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After 4-wheeler crash, Dad didn't seek treatment for son

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor



Henderson

STARKE — A 41-year-old Starke man was sentenced to three years in prison after he failed to seek medical treatment for his son who was injured in an ATV crash.

Dewayne Curtis Henderson pleaded no contest to the May 1 offense of child neglect with great bodily harm.

According to an arrest report, Bradford deputies investigated the incident after a call from a child protective investigator.

Arresting officer Kimberly Mosley wrote in the report that after Florida's Department of Families and Children received a call from its child abuse hotline, an investigator discovered severe skin injuries on the victim.

"The area of the chest and torso was approximately 80% covered by the injuries with missing skin, blisters and other injuries," wrote Mosley.

The officer added that the victim and his 11-year-old brother were riding a Honda TRX 650 when the victim's shorts got caught in a tire.

"(The victim) was pulled under the ATV and possibly drug, causing the gravel to peel the skin from his chest and torso," wrote Mosley. "Dewayne stated he placed ointment on the injuries at the time, but did not seek medical attention...until directed by (the child protection investigator) on May 5th. It was determined the accident occurred on Monday, May 3rd."

During an interview, the father admitted that at the time of the crash, he had left the two boys alone at home.

"Dewayne admitted to being scared to take (the victim) to the hospital to seek medical care due to him already being convicted of child neglect," wrote Mosley.

The defendant also tested positive for cocaine and Subutex for which he did not have a prescription.

Mosley noted that at the time of his arrest, Henderson had prior convictions of DUI-possession of cocaine, introducing contraband into a correctional facility, grand theft and child neglect.

The victim was admitted to the burn unit at UF Shands to to the severity of his injuries.

The DCF child abuse hotline is 800-962-2873.

CHAMPIONSHIP CELEBRATION



Above: Celebrating the win are (l-r) Jurney Crim, Caleigh Avery, Maegan Beatty, Emily Wilson, Chrissy Quiett and Ansleigh Worrell.



Right: Sabrena Howard holds the District 7-1A championship trophy, which the Union County High School volleyball team earned by defeating Newberry 3-2 on Oct. 21.

Monday morning crash claims Lake Butler youth

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Times Editor

A midmorning crash between a semi-truck tractor and a sedan claimed the life of an 18-year-old Lake Butler man and closed both lanes of SR 100 for some time while the incident was investigated.

About 10:20 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 25 the sedan was stationary on SR-100 in the turn lane at the intersection with Southeast CR-237, about two miles from the Bradford-Union county line, when the truck approached traveling westbound on SR 100. The truck collided with the sedan, resulting in fatal injuries to the occupant of the car.

Union County Sheriff's Office deputies, Florida Highway Patrol troopers and Union County Emergency Medical Services all responded to the accident.

The truck was driven by a 41-year-old male from Rio Grande City, TX. According to the Florida Highway Patrol accident report, the driver was uninjured and was wearing his seatbelt.

The driver of the car was also wearing a seatbelt.

Prevatt appointed to Santa Fe College board

Gov. Ron DeSantis announced the appointment of Carrie Lee, Emery Gainey, Lisa Prevatt and Robert Woody to the Santa Fe College District Board of Trustees.

Lisa Prevatt

Prevatt was previously appointed to the board by Gov. Rick Scott. She recently served the Bradford School District as Lawtey Elementary School principal after working as assistant superintendent under four different administrations. She has also worked as a teacher and assistant principal.

Prevatt currently works at the district office in student data as well as teaching and curriculum.

Prevatt earned her associate's degree in medical technology from Santa Fe College, bachelor's degree in elementary education from the University of North Florida and master's degree in educational leadership from Nova Southeastern University.

Prevatt lives in Hampton with her husband, Jimmy. She is the mother of three and a grandmother.

Carrie Lee

Lee, of Alachua, is the President and Owner of Florida Blue Farms. Previously, she was a broker and Vice President of Florida Woodland Company and a teacher in Marion County Public Schools. Lee is a former commissioner on the Florida Commission on the Status of Women from which she received the Florida Achievement Award. She earned

her bachelor's and master's degrees in education from the University of Florida and a master's degree in religious education from Loyola University of New Orleans.

Emery Gainey

Gainey, of Gainesville, is the former Sheriff of Marion County. He also served as Chief of Staff to Attorney General Ashley Moody and Chief of Staff at the Alachua County Sheriff's Office. Gainey is a member of the Special Olympics of Florida board and previously served on Florida's Constitution Revision Commission and the 8th Judicial Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission. He earned his associate's degree from Santa Fe College and bachelor's degree in criminal justice from the University of Florida.

Robert Woody

Woody, of Gainesville, is the former Director of the Alachua County Jail. Previously, he was Deputy Secretary of the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice and a Regional Correctional Probation Officer with the Florida Department of Corrections. A former member of the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University Board of Trustees, Woody earned his bachelor's degree in sociology from the New York State University at Oneonta and master's degree in criminal justice from Rollins College.

These appointments are subject to confirmation by the Florida Senate.

Living without hope

Church reaches Keystone's poorest

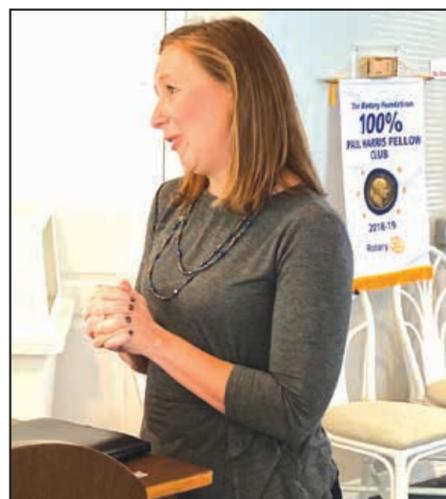
BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — Carrie Morford said that people driving through Keystone often say: "Oh, what a cute little town." "And that's true," Morford said in a video she showed to the Keystone Heights Rotary Club, "but as with most places, that isn't the whole story."

Morford added that although the median household income in Keystone Heights is \$60,000, the income within the High Ridge Estates neighborhood is roughly half that amount.

The video was part of an update Morford gave during the Sept. 29 meeting of the Keystone Heights Rotary Club about her church: Mission of the Dirt Road, which is located directly across SR 100 from the neighborhood.

"Our mission is committed to making disciples through community development," she said.



Carrie Morford speaks to the Keystone Heights Rotary Club.

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Food Distribution

A community wide food distribution hosted by Feeding Northeast Florida and True Vine Ministry will take place Thursday, Oct. 28 at 9:00 a.m. at the Philadelphia Baptist Church in Lawtey.

Food boxes often include fresh produce, deli, dairy, bakery items and some meats. The inventory is subject to change based on availability. Tell a friend or a neighbor. The distribution is free and open to the public. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Union County schools celebrate Veterans Day

On Thursday, Nov. 11, at 9 a.m., the Union County School District will be holding its annual Veterans Day celebration in the UCHS auditorium. The school district is excited to honor local Veterans on this occasion through guest speakers, live performances by the UCHS band, and words of encouragement from the superintendent.

All Union County Veterans are invited to this celebration. Special parking will be reserved for veterans, their guests and the public in the lot adjacent to the auditorium.

If you have any questions, please call Union County High School at 352-448-5051.

Bradford High homecoming set

Homecoming week at Bradford High School will be Nov. 1-6, culminating in Tornado Whirl, the parade and homecoming game.

Tornado Whirl on Thursday, Nov. 4, at 7 p.m. will include class skits and the crowning of the homecoming royals. Tickets are \$5 for all attendees.

The homecoming parade will take place at 1 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 5. The route will begin on Washington Street and turn right onto U.S. 301. It will travel to S.R. 100 and make a right, taking another right on North Broadway Street. The parade will end along Adkins Street by the Track Shack. The early release day will allow parents the opportunity to bring their children to the parade.

The homecoming game against Fort White will be at 7:30 p.m. that night. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for students.

Tickets for both events may be purchased in advance at <http://gofan.co>.

The sophomore class will also be hosting a neon-themed homecoming dance on Saturday, Nov. 6, in the gym. Dress is semi-formal. Tickets are \$15 each or \$25 per couple. They are available for purchase at the front desk through Nov. 2. No outside guests are permitted.

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Starke set to hire redistricting consultant

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

STARKE — The city of Starke is moving forward with redistricting and try to get it done before the 2022 election.

Attorney Clay Martin reviewed the history and his research with the commission on Oct. 19. While the city hasn't redistricted since the single-member districts were established some 30 years ago, Martin said requirements for counties such as a decennial review do not apply to municipalities. He could not find legislation that required cities to redistrict in odd-numbered years either.

What does apply to all elected governments is the U.S. Constitution's guarantee to voter representation — one man, one vote. If voting district populations are not balanced, then equal representation is nonexistent.

While Starke's population hasn't changed much since the 1980s, there's reason to believe that district populations have as people moved in and out of different areas in the city.

This matters not just because of the guarantee of equal representation. Starke is under a court order to provide diverse representation. Because it was nearly impossible to elect African American leaders, the NAACP filed a lawsuit claiming violation of the federal Voting

Rights Act. While the county and school board settled and agreed to redraw district lines, Starke did not and lost.

As a result, the court ordered that instead of electing commissioners through at-large elections of all voters, voters would be divided into single-member districts, with one of them having a majority population of minority voters.

"I think everybody would agree that the order had its intended effect, and that minorities were elected to the city commission," Martin said.

The city is still under that court order, so any changes made during this redistricting process must pass muster with the United States District Court for the Middle District.

The court may also have something to say about the city moving to four-year terms of elected officials, which is different than the two-year terms contained in the court order.

While not likely to be completed this year, redistricting could be completed prior to the 2022 commissioner elections. That should be the goal. Martin told commissioners that if the court is not pleased with a laissez-faire approach to redistricting, it could call for a new election based on a newly drawn map.

"I would like it to be diagnosed with cancer that's been delayed in diagnosis and

treatment. The longer you wait, the worse it gets," Martin said. "When it comes to a federal court judge and the Voting Rights Act, they have pretty broad powers to give effect to that."

The city plans to hire a consultant to help analyze census data and redraw the district map and submit drafts to the commission for approval. The commission allocated \$30,000 to provide legal consulting and take the map to court.

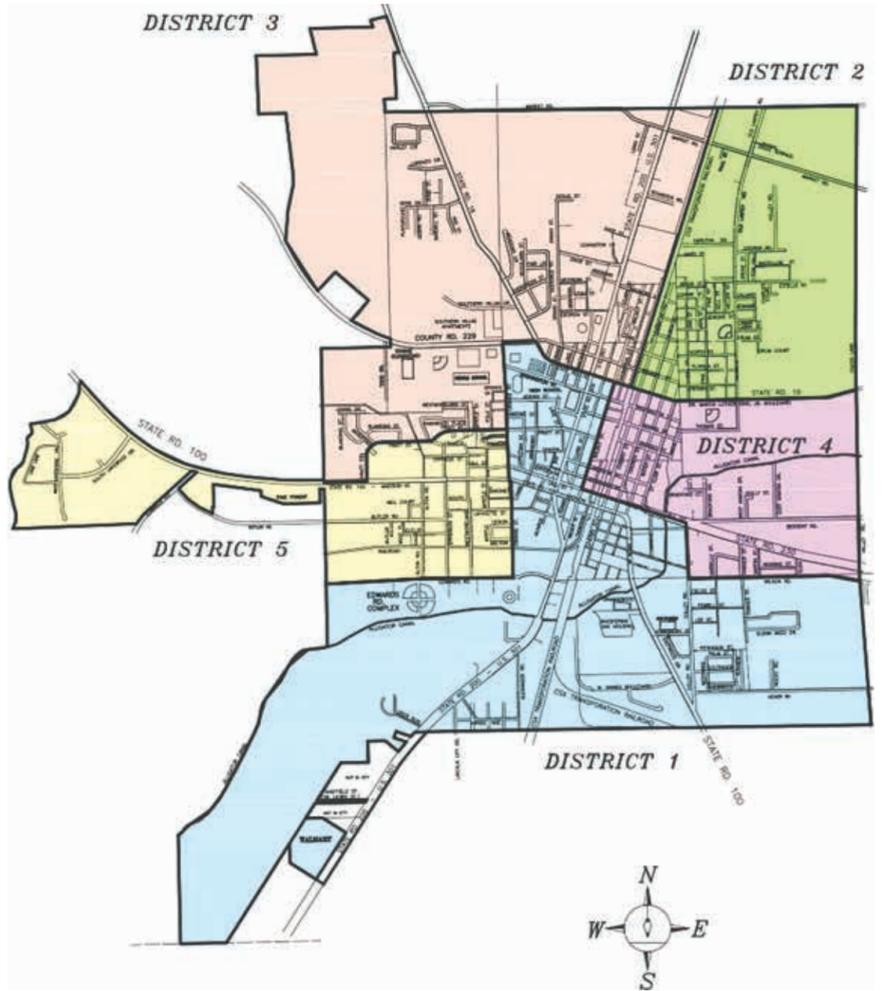
Martin said he expects they will be working with the NAACP or some other voting rights group during this process.

