving his brand of barbecue at a small gas station on Saturdays at the corner of Henley Road and County Road 220 around 2006.

Six years later, he opened his first restaurant about a quarter of a mile from the gas station in the Lake Asbury area. Next came restaurants in Green Cove Springs and his hometown of Baldwin.

"We closed those two down," he recalled. "The last one I opened in 2018 was in Orange Park off Blanding Boulevard. That one unfortunately caught fire in January of this year and put me out of business at that time."

Park said that after working through insurance claims, he was ready to begin again and had just partnered with home builder Joe Wiggins.

"And the very next day... he calls me up and says, Hey, you want to go look at a building?" Park remembered. "And I'm like, sure. I'm thinking Clay County, Orange Park. And he said it's the old Pizza Hut in Starke. I'm like, What? Starke? In Bradford?"

### Breakfast not like Grannies

The restaurateur said that despite his hesitation, he, Wiggins, and a few others looked over the old Pizza Hut and liked what they saw.

Park said the partnership also purchased a four-acre parcel on U.S. 17 north of Green Cove Springs and plans to build a three-story G's Barbecue there. He added that his group hopes to include an outdoor pavilion, conference and meeting rooms, and a speakeasy-type lounge in the 19,000-square-foot restaurant.

The G's founder said he is doing something at the Starke location he has never done in his 12 years of running restaurants: serve breakfast.

"We hired some consultants, and their advice was that we needed to start breakfast," Park said of the decision. "I wasn't really for it in the beginning, honestly, but with the county building so close to us, I think they said that probably would go over a well here with all the buildings and the people that are around us."

Park said the G's breakfast

offerings will differ from anything else offered in Starke.

"We are not doing your standard breakfast like Grannies does, which is kind of a country-cooking breakfast. We're incorporating the stuff that we already have here, such as brisket and pork and things like that. We are doing bacon, biscuits, and things, but not your standard breakfast."

For a video version of this story, scan this QR code.



## Early voting underway in Bradford

Election Day is Nov. 5, but early voting began this week in Bradford County and will remain open every day through Nov. 3. The election is open to all eligible voters.

To vote in person, go to your polling location on Election Day from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. or to the courthouse on one of the early voting days from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Photo and signature identification are required. To vote on Election Day, you must vote in the precinct of your legal residence. Your precinct is listed on your voter registration card.

Precinct 8 voters who normally vote at the Starke Golf and Country Club should not that their polling location has temporarily been moved to Madison Street Baptist Church.

Updated voter registration cards were mailed when redistricting altered voting precincts. If you need to update your address, do so by calling the elections office at 904-966-6266.

Registered voters may also vote by mail by calling the office or signing up at www.votebradfordfl.gov. The deadline to request a mail ballot is Oct. 24

for the general election.

Signatures on file with the elections office are used to verify vote-by-mail ballots, candidate and petition for candidates and ballot initiatives. If your signature has changed, you can update it at the elections office or by mailing an updated voter registration.

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## Saturday, October 26th

# Lake Region

## Wright and Hamm crowned Keystone High king and queen

BY JENN SAMSEL  
Special to the Monitor

Keystone Heights High School students produced the annual Pow Wow pep rally on Thursday, October 8.

Homecoming events throughout the week and during the pep rally included the hallway decoration contest, won by the seniors; a skit competition between individual groups and classes, won by the sophomores; a "roast" of the senior boys who play football by the Senior Girls Club, and fun games such as a tug-of-war competition and relay races, won by the sophomores.

Seniors Layton Wright and Lexy Hamm were chosen by their classmates as Homecoming King and Queen. Other court members were Ethan Teague, Aubre Miller, Ty Mitzel, Emily Herndon, Zeke Pelham, and Erabelle Conant.

Underclass royalty members were Juniors- Tyler Sapp and Reagan Sames;

Sophomores- Seth Fernandez and Hope Yarbrough;  
Freshmen- Trase Wooden and



Homecoming King Layton Wright and Queen Lexy Hamm

Bella Cumbo;  
Eighth grade- Logan Wilson and Emery Compton;  
Seventh grade- Jeremiah Branch and Lyla Todd.  
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Band- Brandon Nagle and Addison Carlson;

Color guard – David Robinson and Dakota Campfire;  
HOSA-Layton Wright and McKenzie Guy;  
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## Four Corners Ceremony turns political

**Putnam sheriff slams former Alachua sheriff, endorses Gainey**

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
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A ceremony billed as marking cooperation between four sheriffs' offices turned political when Putnam County Sheriff Homer "Gator" DeLoach criticized a former Alachua County Sheriff and endorsed current Sheriff Emery Gainey in his race against challenger Chad Scott.

The Four Corners Agreement, signed by the top law enforcement officers in Alachua, Bradford, Clay, and Putnam counties, allows deputies in one county to cross into another jurisdiction to enforce laws and make arrests.

Clay County Sheriff Michelle Cook said her deputies recently assisted Bradford deputies during auto thefts at the Keystone Heights RV Park in Bradford County.

"I know we recently assisted Bradford County with some armed suspects that were in the RV resort," she said, "and it's because of these agreements that are in place that we're able to seamlessly do this and seamlessly go after the people that are out here trying to threaten our communities."

Cook said the agreement also helps in case a deputy is injured outside his or her home jurisdiction.

Gainesville State Attorney Brian Kramer added that the deal smooths potential conflicts between the three judicial circuits in the four-county area.

The agreement applies particularly to the Melrose

area, where the four counties converge.

"This agreement is representative of the cooperation that exists not only between the sheriffs," said Kramer, "but between the state attorney's offices and how those crimes will get prosecuted and how we work together to get those crimes done."

"This agreement does one thing," said Bradford County Sheriff Gordon Smith. "It's about catching the bad guys. It's about catching those that come in and think we have boundaries, and taking those boundaries away allows us to do the right thing to keep our communities safe."

DeLoach cited a lapse in the Four Corners Agreement, which he blamed on Gainey's predecessor. The Putnam sheriff did not name former Alachua Sheriff Clovis Watson. However, Watson's predecessor, Sadie

Darnell, had participated in prior agreements.

Smith acknowledged the lapse in the agreement but did not follow DeLoach's lead in placing blame.

"We did have a little lapse there," he said. "I don't want to go into what the reasons may or may not have been. It might've been me, my looks, I don't know. But all that is set aside."

The Putnam sheriff also endorsed his Western colleague for re-election.

"It's no big secret, based on my comments, that I'm a huge advocate of Sheriff Gainey's," DeLoach continued. "He has my full and unwavering support in his campaign to retain the position that he's in. And I hope that all of you who are Alachua County residents will extend that to him as well."

## Airport seeking to change identifier

**Wants FAA to change 42J to KHA**

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
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The manager of the Keystone Heights Airport said he would ask the FAA to change the facility's identifier from 42J to KHA or a three-character combination that more closely aligns with the airport's name.

The identifier is used mainly by pilots and others in the aviation industry. However, in recent years, some cities, like Gainesville: GNV, Jacksonville: JAX, and Tampa: TPA, have incorporated the label to include the broader community.

Although the airport's current identifier coincides with its founding year, 1942, it cannot be linked to its location otherwise.

Keystone Heights Airport Manager Craig Coon told

the facility's board during its September meeting that since the airport is approved for all-weather operations and since it has a runway of 5,000 feet or more, it qualifies for the three-character alpha designation.

"I think for the airport to grow and to make us more attractive, that's one of the things that we can do," he said.

## Clay County approves budget without COVID help

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
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Clay County Commissioners approved a \$819 million budget for 2024-2025, the first year after the COVID-19 Pandemic; county leaders had no significant revenues from the federal government CARES Act or American Rescue Plan, commonly known as ARPA.

During a September meeting when Assistant County Manager Troy Nagle briefed commissioners about the budget, he said the challenge of drafting the 2024-2025 spending plan was adjusting to the absence of extra federal dollars from the COVID-19 Pandemic.

"This year's budget was a little different," he said. "We don't have CARES money, we don't have ARPA money, so we're trying to make sure we live within our means."

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## Roofing factory north of Lawtey going vertical

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
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The leader of Clay County's Economic Development Corporation said a roofing factory four miles north of the Bradford-Clay County line is now going vertical.

Crawford Powell told the Clay County Board of County Commissioners that the general contractor for the project said that up to 200 workers have so far been involved with site preparation and construction.

"He cannot tell you if the workers live in Clay County," Powell said of the builder, "but I guarantee you if they're out there, they're spending money in Clay because they've got to eat, they've got to drink, and they've got to come and go."

Powell added that by the time the project is complete near the intersection of U.S. 301 and County Road 218, up to 1,000 workers and tradesmen will have contributed to the project.

Powell said the \$229 million project would employ up to 125 full-timers with an average annual pay of \$85,000.

Earlier, Powell had called the



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factory, owned by a Canadian construction materials firm, a multi-generational employer with an economic impact on the scale of what DuPont and

Chemours have achieved in Clay and Bradford Counties.

Powell added that IKO's impact on the economy may be greater than expected. He said

the owners of the Niagara water bottling plant in Middleburg originally estimated 90 workers. He said that now, 260 people are employed there.

## FAA worried about bats near airport

Powell also updated Clay commissioners on his organization's partnership with the Keystone Heights Airport.

He said an initial environmental assessment funded by the economic development corporation has been completed, and his group will likely put in more money for another ecological study.

"We call it Bugs and Bunnies," Powell said of the second phase study, which centers around endangered species. "The FAA is very concerned about bats around airports, and so part of the study has to be specifically for a bat that is known to be in open spaces around the airport."

Powell said that over the past few years, his organization has contributed \$200,000 to help the airport pursue development opportunities.

## Craft show at Faith Presbyterian

Faith Presbyterian Church is calling all crafters to come and sign up to be in the 2024 Faith Presbyterian Church's Craft Show on Saturday, Oct. 26. The craft show is a fundraiser to replace the church roof. Vendor spaces are available

for \$15 inside and \$10 outside. There will be a 50% off sale on most items in the boutique (church thrift store). A chill hot dog lunch or missions will be served for \$7 to raise money for missions.

Faith Presbyterian Church is located midway between Keystone Heights and Melrose (2738 SE State Road 21). Contact Susie Weimer at 570-801-2805 for further information.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Bradford County Value Adjustment Board will reschedule its hearing as result of Hurricane Milton, previously scheduled for October 10, 2024. The Board, in compliance with § 196.194, Fla. Stat., will conduct hearings in the County Commission Chambers located in the North Annex of the Courthouse at 945 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida, to hear objections to the valuation placed on real estate and tangible personal property, on the following date:

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2024  
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## Mobile home park request pulled from agenda

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD  
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An application from the Keystone RV Park to rezone additional land was unexpectedly pulled from county's agenda last week.

Bradford commissioners sitting as the Planning and Zoning Board Oct. 17 were ready to consider the application to rezone more than 23 acres next to the Keystone RV Park from agriculture to residential mobile home park and potentially vote on the first reading of the ordinance at their meeting later that night. Zoning official Randy Andrews informed them that the applicant had pulled the request.

Andrews didn't provide any context for the decision, but the application did receive some attention regardless. Citizen Kate Ellison came with questions about the application.

"I'm surprised and a little confused about what's going on," Ellison told the commission.

The requested zoning category allows for mobile home parks, not RV parks.

"The common understanding is that 1,200 RV sites have been approved for the clear-cut property above and adjacent to the Santa Fe Swamp and conservation area. They want to convert 23 acres of that space into a mobile home park for about 75 mobile homes. There is also a shopping center planned along Highway 100 near there," Ellison said.

Ellison said there are a lot of questions to be answered about water, wastewater and stormwater and the impact on the conservation area and drinking water quality, as well as questions about additional traffic, which has already grown because of the RV park and other

residential development along County Road 21B.

"Already local residents are stressed by the booming housing development here," Ellison said. "We all have had to add expensive water filtration systems to our wells. The great water we used to have is gone without filtration. Our well water is undrinkable."

Ellison said public water lines run to the Speedville fire station should be serving these new houses as well as any mobile home park.

"I know it's too late for the houses that are already built, but more houses are coming. Plus, this development will draw a huge amount of water. This project dwarfs the RV park, and it is a big change for our area. No attempt has been made to engage the local community. Why not give us a chance to understand and possibly even support it? Development and growth are

necessary for our county to balance the budget. It can be done haphazardly, or it can be done with planning for the future in mind. It can respect the land and the people who live here, or it can be destructive. Please put some thought into planning for our area," she said, thanking the board for time to speak.

The zoning board did recommend approval of two other applications, which were alter approved on first reading by the county commission. Lizeth Hernandez requested a zoning change from rural residential to commercial intensive for 4 acres on U.S. 301 North across from Tatum Brothers Lumber. Hassane Boubacar requested a change for 1 acre of agricultural land on U.S. 301 just north of County Road 233 to commercial intensive.

## Homecoming at True Vine

True Vine Outreach Ministry will be celebrating Homecoming and Clergy Month 2024 on Sunday, Oct. 27, at 10:30 a.m. Current, former members, ministers, family, friends and

guests are welcome to come out and celebrate the occasion.

The speakers include Minister Kyler Cohen and Minister Eldric Sconiers. Refreshments will be served after the service.

The ministry is located at 422 N. Saint Clair St. in Starke. For more information, please call 904-964-9264

## Starke preelection town hall

Starke Commissioner Janice Mortimer is hosting a town hall on Tuesday, Oct. 29, at 6 p.m. at the RJE cafeteria. In addition to an updated on law enforcement consolidation in the city, there

will be information on city's charter amendment referendum, constitutional amendments on the ballot and the District 1 county commission race.

Everyone is invited to attend to attend and to bring a family member and a friend.



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# UNION COUNTY

## Long lines expected on election day

BY TRACY LEE TATE  
Special to the Times

Election Day is less than two days away, and preparations are underway at the Union County Supervisor of Elections Office to make voting as easy for county residents as possible.

The books have already closed for new and changes to party affiliation, but signature cards may be updated at any time before election day. Poll workers have received their state-mandated training, and all of the voting machines have been certified to be accurate and in good working order. The election preparations are "business as usual," with no changes to the procedures and training since the last general election. Vote-by-mail ballots are still coming in, with 317 already received as of last Monday.

Early Voting begins Sat. Oct. 26, 2024, and will be available every day through Nov. 2, 2024. Early Voting is held at the Supervisor of Elections Office at 175 W. Main St. in Lake Butler. Hours will be Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Sunday. The machines will tabulate ballots as they are turned in, but no figures will be totaled until election day. Vote-by-mail ballots are stored

in a secure location and will be opened by the canvassing board. This board will be composed of the Honorable Judge Mitchell Bishop, Union County Supervisor of Elections Debbie Osborne and Union County Commission Chair Channing Dobbs. It will meet on Monday, Nov. 4, 2024, at 4 p.m. and again on Tuesday, Nov. 5.

On Election Day, the polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. County residents are reminded that they must vote at the precinct in which they live. Precincts 1A, 1B, 5A and 5C will vote at the Lake Butler Community Center. Precincts 2A and 2B will vote at the Raiford Community Center. Precincts 3A and 3B will vote at the Worthington Springs Community Center. Precincts 3C, 4A and 4C will vote at the SREC building on 6th Ave in Lake Butler. Precinct 4B will vote at the Providence Community Center, and Precinct 5B will vote at the Providence Fire Station. Express Vote machines will be available at all polling places for the benefit of handicapped voters, and, as always, poll workers will be happy to assist voters as well.