"We will be engaged in, I think, a positive way, with the idea that they will be assisting the city and meeting its goal of having free and fair elections, tied to the one-man, one-vote principle, and making sure that based on the city's distribution of minorities, that there is adequate access to the ballot and to elected positions in the city," he said.

There will be public workshops with the consultant for community input into the process, as well.

There is always the possibility someone will contest the map, which would add time and expense to the process.

The final date for consultants to respond to the city's advertisement is Oct. 28.



Starke's current district map hasn't been updated since the 1980s.

Water rate recommendations questioned

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

STARKE — The Starke City Commission has adjusted water and sewer rates over several years to ensure the utilities were

covering their costs, but additional adjustments are needed to fund system improvements and upkeep.

With more than \$20 million in grant and loan funding from the USDA, the sewer plant replacement project requires rate adjustments to meet grant requirements and assure the city can meet its repayment obligation.

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\$2M LOAN WOULD FUND ELECTRIC, OTHER IMPROVEMENTS

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

STARKE — Florida Municipal Power Agency's Pooled Loan Program could provide funding for utility projects in the city of Starke.

While loan proceeds were included in this year's budget, a loan application has not been submitted. Operations Director Scott Anaheim, who has been researching the process, said he doesn't want to move forward without commission's blessing.

There was a conference call between the director, city clerk and manager to discuss the details of borrowing the funds prior to the Oct. 19 meeting.

Interest rates are low, which is fortunate for the city. The city can borrow a minimum of \$1 million and a maximum of \$2 million at one time.

Anaheim said they should go for the maximum amount to accomplish some needed utility projects.

He said Starke customers pay less than other FMPA members, calling pricing "really good." Anaheim said customers may not realize that because they see the total cost of electricity, water and sewer, and possibly natural gas.

He also claimed they have done a lot over the past few years to reduce outage times, and he is looking for a resource that will show that in comparison to other utilities.

With that said, there's still a lot of work that needs to be done, including properly spacing lines that have been sagging since the 13-kilovolt upgrade years ago.

"If we're going to try to grow the community and grow business here, we've got to do

something to show that we have reliable electric," he said.

That's why the loan is important. He said they have assessed the system and identified areas that need to be addressed, even eliminating an electrical circuit, which will reduce future maintenance.

Other upgrades will improve reliability and allow linemen to make repairs while impacting fewer customers with outages. There will also be more proactive tree trimming and line protection, including animal guards.

The loan revenue can be used to improve other utilities besides electricity. For example, they want to replace the natural gas metering and odorizer station, which will require around \$300,000.

The city wasn't allowed to use COVID-19 relief funding

for that project, or to purchase the new bucket trucks Anaheim hopes to acquire with the FMPA loan. The estimated cost is \$140,000 to \$160,000 each, and vehicle delivery could take more than a year.

Based on current information, the city could receive a 1.77% interest rate to start with up to 10 years to repay, plus closure and annual administrative costs. The city may consider repayment over a shorter term, and then apply for a new loan.

Anaheim said he still has a lot of homework to do. It is not as simple as approaching FMPA with an open hand. The city needs projects ready to go, he said.

The commission supported moving forward, although a final vote on borrowing the funds is yet to come.

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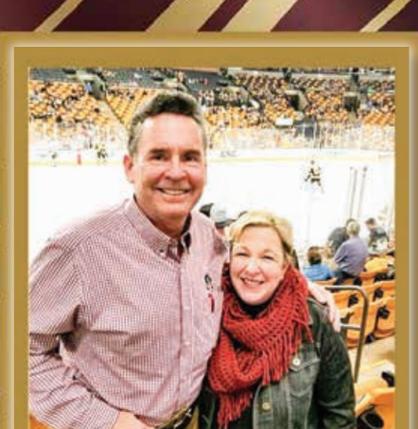
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Elections officials to candidates: tone down the rhetoric

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

STARKE — Local elections officials are supporting a statement issued by their statewide association, asking candidates and elected officials to tone down rhetoric that could erode confidence in elections.

The Florida Supervisors of Elections issued a statement on Oct. 20, saying that because of misinformation and disinformation after the 2020 elections, the integrity of elections has been questioned.

“Many of us have been threatened by our fellow citizens who have been led astray by these deceptions,” the supervisors said. “Instead of idly standing by, we ask all candidates and elected officials to tone down the rhetoric and stand up for our democracy.”

Bradford Supervisor of Elections Amanda Seyfang said she nor her volunteers or staff have been threatened.

“I have not experienced that here,” she said, “but our

colleagues in the state have been physically threatened.”

Seyfang also said that she has received demands for election audits, but none from local residents.

“We’ve had some from West Florida,” she said of demands for audits, “and from out of state. The wording in the emails is identical, which makes me think they came from an organization.”

Seyfang also referenced a recent statement from Gov. Ron DeSantis explaining that all elections in Florida are audited.

“We test the equipment before each election and we have after-election checks,” she said.

Union County elections chief Debbie Osborne echoed her Bradford colleague, saying that during a post-election manual audit, one precinct for one race in each election cycle is randomly selected for a hand recount.

She also said that the elections process is open to the public and that anyone can witness pre- and post-election checks.

“We do make mistakes,” Osborne said, “but I can tell you

that what we have done in our county was done right.”

Osborne added that the only questions she has received from Union County residents have related to signature verification of mail-in ballots.

“The signatures are matched,” she said of the ballots. “We check and verify every signature, and if there is a problem, we are so small I can contact the voter directly.”

Osborne said that in the 2020 election, one Union County mail-in ballot was disqualified because the voter did not respond to calls from her office.

Osborne said that since the 2020 elections, public records requests have multiplied, with virtually all the requests coming from out of Florida.

She also agreed with her association’s statement that questioning the integrity of the elections process could damage the democracy.

“If you don’t have trust,” she said, “come in and watch the process.”

NOTING

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Enter the Christmas Parade

Applications for the 2021 Starke Christmas Parade are available now. The parade will take place on Saturday, Dec. 11, as part of the annual Christmas on Call Street festivities. Businesses, churches, schools and community groups are encouraged to sign up and make it the best parade yet.

Applications with rules are available at the North Florida Regional Chamber of Commerce, 100 E. Call St. in Starke. Call 904-964-5278, or email pam@northfloridachamber.com.

Amvets turkey shoots on Saturdays

The Sons of Amvets will hold their annual turkey shoot every Saturday through Nov. 20. Signup starts at 9 a.m. Changes in the program; scopes cannot be used.

Amvets Post 86 is located at 6685 Brooklyn Bay Road in Keystone Heights. Come out and support local charities.

Great Pumpkin Escape in Starke

The Great Pumpkin Escape returns to downtown Starke on Saturday, Oct. 30, from 5 to 9 p.m. This safer alternative to trick-or-treating is a community tradition, with businesses, community organizations and public safety employees pitching in to provide activities and plenty of candy to ghosts and goblins, young and old. Events include the annual costume contest, with lots of categories and prizes for all ages. Come down to Call Street and the Downtown Square to experience all of the spooky fun.

Boo on the Boulevard

Boo on the Boulevard in downtown Keystone Heights will have trick-or-treating for kids along with vendors and live music by the Blue Ravens on Saturday, Oct. 30, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Presented by the Keystone Lake Region Business Association and the Lions Club, there will be plenty of candy

to go around, but volunteers are needed. If interested in volunteering, donating or sponsoring the event, please contact Barbara Franklin at 352-478-1372.

Halloween in Lake Butler

Lake Butler has set trick-or-treating hours as 6 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 30.

First Christian Church will hold a Trunk-or-Treat event from 6 to 8 p.m. at 155 NW First St.

The RMC Trick-or-Treating Event is from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Trick-or-treat in the Hidden Oaks neighborhood from 6 to 8 p.m.

Old Providence Fall Festival

Old Providence Baptist Church will be hosting a Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 30, from 4–8 p.m. Events include games, trunk-or-treat and chili/hotdogs. All activities are free. The church is located at 9316 NW C.R. 245,

Lake Butler. Everyone invited.

Fall Expo at Providence Baptist

Providence Village Baptist Church’s Fall Expo will take place on Saturday, Nov. 6, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be a variety of vendors, and vendor space is still available. For more information and to apply, please visit www.tinyurl.com/PVBCFallExpo. The address is 4504 W. S.R. 238 in Lake Butler.

Garden Club of the Lakes announces schedule

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

Candidates

Warner seeking reelection in Lawtey



Warner

The following is a paid political advertisement, paid for by Virginia R. Warner, candidate for Lawtey City Council.

To all the good people of Lawtey:

It has been my privilege to serve our community as a city councilwoman for the last 12 years, and I’m asking you for your support, again, to serve for another four years. My extended family members have been Lawtey residents for over 100 years, and I’ve lived here since 2003 when I moved into the house where my father was born.

Over the past 12 years, I have been responsible to you in overseeing the recreation department; spent seven years involved with the city water and sewer infrastructure, and the last four years dedicated to upgrading our volunteer fire

and all the structures within the city boundary. I take great pride playing a small part in seeing our volunteer fire department transition from a small one room, three-bay service building to an all-paid professional emergency organization housed in a totally brand new self-contained live-in facility. I assisted in bringing in our very first Emergency Medical Services unit to augment our new fire department. This has increased our ability to assist Lawtey residents in all types of emergencies outside of just fire protection. I’m extremely proud of this accomplishment.

With your support, if reelected I look forward to focusing my efforts back with the water and sewer department as we need to raise more government money-grants to replace the antiquated water lines within the city.

I love this community and will always do my best to make it better. We still have work to do and I’m asking for your support.

Vote for Virginia Warner, City Councilwoman on Dec. 7.

department into a fully paid public service organization.

While working with the city water and sewer administration, I helped in procuring funds-grants worth several million dollars to pay for system upgrades during construction phases 2, 3 and 4.

My real labor of love began when I was assigned responsibility for our volunteer fire department. My husband and two sons have collectively served, voluntarily, for 30 years to protect our citizens

is welcome to attend.

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

Nov. 11 - Dr. Peterson from Wild Birds Unlimited will discuss the many plants that attract birds.

Dec. 9 - Make-and-take craft.

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

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Letters

Dear Editor:

The PANDEMIC of COVID-19 has interfered with many events over the past year and a half, denying the public and various organizations the pleasures of participating in events and programs. American Legion Post 56 is resuming our monthly dinners on the last Friday of each month for our veterans and their families. The post provides the main course of the dinners and the veterans and their families provide a covered dish of their liking and deserts. There is no fee required for any veteran or their family. This is a family oriented gathering for fellowship and for attendees to enjoy a quiet evening together.

It is also noted that POST 56 has experienced the loss of over TEN (10) Legion members over the past several months. Therefore, during our dinner this month we are going to participate in a special ceremony to recognize and honor those loyal and deserving members who have passed away by presenting a Certificate of POST EVERLASTING to each of these families in attendance. All veterans and members of their families are invited to attend the dinner. Widows, widowers, and children of veterans are invited to attend and none are required to be a member of the American Legion. This gathering is for any and all veterans.

The dinner is for Friday 29th

of October at 6:00 P.M. located at the Post home, 715 Edwards Road across the road from the National Guard Armory.

The main course for this years dinner is chicken and rice.

I know, it's Friday night lights and football games are to be played. We serve dinner at 6:00 P.M. giving you an opportunity to share a good meal and relax, then you can attend your local football game and support your team.

Hope to see you veterans and your families at the dinner this Friday.