The ballots will be tallied from the machine totals at the elections office and posted on the

office's website as soon as this is done. That website is www.unionflvotes.com. Questions may be asked by calling the Supervisor of Elections Office at (386) 496-2236.

Voters will be marking a large ballot this year despite the fact that all of the local races were decided in the Primary Election on Aug. 20, 2024. The ballot includes seven presidential candidates, five candidates for the U.S. Senate, two candidates for Representative in Congress, two candidates for State Attorney of the Eighth Judicial Circuit, and two candidates for the District 10 State Representative. Also, voters will be asked to decide on the retention of five judges (individually) and six amendments to the state constitution.

A large turnout is expected, and voting may take a little longer than usual due to many voters reading the amendments before they make their decision. All voters need to remember to bring a photo ID with them to the polling place, as well as their voter registration card. All are encouraged to come as early as they can to help avoid a backup later in the day.

## Roberts takes lead as president of Florida Forestry Association

Union County is filled with forests. It is also filled with forestry leaders.

Avery C. Roberts of Lake Butler recently stepped up as president of the Florida Forestry Association, taking the reins from outgoing president Jimmy Bielling of Providence, who has served in the top spot for the past two years.

Roberts and Bielling have been friends for decades and share a clear mutual respect.

"I can't imagine being able to hand off the presidency to a better person," said Bielling. "Avery knows what needs to be done, and he knows how to get it done. The future of Florida forestry is bright with him at the helm."

"I'm honored and excited to take on this role," said Roberts. "I know I have big shoes to fill. The association has a strong leadership team, an engaged membership and a positive story to tell. We will continue to build on the solid foundation Jimmy has left."

Roberts has been active in forestry since 1980, when he founded The Roberts Companies. As CEO of the enterprise, he oversees a wide range of the daily operations and management of several entities specializing in large agriculture and timber tracts throughout Florida and the Southeast, as well as industrial properties.

Roberts noted that, while forestry is at the heart of this region's economy and way of life, people in the southern half of the state or in urban areas are not as aware of all the benefits that the industry yields.



Avery C. Roberts (right) accepts gavel from outgoing president Jimmy Bielling at the Florida Forestry Association 2024 Annual Meeting.

As such, one of his areas of concentration will be reinforcing forestry's relevance in the legislative arena as well as with other groups and the general public.

"Our mission is to promote the responsible and sustainable use of Florida's forest resources," he explained. "That means helping policymakers and residents better understand the positive impact our forests have on the environment, the economy, and our lives in general."

According to Roberts, forestry helps to provide 124,000 jobs and a \$25 billion economic boost on the state level. Florida forests also filter the air, sequester carbon, improve water quality and quantity, create habitat for wildlife, and offer beautiful

green spaces for recreation. In addition, products from forest resources are used to make more than 5,000 items that people use every day. Paper, furniture, and lumber are just the tip of a very large iceberg that also includes cosmetics, cellphone, computer and television screens, and even drugs used in cancer treatments.

Roberts is also active in the community outside of forestry. Among other contributions, he serves on the executive board of the Foundation for Florida Gateway College, the Suwannee Valley Community Foundation Board and the Northeast Florida Economic Development Corporation Board. He and his wife, Twyla, are longtime members of the First Christian Church in Lake Butler.

## Pharmacy month proclamation

Lake Butler City Commission members proclaimed October 2024 as American Pharmacists Month at their Tuesday, September 17, 2024 meeting.

This is the third year the municipality has recognized pharmacy professionals for their service to their communities. Jeffrey Consaul, Pharm. D., Director of Pharmacy Services at Lake Butler Hospital, and William Garst, Pharm. D., a staff pharmacist at the hospital, attended the meeting.

The proclamation reads:

"The City of Lake Butler

recognized the Pharmacy Profession by proclaiming October 2024 as American Pharmacists Month. This proclamation acknowledges the service to our communities by pharmacists and pharmacy technicians. The services provided are much more than access to medications, but a place to receive accurate medication information and communication. The pharmacists also are invaluable with information regarding medication safety and appropriate medication use. The Alachua County Association

of Pharmacists (ACAP) is a Unit Association of the Florida Pharmacy Association affiliated with the American Pharmacists Association. ACAP is one of the main local professional pharmacy associations in north central Florida. As an association, ACAP advocates for appropriate medication-related legislation, serves as a local source for professional development, and is involved in mentoring pharmacy students at the University of Florida."

## Union County seeking more grants

BY TRACY LEE TATE  
Special to the Times

Union County has been extremely lucky in the area of grants received over the past few years, receiving funds for major projects and infrastructure, as well as assistance in maintaining and improving many local roads. For the coming fiscal year, the county will be putting to use the proceeds from a number of grants, totaling \$24,177,683. This is all money on hand (in special individual accounts).

County Coordinator Jimmy Williams and others are already hard at work searching for more grant opportunities for the future to ensure citizens get everything they need in county services and recreational opportunities. One of the most desired monies will be an additional appropriation requested from the Florida Legislature to cover the shortfall in the original funds caused by price increases in labor and materials for the construction of the long-awaited Providence Fire Station. The county has shifted the fire station construction into a phased plan, breaking the project down into stages and doing as much work as possible in-house to try and do as much as can be done with the funds on hand in hopes of completing the project with an additional appropriation.

Public welfare and safety take the lead in the currently funded grants. In the area of Public Safety (EMS, Fire and Law Enforcement) there are the original appropriation for the Providence Fire Station (\$793,975) as well as the second appropriation for the new Public Safety Complex (\$8,940,352) and an appropriation for a new Fire/Rescue station in the city of Lake Butler, close to the existing building (\$2,250,000).

A Federal Brownfield Grant (\$309,048) will pay for the identification and testing of potentially toxic or dangerous areas of land that have, in the past, been the sight of business and/or industrial practices that now are identified as environmental contamination. Being in the Brownfields program will be of help to the county to secure the funds needed to clean-up these sites in the future. Likewise,

the grant funded vulnerability study (\$275,600) will fund an assessment of the impact from flooding. The results of the study can be used to seek grant funds to mitigate areas identified as in danger of severe impact. Revenue from the Tire Amnesty Program (\$25,000) will assist property owners in cleaning up old tires on their property, preventing both improper disposal and the pooling of water in the tires, which encourages the breeding of mosquitos.

Work is planned for the historic Union County Courthouse in the forms of both restoration and courthouse security. The restoration project will include repairs to the roof, the repair or replacement of the buildings HVAC system and new energy efficient windows. The designs will be done by a historical architect to keep the classical look of the building and not interfere with the historical classification of the structure. The restoration grant is for \$374,996. The security grant funds will make the building safer for both the courthouse personnel and the visiting public. It will include equipment for the detection of firearms and other weapons, addressing many other security issues as well. The current courthouse security is not up to par with most such buildings in the state, largely due to the expense involved in making a few traffic flow changes and the high cost of needed equipment. The grant funds to cover this project come in two parts - \$230,000 deferred from last year's budget and \$319,054 in new grant monies.

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has been generous to the county, both in previous years and in the present, through their Small County Road Assistance Program (SCRAP) and other grants, to assist with needed road maintenance and work. For the coming fiscal year, three projects are funded and some work has already begun. The total grant funds from FDOT for these projects is \$10,777,839.

The project with the greatest general interest in the county is the CR-18 project. CR-18 has been in need of attention for some time and now that work

will be done, after a long delay due to environmental issues that were not regulated when the road was first built. The stretch between the Columbia County line and SR-124 will be widened, resurfaced and drainage issue addresses as needed, making the road safer, especially in wet weather.

Another project involves three connected roads. Southwest 92nd St. will be widened, with the current nine-foot lanes being enlarged to ten feet. It will be repaved, with the installation of drainage and the upgrading of driveway entrances. As part of the same project, Southwest 146th Lane and Southwest 152 Court will be reconstructed, repaved, have upgrades to driveway entrances and have culverts installed. This project is set to be completed in the spring of 2025.

The third project will be the resurfacing and repaving of Northwest 89th Ave., expected to be complete by the end of June 2025.

Union County has a history of taking care of its young people and the upcoming 24-25 projects continue this effort. A FRDAP recreation grant has been awarded to the county in the amount of \$190,000 to allow the addition of another baseball field, batting cages and an ADA sidewalk to the sports complex at the O.J. Phillips Park. County 4-H members will also get some more work to grow, with a \$485,794 grant for Phase III of the construction of the Union County Agriculture building that will double the size of the building.

As a financially constrained county, due to both its small size and its agricultural nature, Union County has enough revenue to operate as it should, but without the many grants and appropriations it receives each year could not afford to make the safety and quality of life improvements that these funding sources allow. Williams and all of the various department heads are always on the lookout for ways to make the county a better place to live for its residents.



Pictured with William Garst and Jeffrey Consaul are from left to right: Commissioner Annette Redman, Mayor Melissa Hendrix, Commissioner Joe Stephenson, Vice Mayor Rondoll Huggins, and Commissioner Fred Sirmones.

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# Union rethinks rec board

BY TRACY LEE TATE  
Special to the Times

At its regular meeting, Oct. 21, 2024, the Union County Board of Commissioners discussed proposed plans to modify the status and by-laws of the Union County Recreation Board.

The board approved a resolution to reform the recreation board in a new corporate structure. This move is made expedient due to the withdrawal of the City of Lake Butler from the interlocal agreement which made the board a joint responsibility for the city and the county.

The resolution also authorized City Attorney Russ Wade to file the articles of incorporation and to establish bylaws for the corporation since the current bylaws are still attached to the interlocal agreement with the city.

The measure would still leave the BOCC as the ultimate authority over the recreation department — appointing board members and the chair. It would also make it much easier for the recreation board to obtain 501-3c non-profit status.

The newly drafted bylaws require that the rec board's finances be subject to an annual audit, as in all other county departments. The wording in the bylaws document supplied to commissioners with the proposed resolution originally stated that the audit was to be done by the county's auditor, but after discussion, it was decided to change that verbiage to Union County Clerk of Court and Comptroller Kellie Rhoades. Rhoades said it would be no problem for her and her staff to do the annual audit and that it would save the county money, preventing fees from being added to the audit cost by adding another department.

The bylaws cover such items as the purpose and powers of the recreation board, the handling of various sorts of income (budget allocations, donations, grants, devises and bequests) and the rules concerning the acquisition and disposal of real property,

which cannot be done without prior approval of the BOCC.

Membership of the recreation board is set at five members to serve without compensation with each being a voting member and all appointed by the BOCC. Recreation Board member terms are set at four years, staggered so that no more than two members of the serving board are up for appointment in a single year. Board members who have served may be reappointed when their term expires. Board members can also be recalled and relieved of duty by the BOCC.

The recreation board will be responsible for scheduling all activities and using the facilities at the O.J. Phillips Recreation Complex unless otherwise directed by the BOCC. The board will be required to meet at least quarterly, and all meetings will be open to the public and advertised as required by Florida Statutes.

Members of the recreation board will not be authorized to make any purchases or incur any obligation to the county without the prior approval of the majority of the members of the BOCC at a regular or special meeting. The board may be dissolved at any time by a vote of the BOCC.

Commissioner Donna Jackson moved to approve both the resolution and the attached bylaws, which was seconded by Commissioner Willie Croft. The motion passed 4-0.

## UC Historical Society meeting

The Union County Historical Society's speaker for the Oct. 29 meeting will be Daiquiri Duncan, assistant warden at the Reception and Medical Center in Lake Butler. He will speak about the history and other facts of RMC.

The meeting will be held at the Museum Building, 410 W. Main St. in Lake Butler, at 6:30 p.m. and is open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. Please plan to attend.

# Alzheimer's bingo at the Mary Brown Library

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
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The September meeting of Senior's Social at Lake Butler's Mary C. Brown Library featured a presenter who educated the group about Alzheimer's.

Donna Lee, the program manager for the Central and North Florida Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, said she had intended to drive the organization's brain bus to the September 3 meeting, but the vehicle's air conditioning was broken.

Instead, the Gilchrist County resident led the group in Alzheimer's Bingo, in which she called out squares and asked participants to answer questions printed on the placements.

## Helpline lessens diagnosis fears

Lee pointed out that every card had a free space on which the Alzheimer's helpline—1-800-HELPLINE—was printed.

"I want to make sure that we all understand what that is," she said of the toll-free number. "Last time we were here, we saved that number on our phones, so I hope it's still on everybody's phones. That is the entry point to all things Alzheimer's or dementia care, inquiries, and caregiving. You reach a live human being; you don't reach a lengthy automated system at that line."

Lee said a master's level clinician answers the number, and she encouraged group members to call it if they see cognitive decline in a family member or are worried about their own brain health.

"There's a lot of misinformation and fear about—I don't want to talk to my primary care physician because then it's going to be on record, and you are going to get some sort of terrible diagnosis, and there's all this negative ripple effect around it—" she said. "So, this is an alternative way to get information, and these folks are trained in information



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dissemination, all the way through advocacy and resource connection."

She added that advocates answering the helpline could direct callers to screening, providers, caregiving support, and other resources.

"It's for a caregiver at three in the morning who is just starting to pull his or her hair out literally because they're frustrated and exhausted and don't know what to do," she said. "There are also people who are trained in the de-escalation of crises over the phone. So, you can reach anyone about basic, simple questions all the way through full-on crisis mitigation and de-escalation by calling that number."

Other topics discussed while playing the game included,

## essentiALZ training and certification.

Lee said essentiALZ is the Alzheimer's Association's training and certification program.

"The online program educates professional care workers," she said. "This is the continuing education units that your memory care residential facility staff would take."

Lee added that workers in hospitals, home healthcare, and long-term care facilities could become certified in Alzheimer's care through essentiALZ, adding

that the curriculum is not free.

## Mild cognitive impairment

Often called MCI, mild cognitive impairment is an early stage of memory or other cognitive ability loss.

"Mild cognitive impairment will cause cognitive changes that are serious enough to be noticed by not only the person experiencing that, but also family, friends, loved ones, people around you," Lee said. "It's kind of that entry point where memory and cognitive issues may disrupt daily life."

Lee said MCI is not the cause of a person walking into a room and forgetting why they walked to the room.

"What we are talking about are things like you've been walking in your front door and putting down your car keys in the same place for 10, 15 years, and suddenly you can't remember where that is," she said. "I'm not saying you don't know where your keys are. What I'm saying is you can't remember where you normally put them even though it's something you've been doing for a long time, and suddenly, you're missing that piece of information."

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## NOTICE OF CERTIFICATION OF TAX ROLLS

Pursuant to section 193.122(2), Florida Statutes, Bruce D. Dukes, Property Appraiser for Union County, hereby gives notice to all taxpayers and owners of both real and personal property that the 2024 Union 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 16, 2024.

Bruce D. Dukes  
Union County Property Appraiser

## Official General Election Sample Ballot - November 5, 2024

Instructions: To vote completely fill in the oval next to your choice. Use black or blue ballpoint pen. If you make a mistake, don't hesitate to ask for a new ballot. If you erase or make other marks, your vote may not count.

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<input type="radio"/> Chase Oliver LPF	<input type="radio"/> Mike ter Maat LPF
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State Attorney Circuit 8 (Vote for One)	
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State Representative District 10 (Vote for One)	
<input type="radio"/> Chuck Brannan REP	<input type="radio"/> Robert "Bobby" J. Brady DEM

Superintendent of Schools (Vote for One)	
<input type="radio"/> Will Hartley REP	<input type="radio"/> Alan Bhajan NPA
THE CONTEST BELOW WILL ONLY APPEAR ON BALLOTS IN PRECINCTS 2, 4, & 6	
Board of County Commissioners District 1 (Vote for One)	
<input type="radio"/> Shannon Smith REP	<input type="radio"/> Carolyn Brown Spooner DEM
Justice of the Supreme Court	
Shall Justice Renatha Francis of the Supreme Court be retained in office?	
<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
Shall Justice Meredith Sasso of the Supreme Court be retained in office?	
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Shall Judge Stephanie Ray of the First District Court of Appeal be retained in office?	
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Shall Judge Bradford L. Thomas of the First District Court of Appeal be retained in office?	
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Shall Judge M. Kemmerly Thomas of the First District Court of Appeal be retained in office?	
<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No

No. 1 Constitutional Amendment Article IX, Section 4 and Article XII Partisan Election of Members of District School Boards	
Proposing amendments to the State Constitution to require members of a district school board to be elected in a partisan election rather than a nonpartisan election and to specify that the amendment only applies to elections held on or after the November 2026 general election. However, partisan primary elections may occur before the 2026 general election for purposes of nominating political party candidates to that office for placement on the 2026 general election ballot.	
<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
No. 2 Constitutional Amendment Article I, Section 28 Right to Fish and Hunt	
Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to preserve forever fishing and hunting, including by the use of traditional methods, as a public right and preferred means of responsibly managing and controlling fish and wildlife. Specifies that the amendment does not limit the authority granted to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission under Section 9 of Article IV of the State Constitution.	
<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No

No. 3 Constitutional Amendment Article X, Section 29 Adult Personal Use of Marijuana	
Allows adults 21 years or older to possess, purchase, or use marijuana products and marijuana accessories for non-medical personal consumption by smoking, ingestion, or otherwise; allows Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers, and other state licensed entities, to acquire, cultivate, process, manufacture, sell, and distribute such products and accessories. Applies to Florida law; does not change, or immunize violations of, federal law. Establishes possession limits for personal use. Allows consistent legislation. Defines terms. Provides effective date.	
Financial and State Budget Impact Statements	
The amendment's financial impact primarily comes from expected sales tax collections. If legal today, sales of non-medical marijuana would be subject to sales tax and would remain so if voters approve this amendment. Based on other states' experiences, expected retail sales of non-medical marijuana would generate at least \$195.6 million annually in state and local sales tax revenues once the retail market is fully operational, although the timing of this occurring is unclear. Under current law, the existing statutory framework for medical marijuana is repealed six months after the effective date of this amendment which affects how this amendment will be implemented. A new regulatory structure for both medical and nonmedical use of marijuana will be needed. Its design cannot be fully known until the legislature acts; however, regulatory costs will probably be offset by regulatory fees. Other potential costs and savings cannot be predicted. THIS PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT IS ESTIMATED TO HAVE A NET POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE STATE BUDGET. THIS IMPACT MAY RESULT IN GENERATING ADDITIONAL REVENUE OR AN INCREASE IN GOVERNMENT SERVICES.	
<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No

No. 4 Constitutional Amendment Article I, New Section Amendment to Limit Government Interference with Abortion	
No law shall prohibit, penalize, delay, or restrict abortion before viability or when necessary to protect the patient's health, as determined by the patient's healthcare provider. This amendment does not change the Legislature's constitutional authority to require notification to a parent or guardian before a minor has an abortion.	
Financial and State Budget Impact Statements	
The proposed amendment would result in significantly more abortions and fewer live births per year in Florida. The increase in abortions could be even greater if the amendment invalidates laws requiring parental consent before minors undergo abortions and those ensuring only licensed physicians perform abortions. There is also uncertainty about whether the amendment will require the state to subsidize abortions with public funds. Litigation to resolve those and other uncertainties will result in additional costs to the state government and state courts that will negatively impact the state budget. An increase in abortions may negatively affect the growth of state and local revenues over time. Because the fiscal impact of increased abortions on state and local revenues and costs cannot be estimated with precision, the total impact of the proposed amendment is indeterminate. THE FINANCIAL IMPACT OF THIS AMENDMENT CANNOT BE DETERMINED DUE TO AMBIGUITIES AND UNCERTAINTIES SURROUNDING THE AMENDMENT'S IMPACT.	
<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
No. 5 Constitutional Amendment Article VII, Section 6 and Article XII Annual Adjustments to the Value of Certain Homestead Exemptions	
Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to require an annual adjustment for inflation to the value of current or future homestead exemptions that apply solely to levies other than school district levies and for which every person who has legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner, or another person legally or naturally dependent upon the owner is eligible. This amendment takes effect January 1, 2025.	
<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No

No. 6 Constitutional Amendment Article VI, Section 7 Repeal of Public Campaign Financing Requirement	
Proposing the repeal of the provision in the State Constitution which requires public financing for campaigns of candidates for elective statewide office who agree to campaign spending limits.	
<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
THE CONTEST BELOW WILL ONLY APPEAR ON BALLOTS IN THE CITY OF STARKE	
City of Starke Proposed Charter Amendment	
Removing chief of police role from the Charter	
As the City of Starke's police department has been disbanded, shall the Charter be amended to remove any reference to the police department, chief of police, and their respective powers?	
<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
THE CONTEST BELOW WILL ONLY APPEAR ON BALLOTS IN THE CITY OF HAMPTON	
City of Hampton Proposed Charter Revision Question	
Charter Amendment Relating to a New City Charter for the City of Hampton, Florida	
Shall the current City Charter of the City of Hampton, Florida be repealed and replaced with a comprehensively reworded and restated Charter that confirms to municipal home rule powers granted by the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida; maintains the City Council form of government and updates other provisions and language so as to comply and conform with the currently-prevailing practices of the City of Hampton, Florida?	
<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No

**Bradford County, Florida  
Precincts & Polling Locations  
Revised October 2024**

<b>Precinct 1</b> Lawley Community Center 22598 Park St Lawley, FL 32058	<b>Precinct 6</b> Bradford County Senior Center 1805 N Temple Ave Starke, FL 32091	<b>Precinct 10</b> Theresa Community Center 1748 SE 81st Ave Starke, FL 32091
<b>Precinct 2</b> Lawley Community Center 22598 Park St Lawley, FL 32058	<b>Precinct 7</b> Madison Street Baptist Church 900 W Madison St Starke, FL 32091	<b>Precinct 11</b> Hampton City Hall 5784 Navarre Ave Hampton, FL 32044
<b>Precinct 3</b> Heilbronn Springs Baptist Church 21354 NW SR 16 Starke, FL 32091	<b>Precinct 8</b> Madison Street Baptist Church 900 W Madison St Starke, FL 32091	<b>Precinct 12</b> Keystone Heights Methodist Multi-Ministry Bldg 4004 SR 21 South Keystone Heights, FL 32656
<b>Precinct 4</b> Church of God by Faith 730 Old Lawley Rd Starke, FL 32091	<b>Precinct 9</b> Sampson City Church of God 8252 SW County Road 225 Starke, FL 32091	<b>Precinct 13</b> Brooker City Hall/ Community Center 17435 Tetstone Ave Brooker, FL 32622

# 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

Franly Leonel Arevalo Cruz, 28, of Jacksonville, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 15 for hit and run and driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Howard Walter Austin, 61, of Orlando, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 16 for a probation violation.

Michael Lee Crawford, 32, of Melrose, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 14 for criminal mischief with property damage.

Marissa Shanta Griffin, 29, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 17 for an out-of-county warrant.

Matthew Devon Haney, 42, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 16 for failure to appear.

Jason Lucas Harden, 46, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 12 for DUI.

Summer Brooke Johnson, 37, of Starke, was arrested by

Bradford deputies on October 17 for possession of drugs, possession of drug equipment, and resisting an officer.

Seth Andrew Kaye, 49, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 18 for DUI.

Ra'Ann Ma'chele Love, 29, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 17 for a probation violation.

Alberto Yoani Martinez, 42, of Tampa, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 13 for vehicle theft.

Austin Palmer, 34, of Gainesville, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 12 for failure to appear.

Heriberto Leonel Roblero Morales, 31, of Gainesville, was arrested by FHP troopers on October 14 for driving without a valid license and attaching a tag not assigned.

John Robert Stout, 33, of Brooker, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 16 for resisting an officer and child neglect.

Whitnie Brianna Tetstone Jenkins, 33, of Brooker, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 16 for child neglect.

Cody Lamar Barnes, 28, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 14 for vehicle theft.

Edwin Glen Vickery, 39, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 12 for trespassing.

Cody J. Lee Yarborough, 32, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 13 for

kidnapping-false imprisonment.

### Union

Brett Alan Masse, 58, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Union deputies on October 20 for an out-of-county warrant and battery.

Matthew Erin Dover, 31, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Union deputies on October 21 for an out-of-county warrant.

Gabiell Wynn Parrish, 24, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Union deputies on October 15 for a probation violation.

### Clay

Steven Christopher Brightwell, 31, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Clay deputies on October 12 for vandalism.

Noah Caleb Gooden, 42, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Clay deputies on October 16 for possession of a firearm or ammunition by a convicted felon.

Angela Christine Klein, 37, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Clay deputies on October 15 for aggravated assault.

Natasha Yvette Rhoden, 48, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Clay deputies on October 12 for a probation violation.

Joseph Karl Rowe, 22, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Clay deputies on October 17 for grand theft auto.

Francis Dean SESCO, 30, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Clay deputies on October 18 for resisting an officer and disorderly intoxication.

## Coming up at the Bradford County Public Library

### Resume workshop

Looking for a new job? Thinking about a career change? CareerSource is here to help.

On Monday, Oct. 28, bring your resume to Bradford County Public Library and discover how to make it more effective. The Resume Workshop begins at 11 a.m. Attendance is free.

### Craft Market

Find holiday gifts and something for yourself at the Friends of the Library Craft Market, happening on Saturday, Oct. 26, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Items include fresh produce, baked goods, beautiful holiday decor, useful household goods, unique accessories, special gifts and more. It's your opportunity for a one-stop shopping experience.

You'll find a prayer flag to bring hope to someone struggling, cute

jewelry to attract compliments for your coworkers, handmade items to bring warmth to loved one, and expertly crafted items that turn a house into a home.

### Animal adoption

Reading to Shelter Animals is a fun program that gives children a chance to read books to animals in need of companionship. During the event, adoption fees are waived. Each adopted pet receives a free goodie bag to take to its new home. The program begins at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 29.

### Chinese cooking with Chef Warren Caterson

Learn more about how enjoyable and flavorful cooking Chinese cuisine can be. Celebrity chef and award-winning cookbook author Chef Warren Caterson is traveling from South Florida to be at Bradford County Public Library for an informative presentation and cooking demonstration at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 6. Attendees

will have the opportunity to sample a delicious recipe. Autographed cookbooks will be available.

This program, sponsored by New River Public Library Cooperative, is free to the public. Cooking Chinese Cuisine is the first in a series of Cooking Around the World Workshops happening at Bradford County Public Library.

### Teen volunteers

VOLT is a new program for teens that offers volunteer hours for various projects. To find out how your teen can benefit, please call 904-368-3911 and ask for Amy. The next meeting is Thursday, Nov. 7, at 4 p.m.

The Bradford County Public Library is located at 456 W. Pratt St. in Starke. For a full schedule of events, pick up a calendar from the front desk. You can also get the latest news on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/bradfordlibrary](http://www.facebook.com/bradfordlibrary). For more information on these programs or other services, please call 904-368-3911 or visit [www.bcplibrary.com](http://www.bcplibrary.com).

## VFW Trunk or Treat

Lake Butler VFW Post 10082 is having its annual Trunk or Treat at the post's home off of Hwy 231 on Saturday, Oct. 26, from 6 to 8 p.m. The address is 16483 SE 83rd Terrace in Lake Butler. Call VFW Auxiliary President Barbara Fischer 904-

263-0647 for more information.

## Fall festival at New River Baptist

New River Baptist Church, located at 16703 SW 144th Ave. in Brooker, will hold its Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 26.

There will be a meal at 4 p.m., with games and activities for the children from 5 to 7 p.m. They will also have their much talked about cakewalk. There will be plenty of food, candy, popcorn, cotton candy, snow cones and much more for both children and adults. Join New River Baptist Church for family fun.

For more information, call 904-796-2359.



(L-R) Carnell Williams, Rose Sansing and Debbie Warren

## Sheriff hosts Senior Expo

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
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The Bradford County Sheriff's Office held its annual Senior Expo at the county senior center on Thursday, October 17th.

The event featured exhibits where seniors could explore healthcare options, insurance, investments, and preventing crimes targeted towards seniors.

Sheriff Gordon Smith said this year's event restarts the senior expo, which had been paused for several years.

"I became the sheriff back in 2009," Smith said, "the senior citizens were coming around. People said, what can we do? We were asked to get involved, and we said, Hey, We like to cook. We'd like to set up our booth and show you what we can do to help protect our seniors with crime prevention."

Smith said the annual expo continued until the 2020 COVID-19 Pandemic, which "kind of put a hiatus on it for a while."

### Seniors demand return of expo

The sheriff added that seniors constantly asked him when he would return the event during the pause.

"No matter where I go, whether it be at church, whether it be at the post office, whether it be while I'm in Walmart, Winn Dixie, wherever it may be, I've run into one of the seniors, and they say, Hey, sheriff, when are y'all coming back? It's a great expo for them."

Deputies and staff members prepared a chicken and rice meal for the event, and participants could also play games like Bingo.

Attendee Carnell Williams said she enjoyed the Bingo and catching up with old

acquaintances.

"I met some people that I have never seen before," she said. "I've met a lot of them that I've already been affiliated with down here, and I'm also (Senior Center Director) Diane Gaskin's volunteer. One of them, and I enjoyed all the vendors."

### Criminals target seniors

The Sheriff's Office had its own booth during the expo, where deputies and staff members gave seniors advice on how to prevent fraud targeted at them.

Smith said that fraudsters are coming up with new schemes and rehashing ones that have been successful in the past.

"Fraud targeted towards seniors- It's always been the Publisher's Clearing House," he said. "We've dealt with that here recently. Again, we deal with, Hey, your son or daughter or grandchild's in jail, kind of thing. If you don't give us money right away, they're going to be locked up."

The sheriff said seniors may get a fraudulent bill that appears to come from a vendor they have done business with in the past.

"And what's sad to say is a lot of them will just pay it without asking questions or the number that's on there, they dial it, and they're getting somebody that's not there, or somebody that's part of the scam, and they're just paying it. These people are making millions."

The sheriff added that seniors should call his office when approached by someone they don't know seeking money.