Respectfully,

Raymond Hunt
Adjutant Post 56
(904) 964-5356

Knights raise \$2,008 for Answers

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — The Knights of Columbus Council 10572 conducted a baby bottle drive at St. William Catholic Church to provide funds for Answers Resource Facility in Starke and Keystone Heights. The drive raised \$2,008 for the organization.

Right: Grand Knight Len Hampton delivers a check to Answers Resource Facility CEO JoAnna Weldon.



KHHS JROTC cadets to be part of Nov. 1 DAR meeting

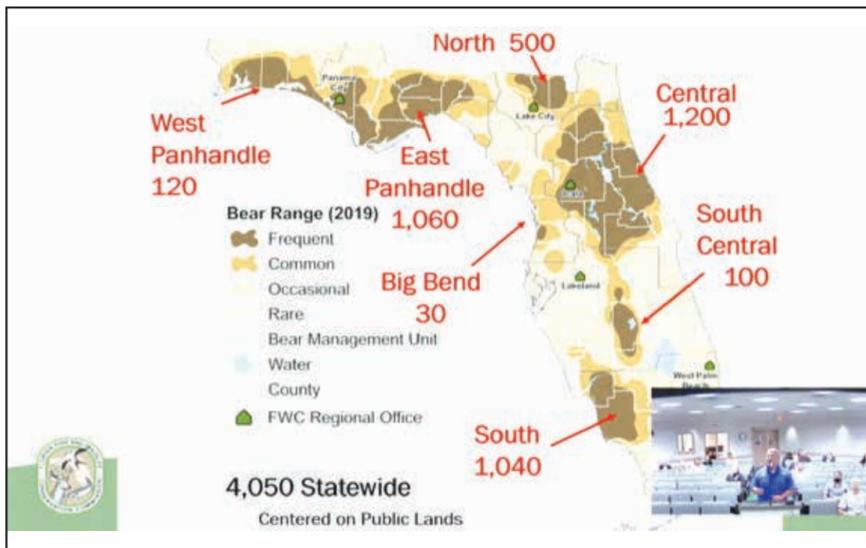
Lt. Col. Rich Hall, the senior Army instructor in Keystone Heights High School's JROTC program, will be joined by some of the school's cadets in presenting the program at

the next meeting of the Col. Samuel Elbert Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, which will be held on Monday, Nov. 1, at the Montgomery Center (88 S.E. 75th Street, Starke) at 10:30 a.m.

The program will follow a brunch, which is \$10 and payable at the door.

Do you have a Revolutionary War-era patriot in your family tree? If you would like to find

out, DAR can help with its genealogical resources. Any woman 18 years or older, regardless of race, religion or ethnic background, who can prove direct descent from a person who aided in achieving American independence between April 19, 1775, and Nov. 26, 1783, is eligible for membership. Please contact Registrar Jane Argo Romeo at 352-478-3544 for more information.



Florida Fish and Wildlife's Central Florida Bear Management Unit, which stretches from Clay County to Osceola County, and includes Camp Blanding and the Ocala National Forest, is home to around 1,200 bears, which is 30% of the state's bear population. Inset: Mike Orlando, the assistant bear program coordinator for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission addresses Clay County Commissioners. Image: Clay County Board of County Commissioners.

Kingsley Lake bear encounters decrease

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

GREEN COVE SPRINGS — A state bear biologist said the number of bear encounters reported by Kingsley Lake residents have decreased since the area's homeowners have taken steps to secure their garbage.

Over the summer, Kingsley Lake homeowners reported seeing bears rummaging through garbage or on their properties.

Mike Orlando, the assistant bear program coordinator for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission told Clay County Commissioners that his agency's biologists met with residents about steps they could take to reduce the encounters.

Orlando said most bears venture into neighborhoods looking for easy access to food like garbage, pet food or bird seed, and that the best way to reduce bear encounters is to cut off access to those food sources.

"For bears and other critters like raccoons, foxes and coyotes, the source of our conflicts come in the form of residential garbage, so really the easiest thing that we tell people to do is just secure their garbage," he said.

Orlando said the most convenient way residents can shield their garbage from wildlife is to keep the trash inside, like in a garage or storage shed, until the day of pick up. He added that retrofitting trash containers or obtaining bear-resistant garbage cans are additional options.

Bears in Camp Blanding

Orlando said that Florida's black bear population is over 4,000.

"But the area that you guys are in has the most bears of any sub-population in the state," he told commissioners, "so one

of the things that we've been dealing with over the years is the increase, not only in bears, but humans in the state. We have roughly around 21 million people now in the state."

He said the Central Florida Bear Management Unit, which stretches from Clay County to Osceola County, and includes Camp Blanding and the Ocala National Forest, is home to around 30% of Florida's bears.

"Camp Blanding obviously is one of the large tracks of land that bears do occupy," he said. "We had a research project out there. We collared a bunch of bears and followed them around."

Orlando added that the animals migrate north and south between the Ocala National Forest and the Osceola National Forest, east of Lake City. He showed a chart to commissioners that revealed an uptick in sick and dead bears reported to Fish and Wildlife. He said traffic crashes involving the animals are on the rise.

"Our Ocala bears are moving up through this area to get to the Osceola area and we expect that to continue indefinitely," he said. "So, you're going to see more bears, and then of course as more people are moving around on roads you're going to end up having bears hit by cars. It's inevitable, but we try to do as much as we can to reduce that."

Eating habits of bears

Orlando said that bears get around 80% of their diet from plants, with the remainder coming from mostly insects.

"They do eat things like armadillos, opossums and that sort of thing," he said, "but when they start getting close to human habitat, they actually start to move to the easy source of a meal like pet food, bird seed, and mostly garbage."

Orlando said that now,

bears are going through fall hypophagia, a period of overeating in anticipation of a lack of food during the winter.

"Normally they get about 5,000 calories a day," he said. "In the fall, right now, they're trying to take in 20,000 calories a day, and they're eating about 20 hours a day."

He added that like black bears in Tennessee and Pennsylvania, Florida bears do hibernate.

"It's not as long as in Pennsylvania or Alaska," he said, "but they certainly do (hibernate)."

'We don't like to write citations'

Orlando pointed out that in Florida, it is illegal to feed bears, either intentionally or unintentionally. He added that his agency issues citations to repeat offenders who do not secure their trash.

He said that when a homeowner fails to secure his garbage, the resident will likely first get a visit from a state biologist, advising him to make his trash inaccessible to the animals.

"If that doesn't work, then a law enforcement officer will likely show up and say: Hey, we've had problems. You need to keep this stuff secured," Orlando said. "Then if that still doesn't happen, that's when things like citations come out."

"We don't like to write citations," he added. "We don't like to get people in trouble."

Orlando also said that in response to increasing bear encounters in the Wekiva River basin, Seminole County enacted an ordinance that required residents in that area to secure their trash. He said that as a result, bear encounters there have decreased over the last five years.

He also said that Seminole County, in addition to Collier, Lake and Marion counties offer

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Morford told the Rotarians that both she and her husband Isaac were raised in Keystone Heights but moved away for college. They returned to their hometown after having their first child.

Children with potential

Morford said she had some connections to the High Ridge Estates neighborhood growing up. However, while teaching public school, she said she not only saw students from High Ridge who were in need, but also children with potential.

"There were kids coming out of that neighborhood to our school who had so much (potential)," she said. "They just needed a little something to kind of boost them up."

Morford said her first step in reaching out to the neighborhood was a book bus, delivering books to the area.

Next came Mission of the Dirt Road. A part of the Wesleyan Missional Community, the church functions more like a community center than the traditional congregation.

She said she and her team tries to connect with residents through coffee and wi-fi internet offered at the church.

"It's not uncommon for a government official, a social worker or another non-profit leader to stop by and ask what we are going to do about affordable housing, unaccompanied minors, transportation, jobs, health care or the lack of hope," she said. "These conversations become catalysts to connect people and organizations."

A different kind of church

"Just like every other church," Morford added, "we love to have conversations about faith and spiritual needs, but we also recognize that people have very real needs that are physical, emotional, financial, or relational. We facilitate connections between people and



Mission of the Dirt Road is on SR 100. Inset shows sign outside.

organizations that are prepared to meet those needs."

Morford said that in addition to giving out hygiene and cleaning supplies, loaning bicycles and assisting residents with home repairs, the church holds weekly community classes, in addition to workshops and hosting support groups.

"We have created a space to listen and learn from each other," she said, "and that changes things. It changes us."

The Tuesday evening community classes draw around 20 people and are centered around budgeting, gardening, tobacco cessation, parenting and becoming savvy consumers.

"We feel really good about those responses from people who have been attending," she said. "We include a hot meal that night and childcare and everything's free."

Morford added that the night before the Wednesday Rotary meeting her class of 27 adults planted a container garden.

"They're going to transplant the seeds somewhere in their yards," she said. "We planted cabbage and kale and broccoli and cauliflower to start like a fall winter garden."

She added that during one of the classes, Rotary Club member Shelley Gibbs taught the adults about credit recovery and other financial planning concepts.

"In addition, we hosted at least five tobacco cessation classes in cooperation with (the Area Health Education Center), a workshop on mastering anxiety, a community outreach day that had several organizations from throughout the county, and we had about 100 people attend that."

Morford also said the church hosted a one-day retreat to give community leaders a chance to recharge after an exhausting year carrying out their missions during the pandemic.

"And we hosted a six-week parenting class with the Hanley Foundation," she said.

Morford also described a new program she is developing in partnership with Habitat for Humanity and Mercy Support Services called Mission Revitalize.

"We will meet with a family, look at the home repairs they need, and help them with those home repairs" she said, "but then at the same time, we're connecting them with a financial and personal coach, so that we don't end up right back here in a year."

Morford said she is also developing a tool library.

"We have people in the neighborhood who would like to mow their grass," she said, "they just don't have access to a lawn mower, or they had a lawnmower, and it broke, and they couldn't replace it."

Morford said that now, the church's Sunday meetings consist of a dinner and neighborhood walk, handing out information about the mission.

People need hope

Morford said that people in the middle class often have mistaken ideas about how residents get trapped into poverty.

"We have a tendency to think it's laziness," she said, "what I see are people who don't have the relationships and don't have the connections like I have. They don't have a support system at all, so when a crisis hits there's no fallback."

She added that after encountering barrier after barrier, and suffering trauma time and time again, most people fall into despair.

"The thought that things could be different or better is really hard for them to imagine," she said. "They have no hope."

bear-resistant garbage cans to residents at a discount.

Bears and dogs do not mix

The biologist said that as bears move into residential areas, they lose their natural fear of humans.

He added that if a resident encounters a bear, the person should make himself known to the animal.

"If the bear is at a distance, put your hands above your head; make yourself look larger and then actually talk to the bear," he said. "Clap your hands, that sort of thing. You don't want to startle anything like a bear, so try to give it a heads up that you're nearby and most of the time the bear's going to see you and take off running. If it doesn't, if it stands still, slowly back away to a secure location. Get in your car, your house or that sort of

thing and then give the agency a call."

Orlando added that dogs and bears do not mix.

"Dogs and bears don't like each other, so it's best, if you have a small dog, pick that dog up," he said of contacts with bears. "That's really (true) with any wild animal. If you have small children or dogs with you, pick them up and move to a secure location."

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Modern day trial held in historic courtroom in honor of county centennial

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Times Editor

On Friday, Oct. 1 the past met the future when an actual traffic case was heard in the first courtroom ever used by the county for the purpose.

The Honorable Judge Mitchell Bishop was on hand to provide the judicial handling of the case with the assistance of the Union County Court Clerk and Comptroller Kellie Hendricks Rhoades and Deputy Clerk Kim Riggs.

Bishop first spoke to the assembled audience of about 50 people, telling them the history of the recreated courtroom and legal proceedings in the county. Bishop said the building which now served as the Women's Club had served the county as its original courthouse from 1923 until 1936, with legal proceedings before that time having been held in the Townsend building's top floor.



FHP Officer Hoffman offers testimony concerning the case to the Honorable County Judge Mitchell Bishop, joined on the "bench" by county Clerk of the Court and Comptroller Kellie Hendricks Rhoades and Deputy Clerk Kim Riggs.