Smith also promoted his office's new smartphone app, Bradford County Sheriff FL, available in the iPhone App Store and Google Play.

### Publisher's clearinghouse fraud

Smith said one scheme criminals are returning to is the Publisher's Clearinghouse fraud.

Earlier this year, Polk County Sheriff Grady Judd recounted how a Publix retiree was scammed out of over \$400,000 when two men told her she had won \$3 million in the clearinghouse sweepstakes. To claim the money, she only needed to pay them to cover the taxes on the prize.

"She borrowed money against her retirement stock at Publix," Judd said at a news conference.

The sheriff added that the two fraudsters also told the victim that if credit union employees asked her what she would do with the money, she was to tell the employees that she was buying a boat.

"These guys told her," Judd said, pointing to photographs of the defendants, "they're going to question you when you write these big checks. Don't tell them you won the Publisher's Clearinghouse because that is a surprise. Just tell them you are buying a boat."

The victim ultimately sent three checks to the defendants for over \$477,000. Judd's investigators recovered \$40,000 of the woman's money.

"These scammers are very good and very convincing at what they do," the sheriff said. "They don't call them commens for nothing."

For a video version of this story, scan the QR code here.



## BINGO

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Lee said another indicator of MCI is the inability to trace one's steps.

"Don't go Google your symptoms," Lee warned. "Don't go asking your friends. Talk to your primary care physician if you're worried about stuff like that."

Throughout the presentation, Lee repeated the importance of talking to a primary care provider about memory loss concerns.

The program manager said another sign of MCI is when someone willingly withdraws from social situations.

"For instance," she said, "you come to Bingo, you come to the senior center, you come here routinely, you go to church routinely, you gather with your family routinely, and all of a sudden, you're like, I just don't want to be around people today. When you start withdrawing from those social interactions you love, that's a good indicator that you start talking to your primary care physician."

Lee added that social interaction is the best exercise for the brain.

### Get moving

Lee said regular exercise is

essential to brain health because it increases blood flow to the brain.

She also said dehydration can inhibit blood and oxygen flow to the brain, adding that she can tell if a particular family member is hydrated or dehydrated based on his cognitive performance.

"When he stays good and hydrated, his brain works better," Lee said, "which means everything else works better. Your brain is a network of tissues and pathways through which blood flows. The blood can't flow easily when that tissue is dry."

Lee also said that headaches associated with hangovers are caused by dehydration because alcohol is a diuretic, which means it increases urine production and causes the body to lose fluids and electrolytes faster than other liquids.

### Listen to music

"Music has power," Lee said. "Music can absolutely trigger memories and bring people back from a state of where dementia has taken hold, and they may have a lucid moment."

"Music can bring somebody back to current-day reality," she continued. "It can lift our spirits, transport us to a specific time or moment, and for families facing any kind of dementia, these moments are precious."



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## BHS, KHHS teams to play in Class 1A Public School Golf Championship

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
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The Bradford and Keystone Heights high school boys teams have qualified for the inaugural Florida Class 1A Public School Championship, which will be played Friday, Oct. 25, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at Lake City's Quail Heights Country Club.

Keystone Coach Ryan Begue, who serves on the tournament committee with Lafayette Coach Robbie Kerby, was instrumental in creating the event, which gives public schools in Class 1A the chance to play for a championship. The postseason in Class 1A is dominated by private schools, so even if a public-school team qualifies for the Florida High School Athletic

Association Finals, it stands almost no chance of competing for a championship.

Eight teams were selected to participate based on iwannamaker.com rankings that take into account team average and course difficulty. Keystone was ranked sixth behind Frostproof, Fort Meade, Lafayette, Holmes County and Northview. The other qualifying teams are Walton County and Baker.

Northview, which is located in Century, won't make the trip, which allows Bradford as the first alternate to now compete.

If you were to look at Class 1A as a whole, 40 private schools are ranked ahead of Frostproof, the top seed in the Public School Championship.

Trophies will be awarded to the top three teams. Medallions will be awarded to every player and coach on those teams as well as the top five individuals.

Qualifying teams will still compete in the FHSAA postseason, which begins with district tournaments being played Oct. 28-30.

## UCHS remains on top in Rural, BHS still 1st in Region 2-2A

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
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Union County High School is still the top football team in the Rural Class, while Bradford remained number one in Region 2 of Class 2A with the release of the fifth Florida High School Athletic Association/MaxPreps power rankings on Oct. 22.

Rankings, which take into account results and strength of schedule, are updated weekly and will be used to determine playoff qualifiers and seeding.

Union has been the top Rural team the last four weeks after being ranked second in the Sept. 24 inaugural rankings. The Tigers are 7-0 after defeating Class 1A Trinity Catholic 54-16 on Oct. 18.

The Top 16 Rural Class teams at the end of the season qualify for the playoffs. Ranking behind Union in descending order are Hawthorne (6-1), Madison

County (4-3), Jay (7-1), Chiefland (7-1), Cottondale (7-0), Pahokee (5-2), Aucilla Christian (8-0), Chipley (7-1), Fort White (4-3), Blountstown (5-2), Holmes County (5-3), Williston (4-3), Lafayette (4-4), Franklin County (6-2) and Jefferson County (6-2).

Bradford, which improved to 7-1 with a 43-7 win over Class 5A Leon, dropped from third to fourth in Class 2A, but maintained its hold on the number-one spot in Region 2. The top eight teams in the region (including district champions who automatically qualify for the postseason) will advance to the regional playoffs. Ranked behind the Tornadoes in Region 2 are Newberry (6-2), Cocoa (4-3), Palatka (5-3), Clearwater Calvary Christian (4-2), Tampa Berkeley Prep (3-4), Titusville Astronaut (5-2) and The Villages (4-3).

The only change from the previous rankings was Astronaut and The Villages swapping places.

In looking at Class 2A as a whole, the Tornadoes are now fourth behind Gadsden County (7-1), Bolles (7-1) and Pensacola Catholic (6-1).

## Griffin, Thomas lead KHHS teams at New World meet

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
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Keystone Heights High School's cross-country teams competed in the Oct. 19 New World Fall Spectacular, hosted by Bolles at Cecil Field Golf Course in Jacksonville, with Olivia Griffin earning a top-five finish and Ryder Thomas placing 11th out of a field of 400.

Griffin competed in the girls C race (runners competed in Elite, B or C divisions), running a fourth-place time of 21:37 in a field of 203.

All of Keystone's girls runners competed in the C race, with the Indians placing fourth as a team behind Trinity Christian, Sandalwood and Rickards.

Placing in the top half of the field were Melody Tyre (18th, 23:44), Cali Chamberlain (33rd, 24:50), London Williams (53rd,

25:52), Kenslee Phillips (62nd, 26:12), Madilyn Miller (66th, 26:16) and Brook Gaudons (67th, 26:16).

Also running for Keystone were Clara Beth Robinson (30:04), Raina Daniel (36:04), Madylinn Michaud (36:26) and Ava Blackburn (37:18).

Thomas competed in the boys B race, finishing with a time of 17:10. Teammate Noah Yara was also part of the large field, placing 26th with a time of 17:40.

The 217-member boys C race consisted of six Keystone runners, led by Jason Parales, who was 74th with a time of 21:20.

Three of Parales' teammates also placed in the top half of the field: Mason Gray (91st, 22:14), Alex Mahaffey (99th, 22:27) and Adam Bell (101st, 22:31).

The Indians' Hunter Gray (24:20) and Oliver Miller (24:47) were also part of the race.

The Indians will compete in the District 2-2A meet on Monday, Oct. 28, at Jacksonville's Bishop Kenny High School. The girls race will start at 5:30 p.m., followed by the boys race at 6:20 p.m.

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(904) 964-3737



"We were having issues with out septic system and many places wouldn't service our area or wanted a ton of money and were very unpleasant on the phone. BUT, I called Phillip McDonald Plumbing and was greeted by a very friendly receptionist that listened to the problems we we having and gave me a straightforward cost and timeline. Dylan then came out the next day and fixed the issue. Thank you!"

**C & S Site Prep**  
22787 NW 34th Ave,  
Lawtey, FL 32058  
(352) 235-1210



**Land Clearing, Driveway, Culverts, Excavation, Ponds, House Pads, Drainage, Grading, Erosion Control, Dirt, Lime Rock, Asphalt, Sand, Crushed Concrete, 57 Stone**

**Miller HVAC Services, Inc.**  
(904) 626-0963  
Serving Northeast FL



"You can't go wrong with Miller HVAC, they have a dedicated team in providing excellent service, excellent customer skills, service with a smile and at a great price!! They care about your needs! Customer service goes a long way, I will always use Miller HVAC and you should too!!! They are there when you need them!!!"

**Teal Tile Carpet One**  
131 N Cherry St, Starke, FL 32091  
(904) 964-7423



"We worked with Mary Carver during our rehab of three bathrooms in our house. She helped us with bathroom design for our tile showers and kept up with the whole process. We also tiled our Master Suite. She was always available and answered any questions we had. Teal tile is professional and I would highly recommend them for all of your tile needs."

**Craig Falstreaux Heating & Air, Inc**  
228 S Walnut St,  
Starke, FL 32091  
(352) 792-4426



"Of course our A/C would go out on a hot, holiday weekend! We weren't sure which company to call, but out of the four that we left voicemails, Falstreaux was the only one that responded. Our house was 90° and thankfully he said he'd be there in 30 minutes. And he was! He has our unit fixed within the next 30 minutes. We are truly thankful and won't use anyone else now."

**The Chiropractic & Injury Clinic of Starke**  
601 E Call St, Starke, FL 32091  
(904) 964-8018



"Amazing experience, everyone is so nice, patient, kind, the reception is absolutely amazing. I love going here and will definitely be back .... If I could rate them 10 stars I absolutely would..."

**JBS Jackson Building Supply**  
"Serving Our Community For Over 60 Years"

- LUMBER & BUILDING MATERIALS
- HAND & POWER TOOLS
- PAINT, LADDERS & SUPPLIES
- HOME & FARM HARDWARE
- ELECTRICAL & PLUMBING SUPPLIES
- BATHROOM VANITIES
- METAL ROOFING & SHINGLES
- HOT WATER HEATERS
- DOORS & WINDOWS
- LAWN & GARDEN

**STARKE** US-301S 964-6078  
*Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6*  
**LAKE BUTLER** 145 SW 6th Ave. 496-3079

**DLP Bank**  
811 S Walnut St, Starke, FL 32091  
(904) 964-7830



"Great service! Fast and efficient place with very nice and knowledgeable people. Great place to bank and a trusted bank in the community for over 100 years!"

**CJ Appliances**  
442 W Call St, Starke, FL 32091  
(904) 452-1968



"Great place, starke needed an appliances store with good prices. I bought my mom a brand new dryer from them for 60% off of what it would cost at lowes or homedepot. Seriously check this place out"

**Bradford County Sheriffs Office**  
945-B N Temple Ave, Starke, FL 32091  
(904) 966-6161



"I need to take a minute to recognize my jail command team, the people I'm surrounded by. Each unique and strong in their own areas. There is nothing anyone asks of them they don't do and almost always with a smile. They take care of business and take care of people at the same time."

**Hometown Health & Wellness**  
110 Nightingale St,  
Keystone Heights, FL 32656  
(352) 664-7702



"I can't believe it's been almost a year since I started my journey at Hometown Health and Wellness, and I just have to share my incredible experience! From the very first appointment, Bryan has made a world of difference in my life. He truly takes the time to listen, understand my challenges, and provide tailored advice that respects my individual needs."

**CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
3760 State Rd 21,  
Keystone Heights, FL 32656  
(352) 875-6079

**10:00 AM - Adult Bible Class**  
**11:00 AM - Worship Service**

**T.E.S. Rentals**  
2000 N Temple Ave,  
Starke, FL 32091  
(904) 452-0888



Your destination for compact construction equipment and general contracting tool rentals. Located in Starke, Florida we eagerly serve all of Bradford, Clay, Baker, and Union Counties.

**Turners Automotive & Transmission**  
135 Commercial Cir,  
Keystone Heights, FL 32656  
(352) 473-3404



"Fast turnaround time and fair prices. The technicians kept us well informed of the progress and called with any additional issues. First time customers and we will return. Awesome job! Will recommend 10/10."

**Andrews Site Prep**  
(386) 867-0572  
Services 20 different counties!



"Only giving 5 stars because I can't give more. I'm not sure who you're using for your well and septic system but if you're not using Andrews site prep you are missing out. Bart, Luke, and the young lady in the front office are amazing. They know how to take care of a customer and treat them as a person not a number, as if I didn't already use them whenever I had a problem they have made sure I never go anywhere else ever again. If you ever need work done this is the place to go."

**Bradford County Eye Center**  
292 Lafayette St,  
Starke, FL 32091  
(904) 964-8076



"Excellent service. Fast and efficient exam. Doctor was very knowledgeable during the exam. Would recommend Bradford Eye center to anyone needing a great place for eye exams and eye glasses."

**The Struggle Bus Mobile I.V.**  
www.strugglebusventures.com



"10/10 recommend! I got the stomach bug and they came that day for an in home visit to give me the recovery blend IV. I didn't even have to get off the couch. They are so amazing and did a great job!"

**Hearing Aids Today**  
450 S Lawrence Blvd,  
Keystone Heights, FL 32656  
(352) 877-4471



"They are very specific people. When asked to do something they do it. I love the people at Hearing Aids Today. They have really helped me! If you need an adjustment they get you in immediately. Great people."

**Durrance Pump**  
864 N Temple Ave STE C,  
Starke, FL 32091  
(904) 964-7061



"Quick response and great price! They don't nickel and dime you at all. They tell you a straight up price and that's what the bill is. I definitely recommend using them for your well! Cameron is super knowledgeable and pleasant to deal with."

**Robert's Insurance**  
986 N Temple Ave, Starke, FL 32091  
(904) 452-7784



**"The staff there is great. Up beat atmosphere!"**

**GAME ON 2024: FOOTBALL CONTEST**

**YOU COULD WIN \$50 CASH**

IN THE WEEKLY TELEGRAPH/TIMES/MONITOR

**FOOTBALL CONTEST**

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL CONTEST SPONSORS!



**1** *Bradford Tornadoes vs. Santa Fe Raiders*

**MIRACLE AUTOMOTIVE**  
620 N Thompson St  
Starke, FL 32091  
904-368-1114

**2** *Palatka Panthers vs. Keystone Indians*

**BRYAN'S ACE HARDWARE**  
251 East Walker Drive • KH  
Keystone Heights 352-473-4006  
Starke 904-964-4642

**3** *Union County Tigers vs. Hudson Cobras*

**SPIRES IGA**  
610 SW 1st Street  
Lake Butler  
386-496-3361

**4** *Illinois Fighting Illini vs. Oregon Ducks*

**JACKSON BUILDING SUPPLY**  
Starke 904-964-6078  
Lake Butler 386-496-3079

**5** *FSU Seminoles vs. Miami Hurricanes*

**REDDISH & WHITE, CPAs**  
134 E. Call St. Starke, FL  
904-964-7555

**6** *Texas Longhorns vs. Vanderbilt Commodores*

**DURRANCE PUMP**  
864 N Temple Ave. • Starke  
(904) 964-7061

**7** *Notre Dame Fighting Irish vs. Navy Midshipmen*

**CRAIG FALSTREUX HEATING & AIR**  
134 E Call St. Starke, FL  
904-964-7555

**8** *Arkansas Razorbacks vs. Mississippi St. Bulldogs*

**WILLIAMSON'S FOOD STORE**  
840 N SR 21 • Melrose, FL  
352-475-1144

**9** *LSU Tigers vs. Texas A&M Aggies*

**THORNTON & CO. REALTY**  
50 West Main Street  
Lake Butler, FL  
904-364-6890

**10** *Missouri Tigers vs. Alabama Crimson Tide*

**CLYATT WELL DRILLING**  
5941 SW State Rd 121 • Lake Butler, FL  
386-496-2488

**11** *Washington Huskies vs. Indiana Hoosiers*

**TEAL TILE**  
131 N. Cherry St.  
Starke, FL  
904-964-7423

**12** *Auburn Tigers vs. Kentucky Wildcats*

**LAKE AREA TITLE**  
Keystone Hts Location 7404 State Road 21  
Keystone Heights, FL 32656 (352) 473-9009  
Lake Butler Location 25 East Main Street  
Lake Butler, FL 32054 (386) 496-8238

**TELEGRAPH/TIMES/MONITOR WEEKLY FOOTBALL CONTEST ENTRY FORM**

Pick the Week's Winners  
**★ Win \$50 Cash**

ENTER one TEAM Winner in space for each of GAMES OF THE WEEK:  
**★ Deadline: 5 pm FRIDAY\***  
DROP BY OR EMAIL US YOUR ENTRY see rules below\*\*\*

Biz 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Biz 10 \_\_\_\_\_  
Biz 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Biz 11 \_\_\_\_\_  
Biz 3 \_\_\_\_\_ Biz 12 \_\_\_\_\_  
Biz 4 \_\_\_\_\_ Biz 13 \_\_\_\_\_  
Biz 5 \_\_\_\_\_ Biz 14 \_\_\_\_\_  
Biz 6 \_\_\_\_\_ Biz 15 \_\_\_\_\_  
Biz 7 \_\_\_\_\_ Biz 16 \_\_\_\_\_  
Biz 8 \_\_\_\_\_ Biz 17 \_\_\_\_\_  
Biz 9 \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Tiebreaker Score:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Total points scored by both teams in the FSU/MIAMI game

**This Weeks Winner:**  
**Chris Meng**  
missed 3, won w/ tiebreaker

**Congratulations!**

ENTRANT INFO:  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone# \_\_\_\_\_  
or \_\_\_\_\_

**CLEMONS FIELD SERVICES**  
21280 NW 62nd Ln, Starke, FL 32091  
(352) 494-0122

**Bulldozer Award: Offensive Lineman of the Week**

Edward Durant    Kyren Green    Ted Westbrook

**13** *Green Bay Packers vs. Jacksonville Jaguars*

**EVAN DOUGLAS CONSTRUCTION, INC.**  
352-745-0935

**14** *Buffalo Bills vs. Seattle Seahawks*

**NORTH FLORIDA PHARMACY**  
405 S. Lawrence Blvd  
Keystone Heights, FL 32656  
352-478-2057

**15** *Dallas Cowboys vs. San Francisco 49ers*

**MURRAY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP SUPERSTORES**  
Murray Ford Superstore 904-964-7200  
MurrayFordStarke.com STARKE, FL  
Murray Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram 904-964-3200

**16** *Arizona Cardinals vs. Miami Dolphins*

**PIPELINE CONSTRUCTORS INC.**  
2117 N Temple Ave  
Starke, FL 32091  
(904) 964-2019

**17** *Atlanta Falcons vs. Tampa Bay Buccaneers*

**QUALITY PLUMBING**  
QUALITY-PLUMBING.COM  
LIC#FC043073  
(904) 966-0665

**18** **YOUR BUSINESS CAN BE HERE!**

\* CONTEST RULES 1. Anyone (except Telegraph/Times/Monitor employees and their immediate family members) is welcome to enter. One entry per person per week please. Persons winning one week are not eligible to win again for at least three weeks. 2. When picking up winnings, the winner will have their photograph taken for the paper. 3. Entry must be on an official form from the BCT/UCT/LRM and submitted to one of our drop off locations: BC Telegraph, 131 W. Call St., Starke; Spires Market in Lake Butler; Capital City Bank in Keystone Heights OR \*\*\* email a photo/scan of your official entry form to CONTEST@BCTELEGRAPH.COM — ALL entries due before 5 p.m. on Fridays. Entrants consent to be added to our email list and having photo taken for paper. Fill in all the blanks with the name of the team you think will win, matching the biz & card numbers. The person who picks the most games correctly will win \$50 cash from the pool of BCT/UCT/LRM entries. 4. \*\*In case of a tie, the total points scored in the FSU/MIAMI game this week is the tie breaker. Please fill in the points you think will be scored by FSU AND MIAMI, combined, in the tie breaker blank. (For instance, if the score of the game was FSU 19, MIAMI 7, the correct tie-breaker score is 26 points). 5. Decision of the judges is final. A second, follow up tie-breaker will be used if necessary. Results will be tabulated on Monday and winners notified by telephone. Don't forget to list a phone number where you can be reached. INFO: 904-964-6305. [FSU/MIAMI WILL BE USED FOR TIEBREAKER.]

# Legal Notices

Legals for the week of Oct. 24, 2024

## BRADFORD

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**  
To satisfy the owner's storage lien, KO Storage LLC will sell at public lien sale on November 12, 2024. The personal property in the below-listed units, which may include but are not limited to: Household goods, boxes/notes/bags, clothing, bedding, tools and toys. The public sale of these items will begin at 10AM on November 05, 2024 and end at 10AM on November 12, 2024. The public sale will take place on www.storage-treasures.com. KO Storage of Starke - S Walnut St, 1650 South Walnut Street, Starke FL 32091, (952)-491-6837  
Time: 10:00AM CST  
AOB, cruger, gerica, A14, FRAZIER, DAVID, A77, Smith, Duanea, B08, Mikkelson, Andrew, B44, chevalier, brianna, B51, Green, Cherish  
Public sale terms, rules, and regulations will be made available on www.storage-treasures.com. All sales are subject to cancellation. We reserve the right to refuse any bid. Payment must be by credit/debit card, we do not accept checks or cash. Buyers must secure the units with their own personal locks. To claim tax-exempt status, original RESALE certificates for each space purchased is required. By KO Storage LLC, 10301 Wayzata Blvd, Minnetonka, MN 55305. (952)-491-6837.

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

CASE NO.: 2024-CP-0114  
DIVISION: Probate  
IN RE: ESTATE OF GARY WILLIAM TEATE,  
Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
The administration of the estate of GARY WILLIAM TEATE, deceased, whose date of death was May 14, 2024, is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 945 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida 32091. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorneys 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 THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE TIME 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 must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE (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 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 17, 2024, 2024.

Attorneys for Personal Representative:  
*/s/ Clayton T. Miller*  
Clayton T. Miller  
Florida Bar No.: 047094  
Email: clayton@ivanlawgroup.com  
2d Email: emily@ivanlawgroup.com  
Robert Daugustinis  
Florida Bar No.: 106914  
Email: rob@ivanlawgroup.com  
Ivan & Daugustinis, PLLC  
5150 Belford Road, Bldg. 200  
Jacksonville, Florida 32256  
Telephone: 904-395-2395  
Fax: 904-475-2121  
Personal Representative:  
DONNA M. TEATE  
5255 NW 181<sup>st</sup> Way  
Starke, FL 32091

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**THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
File No. 042024CP000092CPAXMX  
PROBATE DIVISION  
IN RE: ESTATE OF Martin Ray Ricks, Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
The administration of the Estate of Martin Ray Ricks, deceased, Case No: 042024CP000092CPAXMX is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Bradford County Courthouse, 945 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, 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 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 the Court WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.  
ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.  
The date of the first publication of this Notice is October 17, 2024.  
Attorney Nathan P. Warren  
2801 NW 23<sup>rd</sup> Blvd. G56  
Gainesville, Florida, 32605  
(954)263-6654  
Florida Bar No: 1054279

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**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

**NOTICE OF MEETINGS**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Suwannee River Water Management District will meet on the following dates and times beginning January 2025 thru December 2025. Board meetings will begin at 9:00 a.m. at District Headquarters, unless otherwise noted. Committee Meetings, Public Hearings, and Workshops, when scheduled, will follow the Governing Board Meetings unless otherwise announced. All dates, times and locations are subject to change. Please view our website at [mysuwanneeriver.com](http://mysuwanneeriver.com) for the most current information. Meetings are open to the public.  
1/14/2025 - Tuesday  
2/11/2025 - Tuesday  
3/11/2025 - Tuesday  
4/8/2025 - Tuesday  
5/13/2025 - Tuesday  
6/10/2025 - Tuesday  
7/8/2025 - Tuesday  
8/12/2025 - Tuesday  
9/9/2025 - Tuesday - 3:00 p.m. - Board Meeting  
9/9/2025 - Tuesday - 5:05 p.m. - First Public Hearing on Tentative Millage and Budget  
9/22/2025 - Monday 3:00 p.m. - Workshops, &/or Committee Meetings  
9/22/2025 - Monday 5:05 p.m. - Final Public Hearing on Millage and Budget  
10/14/2025 - Tuesday  
11/12/2025 - Wednesday - (Due to Veteran's Day on Tuesday 11/11/25)  
12/9/2025 - Tuesday

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

CASE NO.: 04-2024-CP-117  
In Re: The Estate of DEBORA QUINN-DIAZ,  
Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
The administration of the Estate of DEBORA QUINN-DIAZ, deceased, whose date of death was July 2, 2024, and whose last four digits of his social security number are 9516, is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 945 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida 32091. The names and addresses of the personal representative and personal representative's attorney are set forth below.  
All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with the court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.  
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 FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.  
A Personal Representative or curator has no duty to discover whether any property held at the time of the decedent's death by the decedent or the decedent's surviving spouse is property to which, the Florida Uniform Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death Act as described in ss. 732.216-732.228, applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is made by a creditor as specified under s. 732.221.2  
The date of first publication of this notice is October 24, 2024.  
Executed on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of October, 2024,  
Attorney for Personal Representative:  
SHARON W. EHRENREICH, ESQUIRE  
Florida Bar No.: 295251  
303 State Road 26  
Melrose, FL 32666  
Telephone:  
352/475-1611/Fax:352/475-5968  
Email: [sharon@fightingforall.com](mailto:sharon@fightingforall.com)  
Personal Representative:

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**SADE LAW**  
Personal Representative  
10/24 2tchg 10/31-BCT

**STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**  
NOTICE OF DRAFT PERMIT

The Department of Environmental Protection gives notice of its intent to issue a permit to The Chemours Company FC LLC, Clement J. Hilton, Post Office Box 753, Starke, Florida 32091 for operation of Florida Mine - Trail Ridge (FL0000051), which is an existing industrial wastewater treatment facility, discharging 40.0 MGD of treated process wastewater and stormwater to Alligator Creek and discharging of stormwater and treated process wastewater to an existing ditch, which then discharges into the Southwest Quadrant Pond with eventual discharge into Blue Pond, which is the portion of Alligator Creek which flows south in Clay County. The facility is located at latitude 29° 54' 46.15" N, longitude -82° 01' 52.35" W, on 4641 State Road 230, Starke, Florida 32091-9787 in Bradford County. The Department has assigned permit file number FL0000051-015-IW3S to the proposed project.

The intent to issue and application file are available for public inspection during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, at the Department's Northeast District Office, 8800 Baymeadows Way West, Suite 100, Jacksonville, Florida 32256-7577, at phone number (904)256-1700.

**NOTICE OF RIGHTS**

The Department will issue the permit unless a petition for an administrative hearing is timely filed under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., before the deadline for filing a petition. On the filing of a timely and sufficient petition, this action will not be final and effective until further order of the Department. Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the hearing process may result in a modification of the agency action or even denial of the application.  
**Petition for Administrative Hearing**  
A person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department's action may petition for an administrative proceeding (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. Pursuant to Rules 28-106.201 and 28-106.301, F.A.C., a petition for an administrative hearing must contain the following information:  
The name and address of each agency affected and each agency's file or identification number, if known;  
The name, address, any e-mail address, any facsimile number, and telephone number of the petitioner, if the petitioner is not represented by an attorney or a qualified representative; the name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner's representative, if any, which shall be the address for service purposes during the course of the proceeding; and an explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests will be affected by the agency determination;  
A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the Department's agency decision;  
A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so indicate;  
A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts that the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action;  
A statement of the specific rules or statutes the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action, including an explanation of how the alleged facts relate to the specific rules or statutes; and  
A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action that the petitioner wishes the agency to take with respect to the agency's proposed action.

The petition must be filed (received by the Clerk) in the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, or via electronic correspondence at [Agency\\_Clerk@FloridaDEP.gov](mailto:Agency_Clerk@FloridaDEP.gov). Also, a copy of the petition shall be mailed to the applicant at the address indicated above at the time of filing.

**Time Period for Filing a Petition**  
Petitions filed by any persons other than the applicant, and other than those entitled to written notice under Section 120.60(3), F.S., must be filed within 14 days of publication of the notice or within 14 days of receipt of the written notice, whichever occurs first. The failure to file a petition within the appropriate time period shall constitute a waiver of that person's right to request an administrative determination (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., or to intervene in this proceeding and participate as a party to it. Any subsequent intervention (in a proceeding initiated by another party) will be only at the discretion of the presiding officer upon the filing of a motion in compliance with Rule 28-106.205, F.A.C.

**Extension of Time**  
Under Rule 62-110.106(4), F.A.C., a person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department's action may also request an extension of time to file a petition for an administrative

hearing. The Department may, for good cause shown, grant the request for an extension of time. Requests for extension of time must be filed with the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, or via electronic correspondence at [Agency\\_Clerk@FloridaDEP.gov](mailto:Agency_Clerk@FloridaDEP.gov), before the deadline for filing a petition for an administrative hearing. A timely request for extension of time shall toll the running of the time period for filing a petition until the request is acted upon.