He said that three judges had held court in the first courthouse – the Honorable A. C. Strickland, the Honorable Hal Y. Maines (who took office as the county judge in

1923) and the Honorable Judge Wainwright.

The first of the two cases held for the day concerned a traffic

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New testing protocol to replace Florida Standards Assessment next school year

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Times Editor

After years of complaints from nearly everyone connected with the education of children in Florida, Gov. Ron DeSantis has announced pending legislation that will do away with the Florida Standards Assessment (offspring of the FCAT and FCAT.2 tests) which have had educators, parents and many others up in arms for years.

Under the requirements of the FCAT series of tests, many decried the loss of learning time, taken up by the weeks needed to administer the tests in April and May. Other concerns included the seeming encouragement of the high-stakes test for educators to narrow the focus of their teaching to items that would be included in the tests – sometimes called “teaching to the test.”

Other criticisms included the focus on a Common Core type of curriculum, the fact that the tests were not able to be customizable to the individual student and that the time taken by the state to obtain and report the results was of such a long duration that there was no time within the school year after the test was administered for parents, teachers and administrators to deal with issues that arose in the results. Very often, problems from the testing year were left to be handled the following school year, decreasing the benefit to the individual students and operating and planning according to trends in the scores rather than those of the individual student.

End-of-year tests out

DeSantis announced in mid-September that the current school year (2021-22) would be the last year for the FSA in the state. He said that the test had proved ineffective, taking days to administer and unable to be personalized. He said the test would be replaced by progress monitoring three times per year, assessments that can be administered in hours rather than days. He estimates that the new testing will decrease testing time by 75 percent and provide much more timely results. The

Florida Education Association favors the change, issuing a statement saying that “it would free up time for genuine teaching and learning.”

“Florida’s education focus should be students’ growth and how we restore the conversation between parents and teachers in support of students’ growth,” DeSantis said. “...our administration is implementing the lessons learned from progress monitoring both during the state’s recovery (Note: the testing was not carried out in the 2019-20 school year due to the Covid-19 pandemic and its effects on the schools) and from our districts and schools that were already showing how we can better support students reaching their own unique goals.”

The bill to implement the change will go before the state legislature in January of 2022, but DeSantis seems confident that it will pass without issue.

Progress monitoring in

If all goes as hoped, the 2022-23 school year will be the first without FSA testing. According to a press release from DeSantis, “this change will restore the ability for parents and teachers to have impactful conversations about students’ growth and inform parents’ ability to help their children grow.”

Florida will be the first state in the nation to switch from end-of-year assessments to state standards-aligned progress monitoring as a means of accountability. It is also felt that the shorter, more frequent tests will be less stressful on both students, educators and parents and will provide results in a manner that will give all useable feedback in a more timely reporting system.

Ripplinger: monitoring should be standardized

Union County Superintendent of Schools Mike Ripplinger is in a positive frame of mind about the change.

“Progress monitoring involves smaller assessments along the way during the year,”

Ripplinger said. “These can be done in a single class period three times per year, not over a number of days. The challenge for the state and the school districts will be to standardize the progress monitoring tests that they have been using, because there are several different tests available and some districts have even designed their own. The tests have got to be standardized if they are going to be of any use for assessment and the comparisons made from the overall schools’ results.”

Ripplinger said that the subjects tested would be the same – English language arts, mathematics, science and social studies. End-of-course assessments will continue. He said that right now the Union County School District teachers and staff were “living with one foot in each of two worlds – preparing not only for this year’s final FSA testing but already looking ahead to what will be needed to prepare students for next year’s new testing protocols.”

Ripplinger said his people wanted to “get a jump” on the new expected standards and were already prepping for next year. He noted that the standards for the new tests would be different, “more aligned with what was really happening in education and more in line with common sense.” He said he could see no problem with continuing accountability as “outside forces” would still be overseeing schools’ performance and ensuring that what was required was being done.

As to the development of the uniform tests, ensuring that the “playing field” between schools was a level one, he said the state would absorb the cost of test development and would also, most likely, set some standards and achievement markers for the tests and the interpretation of their results.

Only time will tell whether or not the new testing will perform as planned and produce results in a manner more timely than its predecessor. One thing, however, no one seems to be happy to see the FSA go and it seems likely that no one will miss it when it is finally just a memory.

20 Strong: a community-oriented organization dedicated to positive change



Members of 20 Strong at a fundraiser BBQ off CR-238 in Lake Butler on Oct. 23. Pictured are: Henry Simmons, Greg Jones, T.L. Jackson, Ron Howard, Bret Johnson, Ronnie Oliver, Jerry Green, Therns Conney, Willie Henderson, Darren Mackey, Terry Dix, Zephrein Green and Rondell Higgins. Not pictured: Antonio Jones, Ivan Green, Anthony Holmes, Maurice Griffin, Lamont Dix, Roscoe Simmons and James Webb.

BY LARRY DUPEE
Special to the Times

Every journey begins with a single step. Zephrein Green, a Union County native, spent his formative years growing up in this rural area with limited opportunities for young black men at that time. Green is now retired and living in Gainesville.

Although not a current resident of Union County, he has started an organization to help provide opportunities community-wide for area youth. The group’s efforts to help provide opportunities that were lacking in the past has inspired interest in others in the community.

This organization has helped to sponsor the Lake Butler High School softball team, a youth oriented softball program at R. J. Phillips Recreation center, the Lake Butler Middle School baseball and basketball programs and a book bag giveaway at the start of the school year.

Future plans for activities at Westside Park include free fundays events where today’s youth can develop skills in areas each individual finds interesting while having fun learning. There will be bounce houses for pure fun and games to build competitive character and discipline to promote a positive attitude. Where some see insurmountable odds... others see opportunities to make the difference that counts.

When the pandemic struck last

year, 20 Strong Men organized a program to provide COVID 19 supply packages to the elderly and others who were having mobility issues.

An organized group of community members, past and present, who believe they can become the cultural change needed for any society to develop as each generation progresses will institute in these young people the principals and morals that society is based on. The principal to follow is a simple one, become the cultural change that people want to see... or the cultural changes will not be coming.

The efforts of 20 Strong, a not-for-profit-organization, have been made possible through donations and fundraisers such as roadside BBQ’s, community events and involvement in helping to sponsor educational programs. Many of their efforts are funded by the members themselves.

On Dec. 17 there will be a Holiday Bash fundraiser held

at the Lake Butler Community Center at the lake. Sharrise Boyd will be the guest speaker at this event, a semi formal gathering, RSVP required.

Plans for future events include a Mayday event to promote small businesses in the area. This organization of outstanding community members, past and present, consists of: Zephrein Green, Willie Henderson, Bret Johnson, Darren Mackey, Greg Jones, Antonio Jones, James Webb, Ron Howard, Ivan Green, Ronnie Oliver, Henry Simmons, Therns Conney, T. L. Jackson, Jerry Green, Terry Dix, Anthony Holmes, Maurice Griffin, Lamont Dix, Roscoe Simmons and Rondell Higgins.

The combined effort of these men have already made positive changes in community-wide programs over the last three years.

For more information on 20 Strong, go to Facebook20 Strong (public) or call Zephrein Green at (352) 256-7956.

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The city is also receiving money from the state to rehabilitate sewer lines, a portion of which must be repaid.

But there are questions about how the Florida Rural Water Association developed its recommended rate structure. According to Operations Manager Scott Anaheim, the engineers for the wastewater plant and collection system projects believes the recommended rates are too high.

He called for the commission to hold a workshop to investigate the study.

“We need to really look at what’s behind those numbers, because that’s going to be a significant increase on the ratepayers,”

Anaheim said, citing a \$3 per 1,000-gallon sewer charge that would increase to \$11.

The study also failed to take impact and capacity fees into consideration, said Anaheim. Growth outside the city limits often requires connection to the city’s water and sewer services, and Anaheim said developers need to be paying for that infrastructure.

The burden should not be on the backs of ratepayers, he said, and commissioners agreed.

The commission set a special meeting on the rate study for Tuesday, Oct. 26, at 5:30 p.m.

At the same time, they will workshop the asset management plans required by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

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Crime

Recent arrests in Bradford, Clay and Union

Oct. 16 through Oct. 22

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

Quisha Nashayla Arthur, 22, of Hawthorne was arrested by Bradford deputies on Oct. 21 for a probation violation.

Willie Junior Belle, 55, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on Oct. 17 for battery.

Broke into storage units

Jason Junior Bratcher, 38, of Gainesville was arrested by Bradford deputies on Oct. 20 for fraud, criminal mischief with property damage, burglary, larceny, dealing in stolen property and a probation violation.

According to an arrest report, the defendant burglarized eight storage units at Keystone Mini Storage on Oct. 13, 2021.

Deputies obtained a photograph of the defendant's truck taken around the time of the burglaries. They also found items stolen from some of the storage units and pawned by the defendant at Orange Park and Starke pawn shops.

Kiyera Breyana Brown, 23, of Melrose was arrested by Bradford deputies on Oct. 22 for aggravated assault, battery, trespassing and resisting an officer.

Lauren Elizabeth Casey, 30, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on Oct. 21 for probation violations.

Jenifer Annette Davenport, 30, of Starke was arrested by Starke police on Oct. 16 for an out-of-county warrant.

Norman Paul Driggers, 38, of Hampton was arrested by Starke police on Oct. 22 for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

James Edward Dyal, 59, of Starke was arrested by Starke police on Oct. 16 for disorderly intoxication.

Devon Antonio Gray, 36, of Tampa was arrested by Bradford deputies on Oct. 18 for failure to appear.

Earl Bernard Green, 49, of Starke was arrested by Starke police on Oct. 21 for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Justin Allen Hall, 27, of Jacksonville was arrested by Bradford deputies on Oct. 19 for contempt of court.

Michael Joseph Harrah, 36, of Starke was arrested by Starke police on Oct. 21 for larceny and dealing in stolen property.

Joseph Phillip Larissey, 40, was arrested by Bradford deputies on Oct. 19 for failure to appear.

Earl Harold McArdell, 57, of Bradenton was arrested by Bradford deputies on Oct. 22 for a probation violation.

Zachary Austin McRae, 20, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on Oct. 22 for an out-of-county warrant.

Mother neglected medical care for child

Sara Anne Peebles, 37, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on Oct. 21 for child neglect with great bodily harm.

According to court papers, the victim was born with a critical heart condition.

On Sept. 25 deputies responded to a tip that the victim had a significant burn on his pinky finger.

It was also reported that an adult male was attempting to remove infected tissue from the finger with a pocketknife.

The defendant claimed the injury came from a toy pinching the finger, but medical personnel said the injury was the result of a burn.

A child protection team investigation revealed that of 22 medical appointments scheduled for the child between Sept. 10, 2020 and Aug. 18, 2021, the defendant failed to show up for seven and cancelled an additional six appointments.

Bradford Detective Kimberly Mosely wrote in a sworn affidavit that because of the missed medical appointments, the child is now in heart failure.

"Had Peebles provided the proper medical care, attending medical appointments as scheduled, (the victim) would not be in heart failure at this time," Mosely wrote.

Jesse James Lamar Ricks, 31, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on Oct. 20 for possession of marijuana and failure of a sex offender to report to law enforcement.

Duane Allen Roberts, 42, was arrested by Bradford deputies on Oct. 20 for aggravated battery and improper exhibition of a firearm.

Chad Harvey Smallman, 46, of Gainesville was arrested by Bradford deputies on Oct. 22 for an out-of-county warrant.

Janet Lorena Smith, 50, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on Oct. 18 for failure to appear.

Antwan Ramon Smith, 33, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on Oct. 20 for a probation violation.

Bryan Datrell Tanner, 35, of Brooker was arrested by Bradford deputies on Oct. 22 for an out-of-county warrant.

Leslie Marie Thornton, 38, of Lawtey was arrested by Starke police on Oct. 19 for battery.

Brian Neal Williams, 45, of Jacksonville, was arrested by Bradford deputies on Oct. 19 for a probation violation.

Ashton Blaze Wright, 24, of Starke was arrested by Starke police on Oct. 18 for a probation violation, out-of-county warrants, selling drugs, possession of drugs, delivering or distributing opium and trafficking in drugs.

Union

Dexter Leonard George, 43, of Starke was arrested by Union deputies on Oct. 21 for an out-of-county warrant.