**Mediation**  
Mediation is not available in this proceeding.  
10/24 1tchg-BCT

**KEYSTONE HEIGHTS AIRPORT AUTHORITY**  
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals, in duplicate, will be received by the Keystone Heights Airport Authority in the Conference Room at the Keystone Heights Airport Terminal Building, located at 7150 Airport Road, Starke, Florida 32091, until 2:00 PM EDT on November 21, 2024 at which time all proposals received will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bidders are invited to submit proposals for:

PERIMETER FENCE & GATE IMPROVEMENTS FOR WEST SIDE SERVICE ROAD AT

**KEYSTONE HEIGHTS AIRPORT**  
The scope of the project includes the installation of chain link fence, a cantilever gate, gate operator, and power poles to tie into the existing perimeter fence where the new West Side Service Road meets SR-100. Installation of the electric gate and power poles will require underground conduit and wiring, partial demolition of the existing asphalt, and concrete pad installation. Partial demolition of the existing fence shall occur once the proposed fence and electric gate are fully operational.  
**A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting and site inspection will be held at 2:00 PM on November 7, 2024 in the Conference Room at the Keystone Heights Airport Terminal Building. Bidders are strongly urged to attend.**  
The meeting will be held in person and as a Teams meeting for anyone who wishes to attend virtually. Contact William R. Prange prior to November 5, 2024 to receive the Teams meeting invitation. Bidders are invited to submit Proposals for this work on the Proposal Forms provided. Other proposal forms will not be accepted. The complete examination and understanding of the Contract Documents consisting of the Plans and Specifications, and all addenda or other revisions, and Site of the proposed work is necessary to properly submit a Proposal. Contract Documents consisting of the Plans and Specifications, and all addenda or other revisions will be available for examination or may be obtained from the offices of the AECOM, 7650 West Courtney Campbell Causeway, Tampa, Florida 33607; contact Diane Kline at (813) 636-2139 or diane.kline@aecom.com. The Contract Documents will be available on or before Friday, October 25, 2024. There is no fee to obtain a set of the Contract Documents. Printed copies of documents will not be made available. Only PDF project plans and specification files, either on CD or sent via File Transfer will be made available. Contractor must obtain the Contract Documents from the Engineer of Record in order to be considered a responsive bidder. A Bid Bond in the form as bound in the Contract Documents or Certified Check in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount bid must accompany each Bid. Successful Bidder shall be required to execute and to provide a Payment Bond and Performance Bond each in an Amount of not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the total value of the Contract awarded to him with a satisfactory surety or sureties for the full and faithful performance of the work.

No bid may be withdrawn after closing time for the receipt of Proposals for a period of sixty (60) days. The Keystone Heights Airport Authority reserves the right to waive any informalities or irregularities in or reject any or all bids and to award or refrain from awarding the Contract for the Work.  
For additional information, contact William R. Prange, P.E., AECOM, at (386) 898-2298 or [bill-prange@aecom.com](mailto:bill-prange@aecom.com).  
Dated: October 22, 2024  
By: Keystone Heights Airport Authority

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**COMMISSION MEETING**  
THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Bradford County Board of County Commissioners will have a board meeting on November 5, 2024, at 9:30 AM, inside the county commission meeting room, located in the north wing section of the Bradford County Courthouse, 945 N. Temple, Avenue, Starke, FL. A copy of the meeting agenda may be obtained from the Bradford County website: [www.bradfordcountyfl.gov](http://www.bradfordcountyfl.gov). Said meeting location is secured - no firearms or weapons are permitted.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC OPENING**

OF RFQ 2024-001 Responses. A committee will open and review responses to RFQ 2024-001 on Monday, October 28, 2024, at 10:00 AM in the County Manager's office, located in the north wing of the Bradford County Courthouse, 945 N Temple Ave. Starke, Florida 32091.  
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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

Notice is hereby given that SHIRLEY R PICKFORD REVOCABLE TRUST 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: 1168  
Year of Issuance: 2017  
Parcel Number: 05079-0-01001  
Case Number: 2024-TD-020  
Description of Property: Commence at the Southwest corner of Lot 9 of Block 7 of said Town of Hampton and run N 01°25'06"W, along the West line of Lots 9, 10, 11 and 12 of said Block 7 and along the Easterly R/W line of Florida Avenue (a 50' platted street) for a distance of 100.00 feet to the Northwest corner of said Lot 12 of Block 7; thence run S 88°28'54"W, along a Westerly prolongation of the North line of said Lot 12 of Block 7, for a distance of 25.00 feet to the centerline of said Florida Avenue for the Point of Beginning. From the Point of Beginning thus described run S 01°25'06"E, along the centerline of said Florida Avenue, for a distance of 125.00 feet to the intersection of the centerline of said Florida Avenue and Plum Street (50' platted street); thence run S 88°29'49"W, along the centerline of said Plum Street, for a distance of 25.00 feet; thence run N 01°25'06"W, along the Westerly R/W line of said Florida Avenue, for a distance of 25.00 feet to the Southeast corner of Lot 8 of Block 10 of said Town of Hampton; thence continue N 01°25'06" W, along the Westerly R/W line of said Florida Avenue and along the East line of Lots 8, 7, 6 and 5 of said Block 10, for a distance of 100.00 feet to the Northeast corner of said Lot 5 of Block 10, thence run N 88°28'54"E, along an Easterly prolongation of the North line of said Lot 5 of Block 10, for a distance of 25.00 feet to the Point of Beginning.

AND  
Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, Block 10, of the Town of Hampton, Section 30, Township 7 South, Range 22, East, and Lots 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12, Block 10, of the Town of Hampton, Section 30, Township 7 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida. Bearing date the 28th day February, AD. 1990, recorded in official records Book 408, page 0344. In the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Bradford County, State of Florida. (This is a second sale on this property due to an error in the legal description by the title company on the first sale dated March 13, 2024)  
Name in Which Assessed: TERESA A EVANS; WILLIAM T LANEY; MARTHA G LANEY  
Name on last tax roll, if different: TERESA LANEY ET AL  
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 the 12/18/2024, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date,  
Denny Thompson,  
Clerk Of The Circuit Court  
Bradford County, Florida  
BY: Kanetra Jenkins  
KANETRA JENKINS,  
Deputy Clerk  
Contact the Tax Deed Office at 904-966-6280 to obtain the amount necessary to redeem.  
DATED: October 21, 2024  
DATE OF PUBLICATION: OCTOBER 24, 2024; OCTOBER 31, 2024; NOVEMBER 7; NOVEMBER 14, 2024

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Notice is hereby given that on dates below these vehicles will be sold at public sale on the date listed below at 10AM for monies owed on vehicle repair and storage cost pursuant to Florida Statutes 713.585 or Florida Statutes 713.78. Please note, parties claiming interest have right to a hearing prior to the date of sale with the Clerk of Courts as reflected in the notice. The owner has the right to recover possession of the vehicle without judicial proceedings as pursuant to Florida Statute 559.917. Any proceeds recovered from the sale of the vehicle over the amount of the lien will be deposited with the clerk of the court for disposition upon court order. SALE DATE DECEMBER 30, 2024 THE SHOP OF AG AUTO SALES 10382 HAMPTON AVE 1978 FORD F10SNBJ9918 \$8,946.96  
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**UNION**

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED DECLARATION OF INACTIVE STATUS OF THE UNION SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
Notice is given that the Union Soil and Water Conservation District (District), a dependent special district

established pursuant to Chapter 582, Florida Statutes, has become inactive within the meaning of Section 189.062(1)(a)5., Florida Statutes, requiring the Florida Department of Commerce (FloridaCommerce) to declare the District inactive. The District is located in Union County, Florida. Section 189.062(4), Florida Statutes, requires the entity that created a special district declared inactive to dissolve the special district by repealing its enabling laws or by other appropriate means.

Any objections to this Notice must be filed pursuant to Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, within thirty (30) days after the date of publication. The objections may include that the special district has outstanding debt obligations that are not included in reports required under Sections 189.016(9) or 218.32, Florida Statutes. For the required contents of a petition challenging agency action, refer to Rules 28-106.104, 28-106.201, and 28-106.301, Florida Administrative Code. A petition is filed when it is received by the:  
AGENCY CLERK  
FLORIDACOMMERCE  
OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL  
107 EAST MADISON ST., MSC 110  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32399-4128  
FAX: 850-921-3230  
EMAIL: [Agency.Clerk@Commerce.fl.gov](mailto:Agency.Clerk@Commerce.fl.gov)  
FloridaCommerce will declare the District inactive if thirty (30) days elapses from the publication date of this Notice and no administrative appeals are filed. Section 189.062(5), Florida Statutes, provides that once a special district is declared inactive, it may not collect taxes, fees, or assessments unless the declaration is: (i) withdrawn or revoked by FloridaCommerce or (ii) invalidated in proceedings initiated by the special district.

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**NOTICE OF SELF STORAGE SALE**  
Please take notice Lake Butler Mini Storage, located at 1015 SW 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Lake Butler, FL, 32054 intends to hold an auction of goods stored in the following units in default for non-payment of rent on Lockerfox.com. The sale will occur on 11/15/24 at 1:00 pm on Lockerfox.com. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings.  
Unit Number(s) NAME  
32 Lindsay Parrish \$208.20  
49 Matt Whitehead \$1.00  
999 Sherrie Anderson \$215.00  
35 Freida E. Crawford \$161.02  
33 Twilla S. Masingill \$161.02  
70 Christina L. Trowell \$161.02  
24 Anna M. Wise \$161.02  
45 Eric Martin \$95.10  
All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. See manager for details.  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA**

PROBATE DIVISION  
File Number: 63-2024-CP-037  
Division: Probate

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF DONEY HARRIS,  
Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
The administration of the estate of Doney Harris, deceased, whose date of death was March 1, 2024, is pending in the Circuit Court for Union County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 55 W Main St. #103, 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 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 TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.  
All other creditors of the Decedent and other persons having claims or demands against Decedent's estate must file their claims with this Court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.  
ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.  
NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.  
The date of first publication of this notice is OCTOBER 24, 2024.  
THE HINSON LAW FIRM, P.A.  
*/s/ Kathryn E. Stanfill*  
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Florida Bar No. 94017  
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# Obituaries

## Shirley Doss

Shirley Ann Doss passed away Thursday, Oct. 17, 2024. She was born July 30, 1960, at Pural Medical Center in Orange Park to William Lee Smith and Frances McCall Smith. She was always the life of the party. She never met a stranger. She worked as a waitress for a while, then for Denmark Insurance, followed by the United States Postal Service of Macclenny and Glen St. Mary until her retirement. She was loved by many. She enjoyed her own space, where she could spend time on her hobbies of painting, puzzles, or online phone games. She often enjoyed playing online tournaments. She was preceded in death by her mother, Frances McCall Smith; ex-husband, James Douglas Doss; sister, Mary Bednar Williams; brother, Roy Smith; maternal grandma, "Sissy" Ruth McCall; as well as paternal grandfather, Dee E. Smith; paternal grandmother, Ida Hilliard Smith; maternal great-grandma, Martha McCall; and nephew, David Bednar.

She is survived by her two sons, Chad D. (Maria) Doss and Casey Lee Doss; her grandchildren, Macayla Ann Doss (David Sandvik), Eric Braden Doss, and Casen Lee Doss; her father, William Lee Smith; her sister, Martha Smith Strubeck (Dave) Raver. Other survivors are nieces, Jaime (Stacey) Fish, Ann (Bobby) Brogdon and Mindy Davis; nephew, Paul Bednar; as well as many cousins and extended family members. Among those she considered family was her lifelong best friend, Sherrie Starling of Columbia County, the sister of her heart; as well as her good friend, Tina King of Lawtey. She leaves with us her loyal companion and beloved dog, Buster.

Shirley requested a celebration of life which will be held at a future date. Arrangements have been made through ICS Cremation and Funeral Home. Shirley will be deeply missed but will remain always in our hearts and thoughts.



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## Raymond Heath

Raymond Joshua "RJ" Heath, 78, of Tampa died Saturday, Oct. 12, 2024, at his residence. He was born Nov. 11, 1945, and raised in Lawtey. After graduating from R.J.E. High School in Starke, he enlisted in the US Army and served a tour of duty before being honorably discharged. After being discharged from the Army, he attended Florida A&M University in Tallahassee, where he received a bachelor of arts degree. After receiving his degree, he was employed by Texaco Oil as a sales and marketing representative. He worked for Texaco for quite a while before deciding to relocate to Washington, D.C., where he was employed by the Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority (METRO) as a bus driver and later as a subway supervisor. After many years with METRO, he retired and relocated back to Tampa. He accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior while living in DC and was baptized at Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church, where he was an active and devoted member until he relocated back to Tampa.

He is survived by his wife, Clemon H. Heath; daughters, Gayla (Charles) Walker, April Heath and Keisha Heath; sisters, Mildred Postell, Bette Reeves, Sharon Diane (Johnny) Brown, Clara Berry Cummings and Shirley Greene; brothers, Leonard (Violet) Heath, Wayne (Barbara) Finn, Willie "Wissy" Berry, Alphonso (Hazel) Berry and Willis "Peter" (Loretta) Berry; and many other friends and family members.

Funeral services are entrusted to Aikens Funeral Home, 2708 E. Drive MLK Jr. Blvd., Tampa, 33610 813-232-8725. Services will be as follows: Visitation will be Friday, Oct. 25, from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. Funeral services will be held Saturday, Oct. 26 at 11 a.m. at Fruit of the Spirit Church, 7504 Causeway Blvd., Tampa, 33619. The burial will take place on Sunday, Oct. 27, at the Bushnell National Cemetery in Bushnell.



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## Howard Neighbors Jr.

Howard Shelton Neighbors Jr., 80 of Gainesville died Monday, Oct. 14, 2024, at Shands Hospital. He was a US Army veteran.

Survivors are a daughter, Lisa (James) Stevenson; sister, Faye Stewart; nieces, Lynn (Douglas) Patton and Gayle (Jason) Kozinski; four grandchildren; and numerous extended family members.

Out-of-state arrangements are under the care of Rose and Graham Funeral Home in Benson, North Carolina. Local arrangements are under the care of Milam Funeral Home, Inc., Gainesville, 32601. 352-376-5361. www.milamfh.com

## Jesse 'Danny' Thomas

Jesse Daniel "Danny" Thomas, 71, of Lake Butler, passed away peacefully at home on Friday, Oct. 18, 2024, in Lake Butler. He was born in Lake City to the late Jesse Thomas and Shirley Witt Thomas. He was a lifelong resident of the Lake City and Lake Butler communities and was a graduate of Columbia High School, class of 1971. He served in the Army National Guard and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Lake City. He worked in the logging industry for 38 years with Shadd Enterprises in Lake Butler. He enjoyed deer hunting and running his hunting dogs, and spending time with his family and friends.

Survivors include his wife of 32 years, Debbie Cook Thomas of Lake Butler; four children, Witt Daniel (Hallie) Thomas of Lake Butler, Cailey (Brett) Thomas of Brookier, Jodi (Danny) Garcia of Ocala and Mary (Levi) Garrett of Lake Butler; one sister, Donna (Hugh) Giebeig of Lake City; and six grandchildren, Kendal, Emma, Layla, Norah, Keaton and Hadley.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 25, at Gateway-Forest Lawn Memorial Chapel with Pastor Paul O'Steen of Sardis Baptist Church in Worthington Springs officiating. Interment will follow at Memorial Cemetery in Lake City. A time of visitation with the family will be Thursday, Oct. 24, from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Sea Cadets, 2602 SW Main Blvd., Lake City, 32025 or United for A Cure, unitedforacureinc.com, P O Box 591, Lake Butler, 32054.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gateway-Forest Lawn Funeral Home, 3596 S. US Hwy 441, Lake City, 32025. Please leave words of comfort for the family at www.gatewayforestlawn.com.



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## Joyce Fouraker

Joyce Marie McCormick Fouraker was born on Feb. 9, 1953, in Jacksonville. She left this earth and went home to heaven on Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2024. Joyce was a devoted pastor's wife for over 40 years. Her joy was always serving Jesus, loving her family and others selflessly. Her laughter would fill a room, and she brought joy everywhere she went. After raising her family, she drove the book mobile for Union, Baker, and Bradford counties and retired from that in 2018. She discovered her love for flying in her later years, in order to visit her children and grandchildren. She left a mark on the earth and is rejoicing in heaven today. Her parents, Charles Acy McCormick and Elsie Thrift McCormick, preceded her in death, along with her brother, Billy Loyd McCormick; daughter, Hannah Marie Fouraker; and son, Daniel Paul Fouraker.

Joyce is survived by her husband of 53 years, Danny Fouraker, of Lake Butler; daughter, Jessica (Jonathan) Rawlins; granddaughters, Stephanie (Josiah) Day and Alissa Rawlins of Salina, Kansas, and Haleigh (Seth) Brannen of Callahan; brothers, Wilford (Sandra) McCormick, of Jacksonville and Cedric McCormick of Macclenny; and numerous nieces and nephews and many extended family and friends.

The family received friends for a visitation at Archer-Milton Funeral Home in Lake Butler on Monday, Oct. 21. A service to honor her life was held Tuesday, Oct. 22, at Calvary Baptist Church in Macclenny. Joyce was laid to rest following the service at Brandy Branch Baptist Church Cemetery in Bryceville. Brother Donnie Williams, Brother Jon Rawlins, and Brother John Day officiated the services.

Archer-Milton Funeral Home was honored to serve the family of Joyce Fouraker. 386-496-2008 www.archerfuneralhome.com



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## Robert Keefe

Robert Arden "Bobby" Keefe, born Dec. 8, 1939, and born again in Jan. 1990, passed from this world into the arms of his Heavenly Father on Sunday, Oct. 13, 2024. He was born in Jacksonville to Howard and Lucile Keefe. Even though the Depression and WWII were imminent, he had a blessed childhood. He attended local schools and graduated from Paxon High School in 1957. He served in the Air Force and Army National Guard for several years, having completed training in electronics. After returning home, he worked for Edgewood TV for a period of time and then went to work for Jacksonville Electric Authority until his retirement as supervisor of maintenance after 27 years employment. Other endeavors following retirement from JEA included working for Atlantic Beach Auto Parts and owning his own automotive machine shop. He also worked for Dupont Mining for five years as training specialist and site supervisor for contract personnel. His primary non-work interest, however, was teaching and calling Western-style square dancing, starting in 1960 and ending with his retirement in early 2024. In January 1990, Bobby felt the call on his life for Christian service and returned to college to obtain a music degree. He served as minister of music at Fellowship Baptist Church in Raiford since April 2006. Preceded in death by his father, mother, sister, brother and brother-in-law, he has stated that his life has been the greatest journey one could ever ask for.

He is survived by his loving wife and partner of 40 years, June; son, Robert Jr. (Kara) of Rossville, Georgia; and daughter; Kendra (Ken) Phelps of Sardis, Mississippi; six grandchildren, Travis (Meghin Cone) Keefe, Ryan (Mackinley) Keefe, Darian Keefe, Kourtney (Landon Nye) Brown, Katlan Howell and Brandon (Katie) Phelps; and seven great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held at his church in Raiford on Saturday, Oct. 19. Interment was at Riverside Memorial Park, 7242 Normandy Blvd., Jacksonville following the funeral. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in Bobby's name to the Florida Cancer Society. Hope to see you over there.



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## Mary Gross

Mrs. Mary Frances "Fran" Gross, 74, of Orange Park passed away peacefully on Monday, Sept. 30, 2024, with her husband, daughter and son-in-law by her side. She was born in Macon, Georgia on April 21, 1950, to the late Shedrick and Pauline Methvin. She graduated from Orange Park High School in 1968. She went on to work in healthcare for 40-plus years. She worked in multiple doctors' offices and always took pride in her work and how well she cared for her patients. She was an active member in church, where she sang in the choir and taught Sunday School. She loved being involved and worked with both senior citizens and children. She often took a week's vacation from work to teach in vacation bible school during the summer. She loved to craft, was a great southern cook and enjoyed working in a garden with plants. More than anything, she loved spending time with her family. She was a devoted wife to her husband of 51 years, Tom; and a cherished "Mom" to her daughter, Kim. She has three grandchildren who were the light of her life, Mackenzie, Kerrigan and Grayson. She loved being around her family and always made those close to her feel loved. She was preceded in death by her parents, Shedrick and Pauline Methvin; brothers, Richard Methvin and Allen Methvin; and sister, Jenny Methvin.

Survivors include her husband, Thomas Gross of Orange Park; daughter, Kimberly (Les) Hanna of Lake Asbury; grandchildren, Mackenzie Cogdill, Kerrigan Cogdill and Grayson Cogdill; and one sister, Pamela Kochis of Georgia.

A memorial service will be held at First Baptist Church in Starke at 11 a.m., Monday, Oct. 28, with Pastor Ben Bryant officiating. Visitation with the family will be held one hour prior to the service from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m.



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## Neal Langford

In Loving Memory of Neal Gerald "Old Goat" Langford. It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Neal Gerald "Old Goat" Langford, who left this world on Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2024, at the age of 90. He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, leaving behind a legacy of love, wisdom, and unforgettable moments with his family and friends. Gerald, affectionately known as "Old Goat," was born in Lake Butler to Maurice G. and Lota B. Langford, who predeceased him, as did his sister, Sue. He spent most of his vibrant life in the sunny state of Florida, where he dedicated himself to teaching and forestry. His career reflected his passion for learning and his commitment to environmental stewardship, touching the lives of many students and preserving the beauty of the natural world. Old Goat was a man of exceptional character and a caring soul. His unwavering dedication to hard work, paired with his easygoing personality, made him a beloved presence among all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Honesty and a teasing sense of humor were hallmarks of "Old Goat's" personality. He was principled, frugal, and compassionate, always willing to lend a hand to anyone in need. Practical to his core, he found straightforward solutions to life's challenges and valued simplicity in all things. He believed in staying calm, cool, and collected, no matter what life threw his way—a trait that became a source of comfort and admiration for those around him.

His ability to connect with people was extraordinary, blending intelligence and curiosity with a disciplined and logical approach to life. Family was paramount to "Old Goat," and he placed their well-being above all else. Confident and reliable, he was always ready to take charge when needed, maintaining a regular exercise routine without complaint.

"Old Goat's" love for animals and the great outdoors reflected his adventurous spirit. He was an explorer at heart, fostering in his family a deep appreciation for the wonders of nature. His passion extended to cultivating camellias, symbolizing his thoughtful and generous nature. As a protector of wildlife and steward of the earth, he took action to preserve the environment he loved. His healthy, practical lifestyle and regimented habits were a source of inspiration to those around him.

In closing, we bid farewell to a remarkable man, a loving parent, a dedicated teacher, and a passionate environmentalist. Gerald "Old Goat" Langford's memory will forever be cherished by his wife, Anna; his son, Kenyon; his daughter, Lesley; his grandsons, Zander, Trevor, and Gunnar; his granddaughter, Megan; and his great-grandson, Silas. He leaves behind a legacy of love, wisdom, practicality, and a commitment to preserving the beauty of the natural world.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in his honor to Compassion & Choices, Bread of the Mighty Food Bank, Environmental Defense Fund, or the Natural Resources Defense Council. A celebration of life will be arranged at a later date, with details to be shared with friends and family.

"Old Goat's" spirit will continue to inspire us all to stay calm, face life with grace, and appreciate the simple, meaningful moments.

PAID OBITUARY

## New Bradford County nonprofit to carry on local charity programs

Sarah Mosley, daughter of retired Starke Police Department Col. Barry Warren, is proud to announce the establishment of her nonprofit organization, The Warren Project Corp.

Mosley always planned to one day start a nonprofit and follow in her father's community service footsteps. However, that plan came sooner rather than later with her father's retirement in 2023. Mosley quickly began researching, applying and working toward getting her nonprofit up and running.

The Warren Project Corp., named in honor of Barry Warren's countless hours dedicated to community service projects, was incorporated in July 2024. Since being incorporated, the organization has gained its 501(c)3 recognition from the IRS and has been recognized as a charitable organization with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

One of Mosley's primary goals in establishing this organization

was to ensure that it focuses its services and programs on the citizens of Bradford County. She also wanted to ensure that those running the organization would be, like she has always been, passionate about Bradford County. With that priority, she carefully selected the board of directors, which includes familiar faces in Leisa Sims, Gerald Smith Jr., Patricia Evans and Amy Lewis.

Mosley also announces that with the guidance and help of her father, The Warren Project Corp. is now raising funds for the 20th annual Heroes and Helpers event, which was previously known as Starke Shop with a Cop. Mosley has been in contact with local officials to plan and coordinate the continuation of the program.

The community can stay updated by following The Warren Project Corp. on Facebook or the designated Starke Shop with a Cop Facebook page.

For more information regarding the organization, visit thewarrenprojectcorp.org.

## November Smash Volleyball Tournament to be held on Nov. 16

The November Smash Volleyball tournament will be held at Starke's Northside Baptist Church (7415 N.W. C.R. 225) on Saturday, Nov. 16. Teams, which are encouraged to wear their best camo and/or orange, are co-ed (three females must be on the court at all times).

Teams have until Friday, Nov. 8, to register. Please use QR code.

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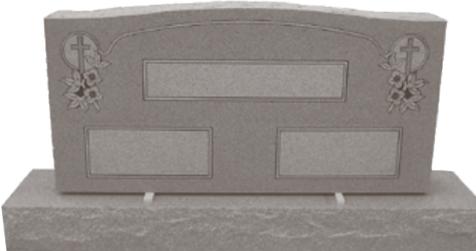
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Barron Walden (far left) and Jeremiah Hill (center) bring pressure against the Leon quarterback.

## Tornadoes bounce back with 43-7 win over Class 5A Leon

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
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Zack Paulk threw touchdowns to three different receivers, while running backs Gino Addison and Iyen Addison made the most of their touches, averaging more than 12 yards and scoring one touchdown each as the Bradford High School football team rolled up 408 yards in defeating Class 5A Leon 43-7 in Tallahassee on Oct. 18.

The Tornadoes (7-1) built a 36-0 first-half lead, with the defense scoring points on a fumble recovery and a safety and not allowing a score until the fourth quarter.

"To get back on the winning track was a good thing," said Head Coach Jamie Rodgers, whose team was coming off a 21-7 loss to District 5-2A opponent Newberry. Rodgers added, "No injuries, played well and got a dub. All in all, it was a good night."

Bradford, which travels to play district opponent Santa Fe (1-7) on Friday, Oct. 25, at 7:30 p.m., wasted little time in making it a good night, receiving the opening kickoff and driving 75 yards for a touchdown. It was the first of four touchdowns in the first quarter.

Gino Addison carried the ball on all six plays of the first scoring drive. His first two touches went for 20 and 38 yards. Addison, who rushed for 142 yards on 11 carries for an average of 13 yards per attempt, then had runs of 7 and 9 yards to move the Tornadoes to the Leon 1-yard line. The Lions (0-8) held him to no gain on his fifth carry, but he got the call again and bulled into the end zone at the 10:09 mark of the quarter. A fake on the extra-point attempt led to kicker/quarterback Cy Cubbedge completing a pass to



Brian Clifflin (right) forces a fumble that would be recovered by teammate Ne-O Addison for a first-quarter touchdown.

Marlin Haywood for a successful two-point conversion, putting Bradford up 8-0.

Leon fumbled on the ensuing kickoff, with Trevis Johnson recovering for the Tornadoes at the Lions' 15-yard line. Iyen Addison had a 13-yard run to set up first-and-goal before Bradford fumbled the ball away, with Leon recovering at its own 2-yard line.

The Lions ran just one play before committing another turnover. Bradford's Brian Clifflin forced a fumble on a quarterback keeper, with Ne-O Addison falling on the loose ball in the end zone for a score and a 14-0 Tornadoes lead with 9:28 to play in the first quarter. The extra-point kick was blocked.

The Tornadoes forced Leon to go three-and-out on its next offensive series, which began with Jeremiah Hill sacking the quarterback for 7-yard loss. Bradford's Trente Jenkins blocked the Lions' punt attempt,

with Jeremiah McKenzie recovering the loose ball at the Leon 17.

An 11-yard pass from Paulk to Mikey Oliver set up Paulk's 6-yard touchdown pass to Jy'Quez Cason. Cubbedge added the PAT for a 21-0 lead at the 6:59 mark of the first quarter.

Leon's next series again started with a negative play, with McKenzie making a tackle for a 2-yard loss on a jet-sweep attempt. It was another three-and-out affair for the Lions, who got off a successful punt, which had Bradford starting a series at its own 26.

Iyen Addison had a 12-yard carry in between two incomplete passes. Gino Addison then had consecutive carries for 5 and 17 yards before Branden Williams caught a pass from Paulk over the middle of the field and turned it into a 40-yard touchdown.

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## Tigers defeat coach's former team 54-16, improve to 7-0

BY CECE THOMAS  
Special to the Telegraph-Times-Monitor

Andrew Thomas has been the head football coach for the Union County Tigers for five seasons, but before that he was the head coach for the Trinity Catholic Celtics for two seasons.

Though the Class 1A Celtics have been state runners-up the past two seasons and play a tough schedule, the Rural Class Tigers made it look easy in Thomas' first time coaching against his former team, winning 54-16 on Oct. 18 in Lake Butler.

"I thought we played well for most of the game," said Thomas, whose team improved to 7-0. "We struggled at times defensively. We must get off the field and not let them extend drives. A couple of plays we gave up, we just weren't disciplined enough in the back end.

"Other than that, we played really well, and we got after the quarterback on defense. Offensively, we executed well and were able to mix it up with the runs and passes."

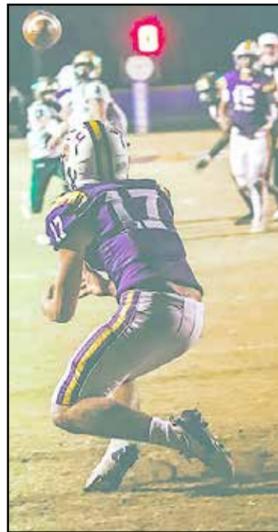
The Tigers, who travel to play Class 3A Hudson (3-5) on Friday, Oct. 25, at 7:30 p.m., won the coin toss against Trinity Catholic and deferred to the second half. Gavin Jenkins kicked the ball into the end zone for a touchdown, which had the Celtics (1-7) starting a drive at their own 20. Despite an incomplete pass and a holding penalty, the Celtics gained enough yardage for a first down on a pitch play around right end on which the Tigers missed several tackles. A loss on a quarterback keeper by Carter Schofield resulted in second-and-12 at the 29-yard line. Following another tackle for a loss, Schofield tried to scramble and find somebody to pass the ball to, but he was tackled by Trenton Klein after gaining just a couple of yards. The Celtics punted on fourth-and-12, with the Tigers taking over at their own 49-yard line.

Drew Simmons took a handoff around right end for a first down. After Klein completed a pass to Ibn Williams for a short gain, Simmons took it in for a touchdown from the Trinity 35-yard line. Union went for two and was stopped short, but the Tigers led 6-0 with 7:44 left in the first quarter.