Lorenzo Laverne Gilmore Sr., 45, was arrested by Union deputies on Oct. 22 for an out-of-county warrant, aggravated battery and obstructing police.

Stephen Daniel Haskell, 28, of Ft. White was arrested by Union deputies on Oct. 18 for a probation violation.

Strangled ex-girlfriend

James Vernon Herndon, 28, of Lake City was arrested by Union deputies on Oct. 18 for felony battery by

strangulation.

According to an arrest report, the victim arrived at the sheriff's office and told deputies that Herndon, who is her ex-boyfriend, began to argue with her about their relationship. The victim said as she approached Herndon, he spat on her; she then pushed him away and he slapped her in the face.

"Then James grabbed (the victim) with his right hand around her throat and his left hand under her right arm," wrote arresting officer Charles W. Townsend of the victim's claims, "picked her up off the ground, approximately one foot and slammed her into the concrete curb."

Townsend wrote that he later talked to Herndon, who said the incident began when his ex-girlfriend approached his new girlfriend in a threatening manner.

Herndon said he stepped in between the two women, and as he stepped forward, the victim's elbow struck him in the mouth.

In response, he picked her up, threw her to the ground and held her down.

Amber Michelle Knagge, 35, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on April 24 for failure to appear.

Christopher Hart Tanner Jr., 18, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on Oct. 18 for a probation violation.

Stephen Michael Thornton, 49, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on Oct. 17 for driving with a suspended or revoked license, an out-of-county warrant, possession of marijuana and possession of drug equipment.

Christopher McCray Wilson, 37, of Branford was arrested by Union deputies on Oct. 17 for disorderly intoxication.

Kicked unconscious man in head

Justin Eugene Wright, 21, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on Oct. 18 for felony battery causing great bodily harm or disability.

According to an arrest report, the victim was yelling at a neighbor across the street when the defendant joined the altercation.

Arresting officer James F. Jankowski wrote in the report that a witness said the two men met in the street to fight.

"Justin punched (the victim) and (the victim) hit the ground unconscious," wrote the officer. "Justin then kicked-stomped on the victim's head a couple of times and retreated back to his house."

The victim was breathing but not responsive to deputies. EMS transported him to a hospital.

Wright told deputies he acted in self-defense.

The officer said he arrested Wright for the kicks to the head.

"Justin Wright is being charged...for the actions done after (the victim) was already unconscious and no longer a threat."

Clay

Dontay Terrell Liggins, 33, was arrested by Clay deputies in Keystone Heights on Oct. 19 for aggravated battery.

James Darrell Rice, 43, was arrested by Clay deputies in Keystone Heights on Oct. 17 for domestic battery by strangulation.

Desiree Angelina Shingler, 34, was arrested by Clay deputies in Keystone Heights on Oct. 20 for grand theft.

Jake Douglas Warren, 28, was arrested by Clay deputies in Starke on Oct. 22 for battery.

2 years for hitting kids on bikes, fleeing scene

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

STARKE — A 33-year old Starke man was sentenced to two years in prison after pleading to hitting two children riding bicycles in Lawtey and then leaving the scene.

Bjee Martin Fisher pleaded no contest to the April 26 offenses of failing to remain at a crash site involving serious bodily injury.

According to a Lawtey police report, Fisher was driving a 1994 Chevrolet Blazer north on Grove Street around 6:30 p.m. approaching the corner of Grove and Martin.

"Fisher veered into the southbound lane, while still traveling north," wrote arresting officer Michael Gillick.

Also traveling north on Grove were two juveniles on bicycles.

"Due to the fact that Fisher was now traveling in the wrong direction, he struck the rear tire of the bicycle of (one of the victims)," wrote Gillick. "As a



Fisher

result, both of the children were thrown from their bikes, landing on the edge of the roadway and ditch."

According to the report, Fisher stopped his vehicle and said to one of the victims, "You will be ok. You guys are fine."

He then drove away, stopping briefly to check for damage on his vehicle, and fleeing the scene.

Witnesses identified the driver and vehicle.

Both children were transported to an area hospital for treatment.

Also included in Fisher's two year sentence were pleas of no contest to the April 29 offenses of possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and possession of drug equipment.

According to an arrest report, Bradford Deputy Archie Crews pulled over Fisher's Blazer after he saw the defendant leave the Circle K at the corner of Southeast 144th Street (Griffis Loop) and SR 100 not wearing a seat belt.

During the traffic stop, "Bjee was asked if he had any illegal narcotics, to which he admitted to having pills in his pocket," wrote Crews.

The pills were identified as aprazolam and subutex. Fisher claimed that he found the pills in the convenience store.

Crews added that a search of the Blazer yielded additional illegal contraband.

Stole from Brooker shed, kicked deputies

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

STARKE — A 30-year-old Gainesville woman was sentenced to 18 months in prison after pleading to stealing items from a storage shed in Brooker and kicking deputies while she was being arrested.

Natosha Leann Walton pleaded no contest to the Aug. 3 offenses of battery on a law enforcement officer, criminal mischief with property damage, burglary of an unoccupied dwelling, resisting an officer, fraud-impersonation and smuggling contraband into a correctional facility.

According to an arrest report, deputies responded to a Bloxham Street address in Brooker around 7:30 PM.

There they found a witness who told them a woman kicked



Walton

in the door of his sister's storage shed, and then ran into an adjacent field. Deputies set up a perimeter around the property, and then located and detained the defendant.

"Myself and Deputy Lewis ordered the suspect to stand up

and (told her) that she was under arrest," wrote arresting officer Cameron Perkins in a report. "The suspect began to kick and scream and kick Deputy Lewis as well as Detective Crews."

Perkins added that the defendant refused to voluntarily enter the back of a patrol vehicle, and once inside, she began to kick the cage attached to the window of the cruiser.

Perkins wrote that once at the jail, Walton gave a false name when asked for her identification, and also denied having any contraband on her person. However, a search later revealed three cigarettes hidden under the defendant's breast.

The items stolen from the storage shed included clothing, a cell phone, jewelry, collectible coins and a Bible.

Melrose man is Florida's volunteer firefighter of the year

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

TALLAHASSEE — Florida's Chief Financial Officer and State Fire Marshal Jimmy Patronis awarded the Volunteer Firefighter of the Year Award to Melrose's Joshua Florence, during a ceremony in the chamber of the Florida Senate on Sept. 20.

Patronis said Florence exemplifies what it means to be a firefighter.

"He serves as a firefighter and EMTB at Melrose Volunteer Fire Department," said Patronis. "He was a coordinator of a funding effort to secure fire rescue boats in his department whose geographic area encompasses lakes.

Patronis said Florence also orchestrated comprehensive training on fire boat rescue response.

"He's truly deserving of the Florida Volunteer Firefighter of the Year Award," said Patronis. "I couldn't be more honored to present it to him."



Florida Volunteer Firefighter of the Year Joshua Florence with Assistant Director of the State Fire Marshal's Office JoAnne Rice. Photo: Melrose Volunteer Fire Department.



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LEGALS

BRADFORD

IN AND FOR OAKLAND COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT, MICHIGAN
Case No. 2021-507658-DO
Family Division

JERRY LYNN SCOTT
Plaintiff
vs.
TAMMY YVONNE SCOTT a/k/a
TAMMY ASQUITH
Defendant

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT TAMMY YVONNE SCOTT

In the name of the people of the State of Michigan: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a domestic action has been filed against you in the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland, Michigan

1. You are being sued – Complaint for Divorce
2. You have 28 days from the date of this publication to file a written response with the Court – The Honorable Julie A. McDonald - Oakland County Circuit Court, 1200 North Telegraph Road, Pontiac, MI 48341 and serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to Kenneth D. Clayton at the Clayton Law Office whose address is 2055 Orchard Lake Road, Sylvan Lake, MI 48321 otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
Last Known Addresses:
124 Andrew Street, Starke, FL 32091
5758 Oliver Street, Jacksonville, FL 32211
4462 Abbs Valley Road, Bluefield, VA 24605
Dated: September 23, 2021
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION

File No. 04-2021-CP-000119
IN RE: ESTATE OF
MICHAEL ELTON GORDON
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of MICHAEL ELTON GORDON, deceased, whose date of death was April 14, 2021; File Number 04-2021-CP-000119, is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Post Office Box 340, Starke, FL 32091. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court 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 PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is: October 21, 2021.

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NOTICE

Ron Denmark Mini Storage will hold a public auction on THURSDAY October 28th, 2021 @ 10:00 am at 2117 N Temple Ave., Starke, FL on the following storage units containing personal items:

Unit # 9 Belonging to K. Elton
Unit # 99 Belonging to J. Crews
Unit #31 Belonging to T. Starling
Unit #72 Belonging to T. Harris
10/21 2tchg 10/28-BCT

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: 758
Year of Issuance: 2014
Parcel Number: 02645-0-00000
Case Number: 04-2021-TD-0012
Description of Property:
Legal Description:
02645-0-00000

COMMENCE AT THE INTERSECTION OF TOM HALL STREET AND MCCULLUM ST. (FORMERLY PETERSON ST.) AND RUN EAST 50 FEET TO SE CORNER OF ALPHONZO JENKINS LAND FOR P.O.B.: THENCE CONTINUE EAST ON MCCULLUM ST. TO SW CORNER OF LILLIAN MAE HOOD LAND, THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG WEST LINE OF HOOD PROPERTY TO SE CORNER OF CHARITY TUCKER LOT, THENCE WEST ALONG S LINE OF CHARITY TUCKER LOT 50 FEET, THENCE NORTH 100 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF COOPER ROAD, THENCE WESTERLY ALONG COOPER ROAD TO NE CORNER OF IVORY HALL LOT, THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG EAST LINE OF IVORY HALL AND ALPHONZO JENKINS LOT TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. LYING AND BEING IN NW 1/4 OF SW 1/4, SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST.

Name in Which Assessed: STEPHEN SINGLETON JR
Name on last tax roll, if different:

STEPHEN SINGLETON JR (DEC)
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 12th DAY OF JANUARY 2022, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.
Denny Thompson,
Clerk Of The Circuit Court
Bradford County, Florida
By LISA BRANNON, Deputy Clerk
DATED: October 22, 2021
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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Certificate Number: 707
Year of Issuance: 2014
Parcel Number: 02439-0-00000
Case Number: 04-2021-TD-0013
Description of Property:
Legal Description:
02439-0-00000

Commencing at the Northwest Corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 21 Township 6 South, Range 22 East and run East on Half Section Line 434 feet for a point of beginning, thence run East on Half Section Line 243 feet, thence run South 13 degrees 24 minutes West 179.36 feet, thence run West and parallel with Half Section Line 243 feet, thence North 13 degrees 24 minutes East 179.36 feet to the point of beginning and containing One Acre more or less and lying and being in the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 21 Township 6 South, Range 22 East.

Name in Which Assessed: CORNELIUS THOMAS
Name on last tax roll, if different: CORNELIUS THOMAS (DEC)
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 12th DAY OF JANUARY 2022, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.
Denny Thompson,
Clerk Of The Circuit Court
Bradford County, Florida
By LISA BRANNON,
Deputy Clerk
DATED: October 22, 2021
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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: 721
Year of Issuance: 2014
Parcel Number: 02476-0-02700
Case Number: 04-2021-TD-0014
Description of Property:
Legal Description:
02476-0-02700

BLOCK 27, KNIGHTS SUBDIVISION, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 21 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA. SUBJECT TO FLORIDA POWER AND LIGHT EASEMENT AS RECORDED IN MISC. BOOK 9, PAGE 83 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Name in Which Assessed: EQUITY ONE, INC. N/D/B/A EQUITY ONE MORTGAGE INC
Name on last tax roll, if different: EQUITY ONE MORTGAGE INC

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 12th DAY OF JANUARY 2022, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.
Denny Thompson,
Clerk Of The Circuit Court
Bradford County, Florida
By LISA BRANNON,
Deputy Clerk
DATED: October 22, 2021
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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: 726
Year of Issuance: 2014
Parcel Number: 02502-0-00000
Case Number: 04-2021-TD-0015
Description of Property:
Legal Description:
02502-0-00000

Lots 2, 3, & 6 of Block 9 in N-Reno S/O S21-T6S-R22 Bradford County, Florida
Name in Which Assessed: VERANNA MAE TURNER
Name on last tax roll, if different:
All of said property being in the County of Bradford, State of Florida. Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the BRADFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, STARKE, FL on the 12th DAY OF JANUARY 2022, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.
Denny Thompson,
Clerk Of The Circuit Court
Bradford County, Florida
By LISA BRANNON,
Deputy Clerk
DATED: October 25, 2021
10/28 4tchg 11/18-BCT

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: 258
Year of Issuance: 2014
Parcel Number: 00868-0-00136
Case Number: 04-2021-TD-0016
Description of Property:
Legal Description:
00868-0-00136
The South 132.00 feet of the North 792.00 feet of the West 330.00 feet of the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 11, Township 7 South, Range 21 East, Bradford County, Florida. Reserving therefrom and easement for ingress, egress and utilities over the Easterly 15 feet thereof.