Jenkins' kickoff was caught at the goal line and returned to the Celtics' 23-yard line. A short gain on a handoff was followed by another handoff on which the back gained enough for a first down. The Tigers' Garrett Jackson made a tackle for a huge loss after an incomplete pass. On third-and-20, an incomplete pass forced another punt. A bad snap resulted in the Tigers



Quarterback Trenton Klein keeps the ball for a gain. Photo by CeCe Thomas.



Carter Whitehead prepares to catch a touchdown pass from Trenton Klein. Photo by CeCe Thomas.

making a tackle for a huge loss, giving their offense the ball at the Trinity 12-yard line.

C.J. Ivey scored on a touchdown run. The Tigers were stopped again on the two-point conversion. The score was 12-0 with 5:21 left in the first quarter.

At the start of the second quarter, Klein completed a pass to Jenkins for a 52-yard touchdown. Jenkins was almost tackled at around the 10-yard line, but he regained his balance and made it into the end zone. The Tigers were again unsuccessful in going for two, making the score 18-0 with 11 minutes left in the second quarter.

A short pass by Trinity was complete, but Klein tackled the receiver for a loss, setting up second-and-12. Union later sacked Schofield, with the Celtics eventually punting after needing more than 10 yards to pick up the first down. The Tigers took over at their own 31-yard line.

Simmons took a handoff and gained decent yardage, making it second-and-4. Simmons got the ball again, but was run out of bounds for a loss. Klein then picked up a lot of yardage on a keeper play to the Trinity 38. Klein kept the ball again for a 4-yard gain before then completing a pass to Williams, who was stopped at the line of scrimmage for no gain.

A pass to Bryan Tyson, with a measurement by the officials, resulted in a first down at the 28. Ivey then took a handoff and gained 8 yards before receiving the ball again and getting enough for a first down at the 14-yard line. Klein then completed a touchdown pass to Carter Whitehead, making it 24-0 with 5:26 left in the second quarter. The Tigers were stopped short on the two-point conversion.

With the ball back again, Klein gained enough for a first down at the Trinity 18. Simmons then took the ball in for a touchdown. The Tigers went for two and got it this time, making the score 32-0 with 3:15 left in the first half.

The Celtics returned Whitehead's kickoff, with Whitehead making the tackle at the Trinity 45-yard line. Wyatt Lucas received a handoff and picked up decent yardage, setting up second-and-4. Union's Alec McClellon made a tackle on the next play, but the Celtics got enough yards for a first down. After an incompletion, Schofield was sacked on second down by Klein and Ashton Newsom. Trinity would later go for it on fourth down, with a Celtics receiver coming down with a pass in the end zone for a touchdown with less than a minute to go in the first half. The extra-point kick was no good, making the score 32-6.

Trinity successfully attempted a field goal with three seconds left until halftime, making the score 32-9.

The Celtics kicked off to start the second half, with the Tigers starting a drive at their own 20. Simmons picked up a first down on a carry to the 32. He carried the ball again for an 8-yard gain, followed by Ivey picking up about 5 yards for another first down at the 46. Simmons picked up a lot of yardage on a run to the Trinity 23, but a holding penalty brought most of the play back. A fumble was then recovered by the Celtics at the Union 45-yard line.

After forcing Trinity to punt, the Tigers began a drive at their own 14-yard line. Runs by McClellon and Ivey set up third-and-2. A fumbled snap was recovered by the Tigers, bringing up fourth-and-inches. A Klein

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Jailyn Simmons (far left) makes a play in the first set of the Tigers' 3-0 loss to Branford in the District 6-Rural championship match.

## Union is district runner-up, will advance to regional playoffs

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
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Union County High School defeated the number-two team in the Florida High School Athletic Association/MaxPreps Rural Class power rankings to reach the District 6 championship match, but the Tigers couldn't take down the number-one team, losing 3-0 (25-22, 25-23, 25-16) to Branford on Oct. 17 in Cross City.

Even with the loss, the district runner-up Tigers (16-9) will advance to the regional playoffs. Union, the seventh-ranked team in the Rural Class, is the third seed in Region 3 and will travel to Mayo to play second seed Lafayette in a semifinal match on Saturday, Oct. 26, at 7 p.m. Lafayette (16-4) is the state's second-ranked team.

If the Tigers defeat Lafayette, they'll play for the Region 3 championship on Tuesday, Oct. 29, at 7 p.m. They'll either travel to play top seed Branford or host fourth seed Aucilla Christian.

In the District 6 tournament

championship match, Branford extended an 11-6 lead with four straight points with Erika Rioux serving.

Union, the tournament's third seed, later trailed 16-9 before a 5-0 run with Kamryn Southerland serving. Southerland scored the first two points off aces and then assisted on a kill by Indi Knox. Southerland recorded another ace, while a Branford error made the score 16-14. Southerland made a nice dig on a kill attempt by the Buccaneers' Kayley Johnson. That led to Bella Johns sending the ball back over the net, but Johnson made good on another attack opportunity to force side-out with Branford leading 17-14.

Branford was serving with a 23-19 lead when Southerland recorded a kill off an Abby Williams assist to force side-out and make it a three-point match. That gave the serve to the Tigers' Jailyn Simmons. Union scored one point when Morgan Smith first blocked a dump attempt by Andi Sabourin and

then was successful on an attack opportunity.

The Buccaneers were able to force side-out on a Laly Sikes kills, but Union's Smith followed with a kill of her own, giving the serve to the Tigers' Lalya Barber in a two-point match. Branford's Madison Ward blocked a Knox attack for the Buccaneers' set-winning point.

Union scored 10 of the first 15 points of the second set, getting three kills from Barber, a kill and an ace from Simmons and a kill from Smith. Branford, though, then went on an 8-0 run with Rioux serving. The Buccaneers took a 13-10 lead before Knox forced side-out with a kill.

The Tigers kept it close, getting kills from Barber and Simmons as well as a block from Smith. They made it a one-point score when Branford committed an attack error, but a service error by Union resulted in side-out and the Buccaneers leading 21-19.

Union was able to keep play

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## Chiefland tops Keystone 54-0 in Indians vs. Indians matchup

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
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Visiting Chiefland, which is fifth in the Florida High School Athletic Association/MaxPreps Rural Class power rankings, ran for more than 400 yards en route to a 54-0 win over the Keystone Heights High School football team on Oct. 18.

The 7-1 Indians from Levy County entered intermission with a 41-0 lead, activating a running clock in the second half.

It took the visitors under two minutes to get on the scoreboard, with quarterback Matt Goodale connecting with Jontavious Sidde for an 18-yard pass completion on the game's first play. Chiefland only needed two more plays to score. Deivy Zuniga added the extra point for a 7-0 Chiefland lead.

On Keystone's first possession, Chiefland's Jolan Doty picked off a pass at the Keystone 25. Running backs Demori Sweet and Trent Bright combined on six carries to give the Indians their second score and put them up 13-0 with 8:11 left in the first quarter.

Chiefland's third scoring campaign started on its own 46 and lasted eight plays. The visitors survived a fumble scare and took a 20-0 lead with 42



Kyle Perkins (left) takes a handoff from quarterback Baylor Ford in Keystone's 52-0 loss to Rural Class Chiefland. It was Keystone's fourth straight loss since a 14-6 win over Dixie County on Sept. 20. The Indians host Palatka on Friday, Oct. 25, at 7:30 p.m.

seconds left in the first quarter.

After getting a first down on the subsequent drive, Keystone (2-6) was forced to punt four plays later. Chiefland cashed in again, sparked by Goodale's escape from the pocket and a 69-yard scramble to the Keystone 2. The quarterback then connected with Doty on a 2-yard scoring completion, giving Chiefland a 27-0 lead after the PAT with 7:20 left in the second quarter.

A 35-yard double pass to Michael Goodale highlighted Chiefland's next drive, and three plays later, Chiefland hit paydirt again, extending its lead to 34.

The visitors scored once more

in the first half and a final time with 3:53 left in the game.

Keystone's best drive was at the beginning of the second half when the home-standing Indians drove from their 25 to the Chiefland 20. Kyle Perkins rushed for 41 yards on seven carries during the drive.

However, after going for it on fourth down and coming up short, Chiefland took possession and marched down the field for its fourth touchdown.

Keystone hosts District 5-2A opponent Palatka on Friday at 7:30 p.m. The Panthers (5-3) are coming off a 35-0 win over Crescent City.

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sneak was good enough for a first down at the 27.

A Simmons carry made it second-and-2. Edward Durant then got a carry, picking up a first down at the 44. Tyson took a handoff and went all the way to the Trinity 42 for another first down. After a 9-yard pass from Klein to Jenkins, Ivey got the handoff and gained enough for a first down. Jenkins then caught a 30-yard touchdown pass from Klein. Union went for two and

got it, making the score 40-9 with 4:48 to go in the third quarter.

The Celtics returned Whitehead's kick to their own 41-yard line. A fumble on a bad snap was recovered by the Tigers' Jaden McCray at the Trinity 30.

A Klein pass to Simmons was good enough for a first down at the 18. Tyson then caught a pass that was good for another touchdown. Whitehead kicked the extra point for a 47-9 lead.

Trinity, which began its next drive at its own 38, scored in two plays. With the extra point, the score was 47-16.

Colt Thomas entered the game

at quarterback for the Tigers, who started a drive at their own 35. Thomas handed off to Wyatt Elixson, who took it to the 47-yard line for a first down. Eli Llanes then carried the ball for another first down at the Trinity 40. After a loss on first down, Bo Thomas carried the ball 25 yards to the 17-yard line. Elixson rushed for an 8-yard gain, with a dead-ball personal foul against the Celtics tacking on additional yardage for first-and-goal. Lanes carried the ball into the end zone for a touchdown. The extra point by Williams was good, making it 54-16 with 3:54 left in the game.

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Leon blocked another extra-point kick, but the Tornadoes had a 27-0 lead with 4:14 still to play in the opening quarter.

Williams caught three passes in all for 51 yards.

The Lions found success on their next drive. A run play of 14 yards and pass plays of 14 and 11 yards gave Leon first downs on three consecutive plays as the Lions crossed midfield to the Bradford 40. Leon later converted on a fourth-and-1 play and then benefitted from a personal-foul penalty, which gave the Lions a first down at the

15-yard line. Bradford's Duke Lewis then made a tackle for no gain, while teammate Jamarion Foye dropped a ball carrier for a 1-yard loss on second down. A third-down pass play gained just 4 yards. On the second play of the second quarter, Leon attempted a 29-yard field goal, which was no good.

Bradford drove inside the Leon 40 on the following series, but eventually punted for the only time that night. The result was that the Lions were pinned at their own 2-yard line. Leon's first play following the punt saw McKenzie tackling the running back in the end zone for a safety, making it a 29-0 game with 4:58 remaining until halftime.

The Tornadoes' offense began a drive at the 50-yard line following the free kick that was awarded because of the safety. Cubbedge and Paulk both took snaps at quarterback on the series, with Cubbedge completing a 9-yard pass that set up a third-and-1 play. Paulk gained 22 yards on a keeper to the Leon 19. Paulk carried the ball again for a 4-yard gain before he threw a 15-yard touchdown pass to Oliver with 2:52 left in the second quarter. Cubbedge kicked the extra point for a 36-0 lead.

Paulk finished 5 of 9 for 145 yards, while Oliver had two catches for 26 yards.

Leon caught the Tornadoes off guard on a fake-punt attempt on the first series of the second half, gaining 40 yards on a run to the Bradford 11. On the resulting first-down play, the Tornadoes' Barron Walden made a tackle for a loss of 5 yards. Williams then made an interception in the end zone to end the scoring threat.

Bradford's first drive of the half began with a 39-yard pass play from Paulk to Cason, who finished with three receptions for 59 yards. Iyen Addison then got the call, taking a handoff 41 yards for a touchdown. Cubbedge added the PAT to make the score 43-0.

Iyen Addison averaged 16 yards per attempt, finishing with 85 yards on five carries.

The second half went quickly with a running clock, though Leon did get on the scoreboard with a 12-play, 76-yard touchdown drive.

"I'm not real excited that we just let them go down on the field and score on us," Rodgers said. "That's not typical of what's happened over the last couple of years, so we've got to get better with that."

Bradford's defense gave up 171 yards and made seven tackles behind the line of scrimmage.

The Tornadoes next take on another struggling opponent. Santa Fe earned its first win on Oct. 11, defeating Keystone Heights 30-7, but then lost 54-3 to Zarephath Academy on Oct. 18. The Raiders, who have been shut out four times, are losing games by an average score of 38-5.

# IMPORTANT

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Layla Barber (far left) hits the ball past Branford's block attempt.

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alive on two attack attempts by Branford's Sikes, but Sikes would eventually get a third opportunity during the volley and record a successful kill to make the score 22-19. Sikes later attempted to make it a four-point game, but her attack was blocked by Smith, resulting in side-out.

With the score 22-20, Johns made a pass off a free ball, with Smith getting a kill off a Southerland assist to pull the Tigers within one. A Sikes kill forced side-out.

Ward recorded a kill for the Buccaneers to make it 24-21, but a Southerland kill gave the Tigers a point and the serve trailing 24-22. A Southerland assist led to a Simmons kill for one point, but the set ended in a win for Branford off a Johnson kill.

The third set went back and forth early, with Barber and Smith getting three and two kills, respectively, as the score was

tied at 7-7.

Branford scored four points with Sabourin serving to go up 11-7. All but one of the four points came off Union errors.

The Buccaneers put together another 4-0 run to go up 16-9. Branford got an ace from Ryland Roush and kills from Dicks and Johnson during that span.

Branford continued to pull away as the Tigers could never score more than one point while serving.

It was 22-16 when the Buccaneers scored three straight with Sikes serving. Johnson had a kill for the match-winning point.

Johnson finished with nine kills, but Union's Simmons and Smith were the match leaders with 11 and 10, respectively. The Tigers also got eight kills from Barber.

Barber, Simmons and Smith each had two blocks.

Southerland recorded team highs with three aces and 14 digs, while Williams led in assists with 17. Southerland added 13 assists. Williams had 12 digs, while



Kamryn Southerland recorded a team-high three aces in the loss to Branford.

Johns and Knox each had nine.

The Tigers began district-tournament play with a 3-0 (25-8, 25-9, 25-17) quarterfinal win over sixth seed Fort White on Oct. 14. Simmons and Barber had 12 and five kills, respectively,

with Simmons adding five digs and two blocks.

Southerland led the team in assists with 11, while also recording six digs. Williams had eight assists and seven aces.

Knox and Johns had eight and six digs, respectively, with Johns adding seven aces and five assists.

The win advanced Union to the Oct. 15 semifinals to play a Lafayette team it had lost to twice in the regular season. This time, the Tigers came out on top with a 3-1 (22-25, 25-20, 29-27, 25-12) win.

Simmons had 19 kills and two blocks, while Knox had 10 kills and 19 digs. Smith and Barber added nine and seven kills, respectively, with Barber adding 13 digs.

Southerland and Johns led the team in digs with 24 and 21, respectively. Williams added eight, while Bayley Staier had six.

The Tigers got 25 assists from Southerland, 14 assists from Williams and two blocks from Shaley Maloney.

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