Above described parcel being conveyed with a 30.00 foot easement for ingress, egress and utilities over the following described parcel: The Northerly 30.00 feet of the Westerly 1040.00 feet and the Easterly 30.00 feet of the Westerly 345.00 feet of the Northerly 1238.00 feet of said NW 1/4 of SW 1/4. Above described parcel also being conveyed with a right of ingress and egress over the following described parcel: Commence at a concrete monument located at the Northwest corner of the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 10, Township 7 South, Range 21 East and run South 00 degrees, 07 minutes and 19 seconds East, along the Westerly boundary thereof, 157.72 feet to the Southerly boundary of the right of way of County Road 225 (formerly State Road S-225); thence South 77 degrees, 14 minutes and 19 seconds East, along said Southerly boundary, 405.77 feet to the centerline of an existing road for the Point of Beginning (said road being 50 feet in width and lying 30 feet on each side of a centerline described as follows). From Point of Beginning thus described run South 00 degrees, 07 minutes and 19 seconds East, parallel with the Westerly boundary of said NE 1/4 of NE 1/4, a distance of 378.18 feet; thence South 15 degrees, 15 minutes and 41 seconds West, 374.65 feet, thence South 20 degrees, 44 minutes and 49 seconds East, 333.96 feet to the end of said 60 foot road and the beginning of a road 20 feet in width and lying 10 feet on each side of said centerline; thence continue South 20 degrees, 44 minutes and 49 seconds East, along said centerline, 30.88 feet, thence South 21 degrees, 12 minutes and 57 seconds East, 438.28 feet to a set iron rod; thence South 21 degrees, 22 minutes and 11 seconds East, 330.29 feet to an intersection with the centerline of a road 30 feet in width and lying 15 feet on each side of the following described centerline; thence South 42 degrees, 52 minutes and 49 seconds West, 274.13 feet to a set iron rod; thence South 17 degrees, 50 minutes and 25 seconds East, 418.91 feet to a set iron rod (last said iron rod being 15.00 feet Northerly of the Southerly boundary of the SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of said Section 10 when measured at right angles therefrom); thence South 89 degrees, 53 minutes and 43 seconds East, parallel with last said Southerly boundary, 686.05 feet to an iron rod set on the Easterly boundary of said SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 and the end of said centerline (last said iron rod being located 15.00 feet Northerly of the Southeast corner of said SE 1/4 of NE 1/4).

Name in Which Assessed: MARIE YVETTE ST HUBERT
Name on last tax roll, if different:
All of said property being in the County of Bradford, State of Florida. Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the BRADFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, STARKE, FL on the 12th DAY OF JANUARY 2022, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.
Denny Thompson,
Clerk Of The Circuit Court
Bradford County, Florida
By LISA BRANNON,
Deputy Clerk
DATED: October 25, 2021
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 8th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 04-2020-CA-000024
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
acting through the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, a/k/a Farmers Home Administration, a/k/a Rural Housing Service,
Plaintiff,
vs.
BRETT A. LEIGH, et al.,
Defendants.
AMENDED NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment entered in the above style case now pending in said court, that the clerk will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on the 18th day of November 2021, at Bradford County Courthouse, located at 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida 32091 beginning at 11:00 a.m. the following described property:
A parcel of land lying in Lots 5, 6, 7 and 8, Block 4 of J.G. Alvarez Addition to Starke as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 1, page 25 of the public records of Bradford County, Florida; said parcel being more particularly described as follows:
Commence at an iron pipe found at the Northeast corner of said Lot 5 and being on the Southerly boundary of the right of way of Lafayette Street for the Point of Beginning and run South 18 degrees, 51 minutes and 10 seconds West, along the Easterly boundary of said Lots 5 and 8, a distance of 168.34 feet to an iron pipe found at the Southeast corner of said Lot 8, also being the Southerly boundary of said Block 4, thence North 67 degrees, 30 minutes and 34 seconds West, along said Southerly boundary, 86.98 feet to a set iron rod; thence North 22 degrees, 19 minutes and 37 seconds East, 163.12 feet to an iron rod set on the Southerly boundary of the right of way of said Lafayette Street; thence South 71 degrees, 07 minutes and 41 seconds East, along last said Southerly boundary, 76.92 feet to the Point of Beginning. Said parcel containing 13,568 square feet or 0.31 of an acre. Which has the address of 318 Lafayette St., Starke Florida 32091.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS

MUST FILE A CLAIM BEFORE THE CLERK REPORTS THE SURPLUS AS UNCLAIMED
THE GILCHRIST LAW FIRM, P.A.
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SURPLUS PROPERTY SALE

Six (6) wheelchair equipped non-emergency medical transit vehicles. Envelopes marked "Sealed Bids" must be mailed (please do not hand deliver bids) to Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. P.O. Box 70, Live Oak, FL 32064 by Friday, November 19, 2021. Please make sure the VIN is clearly marked on bids submitted. Vehicles may be inspected by appointment only. For appointments to inspect vehicles call Sheryl Hartzog, Operations Manager, at 386/496-0624. For additional information or questions contact Stephanie Barrington, Director of Transportation, at sbarrington@suwanneec.net. Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. reserves the right to refuse or reject any bid.
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SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, the following application for permit was received on October 5, 2021:

Michael Parker, 4259 Irvington Ave, Jacksonville, FL 32210 has submitted an environmental resource permit (ERP) application number ERP-007-241073-1. The project is located in Bradford County, Section 23, Township 7 South, Range 21 East, and includes 2.4-acres.

Interested persons may comment upon the application or submit a written request for a staff report containing proposed agency action regarding the application by writing to the Suwannee River Water Management District, Attn: Resource Management, 9225 C.R. 49, Live Oak, Florida 32060. Such comments or requests must be received by 5:00 PM within 14 days from the date of publication.

No further public notice will be provided regarding this application. A copy of the staff report must be requested in order to remain advised of further proceedings. Substantially affected persons are entitled to request an administrative hearing, pursuant to Title 28, Florida Administrative Code, regarding the proposed agency action by submitting a written request after reviewing the staff report.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Miracle Automotive & Truck Service Center Inc. gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 11/19/2021, 12:00 pm at 620 N. Thompson Street Starke, FL 32091, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. Miracle Automotive & Truck Service Center Inc. reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.
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ZONING MEETING

The City of Lawley will be conducting a zoning board meeting on Monday, November 1, 2021 at 6 p.m., at Lawley City Hall, 2793 Lake St., Lawley, FL 32058, to discuss a zoning change. All interested parties are invited to attend.
10/28 1tchg-BCT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2021-CP-023
PROBATE DIVISION
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF SANDRA ANN CREWS, DECEASED.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Sandra Ann Crews deceased, whose date of death was August 7, 2021, is pending in the Circuit Court for Union County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 9659 NW 106th Loop, Lake Butler, FL 32054 to-wit:

Parcel: 1
Commence at the Southeast corner of the NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 36, Township 4 South, Range 18 East, for a Point of Beginning: From the Point of Beginning as thus described, thence run West on South Fry line 926 feet, thence run North 400 feet, thence run East 626 feet, thence run South 75 feet, thence run East 300 feet, and thence run South 325 feet to Point of Beginning, excepting therefrom the right of way of a county road for ingress and egress to the travelling public. Total acreage as to this parcel is 9 acres, which includes the right of way of said county road, said county road running in a Southwesterly direction from the East Fry line in Parcel 2 approximately 50 feet North of the Southeast corner of said parcel 2 and continuing past the South line of parcel 1, all situate in Union County, Florida.

The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below:
All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
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ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE

FOREVER BARRED.
NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The date of first publication of this notice is October 14, 2021.
Charles Daniel Sikes
Florida Bar No. 0886858
817 MacMahon Street
Starke, Florida 32091
Attorney for Personal Representative
Danielle Miller
Petitioner
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TAX DEED # 63-2021-TD-0002

Notice of Application for Tax Deed
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that MICHAEL J. JOHNSON, the holder(s) 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 the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERTIFICATE#: 224
YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2018
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: 32-05-20-22-018-0031-0
LEGAL DESCRIPTION:
THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF LOT 3, BLOCK 18 J. W. TOWNSEND ADDITION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1 PAGE 8, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA.

NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: HARMON RIDGEWAY, JR., HERMAN RIDGEWAY, III AND PORSHA T RIDGEWAY,
Said property being in the County of Union, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to the law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder in the Courthouse lobby at 11:00 A.M., the 18th day of November, 2021.
Dated 12th this day of October, 2021.
Leslie C. Snyder
Kellie Hendricks Rhoades
Clerk of Circuit Court
Union County, Florida
Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact (386) 496-3711.

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

GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO.: 2019CA000038
SELENE FINANCE, LP,
Plaintiff,

vs.
JEFFREY EUGENE SNYDER A/K/A JEFFREY E. SNYDER; ET AL,
Defendant(s).

CLERK'S NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Order on Plaintiff's Motion to Reschedule Foreclosure Sale entered on September 28, 2021 in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on November 18, 2021 at 11:00 a.m., Eastern Standard Time (EST) at the Front Lobby, Union County Courthouse, 55 W. Main Street, Lake Butler, Florida 32054.

A parcel of land lying, being and situate in Section 4, Township 6 South, Range 19 East, Union County, Florida, more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCE at the Southwest corner of said Section 4; thence run North 00°59'37" West, along the West line of said Section 4, a distance of 1297.48 feet to a point on the Southerly right of way line of County Road No. S-796; thence run North 87°52'20" East, along said Southerly right of way line, a distance of 842.77 feet to the Point of Curvature of a curve to the left; thence run Easterly, continuing along said Southerly right of way line, along the arc of a curve concave Northerly and having a radius of 1472.40 feet, a chord bearing of North 80°01'07" East and a chord distance of 402.38 feet to the Point of Tangency; thence run North 72°09'54" East, continuing along said Southerly right of way line, a distance of 1919.05 feet to the Point of Curvature of a curve to the right; thence run Easterly, continuing along said Southerly right of way line, along the arc of a curve concave Southerly and having a radius of 1869.86 feet, a chord bearing of North 80°21'34" East and a chord distance of 533.04 feet to the Point of Tangency; thence run North 88°33'15" East, continuing along said Southerly right of way line, a distance of 970.29 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING of the hereinafter described parcel of land: Thence continue running North 88°33'15" East, continuing along said Southerly right of way line of County Road No., S-796, a distance of 329.63 feet, thence run South 05°13'01" East a distance of 663.50 feet; thence run South 88°33'15" West a distance of 329.63 feet; thence run North 05°13'01" West a distance of 663.50 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

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Dated: October 13, 2021.
KELLIE HENDRICKS RHOADES,
CLERK UNION COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

By: Crystal Norman
Deputy Clerk
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA,
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO.: 63-2021-CP-0028
DIVISION: PROBATE

IN RE: ESTATE OF AMOS ARDELL CRAWFORD Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of AMOS ARDELL CRAWFORD, deceased, whose date of death was September 2, 2021; is pending in the Circuit Court for Union County, Florida, Probate Division; File No. 63-2021-CP-0028; the address of which is 55 West Main Street Lake Butler, Florida 32054. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME 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 21, 2021.

Attorney for Personal Representative: M. Aaron Dukes, Esq.
Florida Bar No.: 124394
Dukes Legal, P.A.
Post Office Box 328
Lake Butler, FL 32054
386-269-2394

Personal Representative: Kelly Holmes
15337 SW 91st Way
Lake Butler, FL 32054
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA,
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO.: 63-2021-CP-0029
DIVISION: PROBATE

IN RE: ESTATE OF ROBERT BAKER Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of ROBERT BAKER, deceased, whose date of death was May 22, 2021, is pending in the Circuit Court for Union County, Florida, Probate Division; File No. 63-2021-CP-0029; the address of which is 55 West Main Street Lake Butler, Florida 32054. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons, who have claims or demands against the decedent's estate, including unmat

Worthington Springs celebrates Nightmare Before Christmas at city park



The Union County Wrestling Team was on hand, selling peanuts and sweet tea and having a good time doing it. Pictured are: Harlos Thomas, Isaiah Thomas, Asst. Head Coach Josh Hodges, Head Coach Edwin Johnson and Colin Hadlock.

BY LARRY DUPEE
Special to the Times

There were zombies, vampires and even a T-rex out in force in Worthington Springs last Saturday as the community gathered to the theme of the Tim Burton movie Nightmare Before Christmas.

Between 400-500 parents and their children dressed up in a wide array of costumes and played, ate and met their friends and neighbors at the Fall festival type event in the city park.

Vendors ranged from the UC Wrestling Team, that sold boiled peanuts and sweet tea to clothing and jewelry sellers. The costumes showed imagination and innovation, with some based on the movie while others were simply staples of the season. The whole idea was just to have fun and, on several occasions, young people gathered in the open area at the center of the event to play a game of tag or soccer.

The event was organized

and hosted by Kristi Morton and served as an addition to the annual Christmas in the Park event held near Christmas every year. Children could participate in a number of free games or other pastimes while their parents took time to socialize in the safe, community atmosphere. Many Union County businesses took time from their regular schedule to set up tables and displays designed as much for entertainment as for selling.

The event, which ran from dusk to full dark, made use of the generous land area of the park and provided the community with a night's entertainment.



Scary but sweet, she describes herself as "The Sassy Queen Zombie," but her Mom calls her Makailynn Rowan.



Oh my goodness...it's a T-rex! With Nathan Martin inside! Thank heavens that Spiderman was on the job.



Mom Jody Pfeiffer was riding herd on her two children, plus one. Pictured are: Riley Noegal, Jody, Garrett Pfeiffer and Layla Brooke Noegal.



Addison McKenzie made a perfect little princess, sure to gather a great many treats.



From the Small Town Country Boutique in Lake Butler. Pictured are: mom Melissa Taylor, Melaney Richardson, Brandon Taylor, Emilia Franzluebbers and, as Shazam, Jameson Phillips.



Three generations all in a row. From Lake Butler: Tammy Page (right), Jessica Harvey (right) and Jayden Williams (middle). All three were spending the evening staffing Halloween Town, sponsored by Tom's Helping Hands and Simply American Crafts.



If only all officers of the law were this cute! Bransen Bennett making his police uniform look good.

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infraction by April Housley, a truck driver, who was not present at the proceedings but was represented by counsel. Testimony was given by the citing Florida Highway Patrol Officer (Hoffman) that Housley had been driving her semi eastbound on SR-100 in Union County when she had forced

traffic off the roadway. The officer stated that there had been no crash, injuries or damage and that he had stopped Housley the bridge at the county line.

Housley's attorney entered a plea of no contest to the charges against his client and asked the Bishop withhold adjudication in the matter. He also called the judges attention to a driving record from the state if Missouri that he said demonstrated his client's driving history. Bishop

granted the request for the withholding of adjudication and levied a \$163 fine in judgment for the offense.

The hearing was an actual legal proceeding and was conducted as such, although the audience seemed to derive entertainment from it as well and the entire process was well received. The event provided a unique and interesting start to the weekend of historical activities.

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Economic Council, Inc. reserves the right to refuse or reject any bid.
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**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION**
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, the following application for permit was received on October 4, 2021:

Perry Kent of New River Solid Waste Association, 24276 NE 157th Street, Raiford, FL 32083 has submitted an environmental resource permit (ERP) application number ERP-125-205550-9. The project is located in Union County, Sections 10, 3, 4 and 9, Township 5 South, Range 21 East; Section 33, Township 4 South, Range 21 East, and includes 10.0-acres. Interested persons may comment upon the application or submit a written request for a staff report containing proposed agency action regarding the application by writing to the Suwannee River Water Management District, Attn: Resource Management, 9225 C.R. 49, Live

Oak, Florida 32060. Such comments or requests must be received by 5:00 PM within 14 days from the date of publication. No further public notice will be provided regarding this application. A copy of the staff report must be requested in order to remain advised of further proceedings. Substantially affected persons are entitled to request an administrative hearing, pursuant to Title 28, Florida Administrative Code, regarding the proposed agency action by submitting a written request after reviewing the staff report.
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Tigers defeat Newberry for 1st district title since 2017

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

It could've been 100 degrees inside the Union County High School gymnasium on Oct. 21, and Sabrena Howard still would've had goosebumps.

She and fellow seniors Maegan Beatty and Caleigh Avery celebrated a championship in their final season, with the UCHS volleyball team defeating Newberry 3-2 (15-25, 25-14, 25-22, 19-25, 15-11) to win the District 7-1A title.

"Considering it's my last year, it feels surreal," Howard said. "I feel like I'm going to wake up tomorrow, and none of it's going to be true. It's crazy. I have chills."

The Tigers, the tournament's top seed, scored three straight points with Howard serving to close out the match. Jaycee Davis, who led the team with 21 kills, provided the exclamation point with a kill for the winning point.

Playing for district championships is nothing new for Union (14-8). The Tigers played for titles the last two seasons and have reached the district championship match eight times in the past 11 years. However, Union hadn't won a title since 2017, the season the Tigers finished as the Class 1A state runner-up.

"Tonight really just showed their tenacity," Union Head Coach Jordan Windham said. "They've been excited all day. It's been an exciting week for them. This was a game they were amped and ready for."

"We knew it was going to be hard. We knew it was going to be tough. It was a hard-fought game against them. We knew coming



Union County High School's 2021 volleyball team captured the program's first district championship since 2017, defeating Newberry 3-2 on Oct. 21. Pictured are: (front, l-r) Jordan Hendricks, Maegan Beatty, Journey Crim, Chrissy Quiett, (back, l-r) Ansleigh Worrell, Addisyn Worrell, Rylie Parrish, Sabrena Howard, Emily Wilson, Jaycee Davis and Caleigh Avery. Photos by Cliff Smelley.

in that we'd have to work really hard."

In Class 1A, the regional playoffs don't begin until Tuesday, Nov. 2, which prompted Howard to say, "I'm very excited that we have a week off. I don't know if I could handle another game right now. I'm exhausted."

What Nov. 2 will bring is a rematch of the District 7 championship match as the Tigers, the number-two seed in Region 4, will host third-seed Newberry (17-10) in a 7 p.m. semifinal match. If Union

wins, it'll play for the Region 4 championship at top-seed Pierson Taylor (20-3) or at home against fourth-seed Williston (8-10) on Saturday, Nov. 6, at 7 p.m.

The Region 4 semifinal match between Union and Newberry, if the District 7 championship match is any indication, should be a back-and-forth affair, with momentum constantly switching sides.

The Panthers took a 7-1 lead in the first set after scoring five points with Abby Pace serving. Union's Davis recorded kills

three times to make it a three-point game, but the Tigers could never get any closer. It was 18-15 when Newberry closed the set out with seven straight points. Most of those points came off back-row errors in receiving serves by Hanna Templeton.

It was a different story in the second set as the Tigers never trailed after building a 10-5 lead. A kill by Davis and two kills by Howard helped Union take that early lead.

"We didn't start off too hot," Howard said, "but I think when



Left: Jaycee Davis recorded a team-high 21 kills.

then recorded two points with Howard serving to close out the set, with the winning point coming off a Davis kill.

"After that first set, we had to make some adjustments," Windham said, adding, "They had no problems doing that. They were ready to go. They knew what they had to do to make it happen."

Union's strong play in the second set carried over into the third. Two Davis kills during a four-point stretch with Beatty serving put the Tigers up 5-1. The Tigers never lost the lead, but Newberry gradually cut into it. It was 24-20 when the Panthers' Pace recorded a kill to force side-out. With Kirsten Thomas serving, Newberry got a kill from Faith Wilson to make it a two-point game. Davis, as she did in the second set, scored the winning point for the Tigers on a kill.

The Tigers scored the first point of the fourth set, but Newberry blocked a Davis attack to go up 2-1. The Panthers never relinquished their lead. They led 14-9 before scoring five points

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KHHS loses 3-2 in district semifinals

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Keystone Heights High School was one point away from winning twice, but the Indians wound up losing 3-2 (25-18, 21-25, 25-15, 17-25, 18-16) to Father Lopez in the semifinals of the District 3-3A volleyball tournament on Oct. 20 at KHHS.

The second-seed Indians (14-10) trailed 14-12 in the fifth set before scoring three straight points with Matia Papaioannou serving. Sarah Siebert, who had a kill during the sequence, tipped the ball over the net for a point that put Keystone ahead 15-14 and one point away from winning. However, Emma Dhainaut had a kill for Father Lopez to force side-out.

A kill by Keystone's Kamryn Eatmon forced side-out and put the Indians ahead 16-15 — again one point away from winning. Keystone committed a service error, however, and Father Lopez was able to close out the match with two straight points — a kill by Dhainaut, followed by a Keystone error.

The third-seed Green Wave (14-12) played top-seed Trinity Catholic (21-4) for the championship on Oct. 22, losing 3-0 (25-6, 25-10, 25-9).

Keystone, with Kori Jennings serving, scored the first four points of the first set, with two points coming off a tip by Kiersten Shaw and a kill by Riley Barry.

Father Lopez scored three points with Taylor Timko serving to go up 9-7. It was a lead the Green Wave wouldn't relinquish.

The Indians trailed 23-17 before Jules Padgett recorded a service ace. Siebert then blocked an attack by Timko, but the Green Wave would eventually score the point on a kill by Dhainaut to force side-out, leaving Father Lopez one point shy of closing out the set.

One of Barry's team-high five blocks helped Keystone take an



Della Boyette keeps play alive for the Indians in their District 3-3A semifinal loss. Photo by Cliff Smelley.

11-9 lead in the second set. A five-point Keystone lead was later whittled to 18-16 when the Green Wave scored three straight points, two of which came on an ace by Timko and a kill by Mackenzie Lembrich.

Shaw had a kill during a three-point span with Eatmon serving to put the Indians ahead 22-16. The Green Wave made it a three-point game with the help of Timko, who blocked a Shaw attack and eventually scored a point on a kill. Shaw returned the favor, blocking a Timko attack for the winning point.

Keystone trailed 15-7 in the third set, but an Eatmon ace and a Siebert kill helped the Indians cut the gap to five. However, that was as close as the Indians would get, with Father Lopez eventually closing out the set on a kill by Natalia Tunajek.

The fourth set began as a tight, back-and-forth affair. When the Green Wave scored two points

with Sydney Downey serving to go up 15-11, it represented the largest lead for either team. An Eatmon kill forced side-out and prevented Father Lopez from building on that lead.

Keystone then scored four points with Caitlin Brown serving to go up 16-15. The Indians never trailed again.

It was an 18-17 game when the Indians scored seven straight points with Padgett serving to force a fifth set. Most of those points came on the Green Wave's problems with receiving and passing off Padgett's serves, but Barry also recorded a point with a kill.

Again, the teams were locked in a battle in the final set. Father Lopez scored four straight points to go up 7-4, but Keystone would come right back and tie it up. Padgett recorded one of her team-high six aces to help keep it a close game.

Siebert's third block of the match set up the brief run the Indians made with Papaioannou serving to take a 15-14 lead.

The loss snapped a three-match winning streak by Keystone, while it was just the second win for Father Lopez in its last six matches.

Siebert led the Indians in kills with eight, while Jennings and Shaw each had six. Eatmon added five kills to go along with two blocks.

Padgett led the team in digs with 17, while Jennings recorded 23 assists. Brown and Papaioannou had three and two aces, respectively.

In the Indians' 3-0 District 3 quarterfinal win over Umatilla on Oct. 19, Jennings had 23 assists, five kills and three aces. Shaw led the team in kills with nine, while Eatmon had six.

Padgett and Brown had four and three aces, respectively, with Padgett also adding a team-high 15 digs. Della Boyette had eight digs, while Siebert and

Barry had three and two blocks, respectively.

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Notices will be mailed on October 28, 2021, to all property owners or their agents at last known addresses. If your address has changed, please complete the enclosed form and return to our office.

If your notice has not been received by November 15, 2021, please notify our office.

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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 2021 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's Office October, 13, 2021.

Bruce D. Dukes
Union County Property Appraiser

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

Indians win district golf title

Union County's Caleb Zapp qualifies for regionals as well

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Alex Addington placed third overall for Keystone Heights, which won the District 3-1A boys golf championship on Oct. 25 at Quail Heights Country Club in Lake City.

The Indians, who had a team score of 349, now advance to regional competition for the fifth time in four years. The top three teams and the top three individuals not on the top three teams will compete in the Region 1 finals on Monday, Nov. 1, at 8

a.m. at Marsh Landing Country Club in Ponte Vedra.

Bradford finished one spot out of moving on with a fourth-place score of 388. That left the Tornados trailing Madison County (352) and Lafayette (358).

Union finished fifth with a score of 400, but will have one individual moving on in Caleb Zapp. Zapp had the fifth-lowest score overall and had the second-lowest score among individuals not on the top three teams.

The rest of the team standings consisted of Branford (410), St. Joseph Academy (444) and Taylor County (498).

Addington led the Indians with an 18-hole score of 81, which

was a 10-stroke improvement from last year's district match. He had a birdie and made par on eight holes.

Zapp had two birdies and made par on five holes, finishing with a score of 83. That was a 15-stroke improvement from last year's district match.

Keystone's Nick Binet made par on five holes and finished in a four-way tie for seventh with a score of 88. The Indians' Nicholas Williams had an 11th-place score of 89. He had a birdie and made par on five holes.

Bradford's Grady Johns, who had a birdie and made par on five holes, finished in a two-way tie for 12th with a score of 90. That

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Jackson wins individual title, Keystone is district runner-up

Bradford's Cassidy Spratlin earns the right to advance to regional competition

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Keystone Heights High School saw its string of consecutive championships end at six in a row, but the Indians will still advance to regional play after finishing as the District 3-1A girls golf runner-up on Oct. 26 at Quail Heights Country Club in Lake City.

The Indians had a team score of 454 to finish five strokes behind Branford.

Branford and Keystone were

the only full teams participating, so both will advance to the Region 1 finals on Tuesday, Nov. 2, at 9 a.m. at St. Johns Golf and Country Club in St. Augustine.

As the lone participant not on either Branford or Keystone, Bradford's Cassidy Spratlin earned the right to advance to regional play as well.

Jackson topped the field with an 18-hole score of 78, which was five strokes better than her third-place score at last year's district match. She had a birdie

and made par on 11 holes to finish 11 strokes ahead of Branford's Gabby Saavedra.

Keystone's M.J. Rivera and Spratlin finished tied for fourth, with each shooting a 105. Rivera, who was seventh at last year's district match, made par on three holes, while Spratlin made par on one.

Mia Rivera and Rexi Lewis placed eighth and ninth, respectively, for the Indians with scores of 132 and 139. Lewis made par on one hole.

LBMS defeats KHHS for SMAC football championship

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

With only one starter returning from the previous season, it would be natural for people to expect a rebuilding year for the Lake Butler Middle School football team.

However, the Tigers weren't rebuilding. They were reloading. Lake Butler won its second straight Suwannee Middle Athletic Conference championship on Oct. 19, defeating visiting Keystone Heights 12-8.

"It feels great. Absolutely great," Lake Butler Head Coach Bill Lang said. "Everybody counted us out before the season started, but we worked hard, and here we are."

Clifton Ivey had a big night for the Tigers, rushing for 127 yards and two touchdowns on 18 carries, but Lake Butler's defense held the Indians out of the end zone after they scored on the game's opening drive. Keystone drove inside the Lake On all but one of their remaining four possessions, the Indians drove inside the Lake Butler 30-yard line. Two of those drives extended into the red zone, including the game's final drive, when Keystone ran one last play from the Tigers' 13-yard line. Quarterback Baylor Ford was chased out of the pocket and held well short of the end zone on a run play.

"The defense carried us (this season)," Lang said. "We struggled sometimes on offense. We could score 30 points a game, but then there were games like this, where we had to rely on our defense. That was the difference tonight."

Dane Johnson made a big

play for the Tigers' defense when he tackled Keystone's Bryce Miller for a 3-yard loss on the second play of the game. That set up third-and-9, but Lake Butler jumped offside. The result was that the Indians converted on third-and-4, with Miller, who finished with almost 60 yards on 10 carries,

gaining 7 yards to the Lake Butler 42.

Logan Johnson then made two straight tackles for the Tigers, holding Zane Leger to no gain on one run play and Jackson Parmeter to a 1-yard gain on another run play. However, the

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Keystone's Candace Jackson topped the field to earn the individual district championship.

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Obituaries

David Cain

MINNEAPOLIS David Cain of Minneapolis, Minnesota, was a former resident of Lawtey.

David Cain is survived by his wife, Dorothy Ann Cain; children, Valencia Forkwa, Judy Steele and Shayla Cain; a sister, Valarie McDonald; and six grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 30, at Peetsville Cemetery in Lawtey. Interment will be under the direction of Haile Funeral Home Inc. Visitation will be held on Saturday, Oct. 30, at Carl D Haile Memorial Chapel/Haile Funeral Home from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m.

Keyon Davis

LAWTEY Keyon Q. Davis, 46, of Lawtey passed on Friday, Oct. 22, 2021, at UF Health Shands Hospital in Gainesville.

Born in Rochester, New York, and later moving to Lawtey, he was a member of St. John Missionary Baptist Church in Lawtey. He graduated from Bradford High School. He was employed at Krystal restaurant until his health failed.

Keyon Q. Davis is survived by his daughter, Shamia Davis of Lawtey. Graveside services will be held at 12 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 30, at Peetsville Cemetery in Lawtey, with Pastor James Rackley conducting the services. Interment will be held under the direction of Haile Funeral Home. Visitation will be held on Friday, Oct. 29, in Carl D Haile Memorial Chapel from 4 p.m. until 5 p.m. and on Saturday, Oct. 30, at Peetsville, Cemetery from 11 a.m. until 12 p.m. The cortege will form at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Aaron at 11:45 a.m. on Saturday.

Benton Jones

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS Benton "Benny" J. Jones, 65, of Keystone Heights died at home suddenly on Saturday, Oct. 23, 2021.

He was born Sept. 11, 1956, in Eden, North Carolina, to Junior and Janet (Gilley) Jones. Benny was a retired truck driver.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, William Alexander Jones Sr.

His survivors are his soulmate of 42 years, Diana Turbeville of Keystone Heights; and their son, Daniel James (Kerri) Jones of South Carolina; four siblings, Vicky Willis of Lakeland and Georgia, and Frances Badgett, Charles Fuller and B.J. Fuller, all of St. Augustine; and five grandchildren. There are no scheduled services at this time.

Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home.

Lola McKinney

THERESSA Mrs. Lola Jean Sealey McKinney, 77, of Theresia passed away at her home Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2021.

She was born Dec. 29, 1943, in Belle Glade to Clyde and Bertha (Cross) Sealey. Prior to retirement, she was employed with the Florida Department of Corrections as a dental assistant at North Florida Reception Center. Mrs. McKinney was of the Baptist faith and enjoyed being with her family and friends.

Her survivors are her husband, Benjamin J. McKinney of Theresia; and four children, Robyn Langford of Ettrick, Virginia, B.J. McKinney of Cape Canaveral, Robert (Shelley) Langford of Dinwiddie, Virginia, and Richard (Amanda) McKinney of Starke. Also left behind are her brother, Charles (Bonnie) Sealey of Jacksonville; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 28, at DeWitt C. Jones Chapel, with Pastor Ricky Bybee officiating.

Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke, 904-964-6200.



PAID OBITUARY

Ernest Tanner

STARKE Mr. Ernest Eugene Tanner passed away on Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2021, at Estelle's Hospice House in Ocala.

He was born in Providence on Feb. 20, 1937, to Ernest and Geneva Thomas Tanner.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his sister, Jackie Owens.

He married Pauline (Gay) Tanner in 1957. Pauline passed away in 1985.

Eugene grew up at Camp Blanding and attended and graduated from Bradford High School. He served in the Army Special Forces and the Florida National Guard for 23 years. When he retired from the National Guard, he bought Gay's Home Appliance and Repair from his father-in-law, Adolph Gay.

He was an instructor at North Florida Technical College until he assumed the position as maintenance superintendent for Bradford County Schools. After that, he worked for the Florida State Board of Education, Department of Safety, overseeing school safety, new school construction and remodeling.

Eugene was instrumental in helping Bradford receive the funds to build a new school. He said he hoped he would live long enough to see construction begin, which he did. His last construction meeting with School Superintendent Will Hartley and Richard Sapp was the Friday before he passed away.

His surviving siblings are twins, Harvy (Denise) Tanner, Hilma (Arthur) Gaskins; and sister-in-law, Geraldine (Jim) Lewis. He is survived by their children, Gene (Nadine) Tanner and Paula Vinson; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; nine nieces and nephews; and extended family.

He later married Wanda (Alstead) Tanner, who preceded him in death two years ago.

A celebration of Eugene's life will be held at noon on Saturday, Oct. 30, in the fellowship hall at Heilbronn Baptist Church (21354 S.R. 16) in Starke. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Bradford School District, with donations made payable to: Bradford County School District, Elementary School "Literacy Program," Attention: Lila Sellars, 501 W. Washington St., Starke, FL 32091.

PAID OBITUARY

Indians win by double digits again, are 8-0

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

PIERSON — Conner Guy and Caleb Moncrief connected on two touchdowns passes and Dalton Hollingsworth returned a punt for a touchdown in Keystone Heights' 50-7 win over host Pierson Taylor on Oct. 21.

The Indians (8-0), who travel to play Jacksonville's Stanton Prep on Thursday, Oct. 28, at 6:30 p.m., have now outscored their opponents 364-69 this season. They've won every game by at least 16 points.

In addition to the two scoring passes to Moncrief, Guy also connected with Bryar Schenck for an 18-yarder, giving the Keystone quarterback three completions for 80 yards on three attempts, with two touchdowns and no interceptions.

The Indians got on the board first with a four-play drive covering 45-yards and coming after the Keystone defense denied Taylor on a fourth-and-1 from their own 45. Hollingsworth and Tyler Jenkins rushed two times each during the drive, with Hollingsworth completing the campaign with a 2-yard run with 7:04 to go in the first quarter. The Wildcats kept Jenkins out of the end zone on the attempted two-point conversion, and Keystone led 6-0.

Taylor (2-5) managed a first down on its ensuing drive, but was forced to punt after stalling on the Indian 49.

After Hollingsworth couldn't advance the ball from the Keystone 27 on first-and-10, Logan Williams took a handoff from Guy to the left, then cut back to the right before reaching the line of scrimmage. The misdirection completely fooled the Taylor defense, allowing Moncrief, Mason Dicks and Tyler Duncan to collapse the right side of the defensive line and springing Williams for a 73-yard touchdown. Hollingsworth, who rushed for 48 yards on eight carries, reached paydirt for the two-point conversion, and Keystone led 14-0.

Williams finished with 84 yards on four carries.

Taylor's only score came on the ensuing drive: a nine play, 68-yard effort that straddled the first and second quarters. Trent Reade capped the effort with a 40-yard run. Ubaldo Hernandez added the extra point, and Taylor closed Keystone's lead to 14-7.

Two unspornsmenlike-conduct penalties for celebrating after the touchdown forced Taylor to kick off from its own 12.

Williams' return gave Keystone the ball on the Wildcat 13. Three plays later, Guy and Moncrief connected on their first TD, a 10-yard pitch-and-catch with 7:56 remaining in the half. Hollingsworth broke through for the two-point conversion, and Keystone led 22-7.

On its next drive, the Wildcat offense again showed potential, gaining two first downs before stalling on the Indian 41. From there, the Wildcats punted to Hollingsworth, who caught the ball on the 12 and raced all the way to the end zone. Williams took it in for the two-point conversion, and Keystone led 30-7 with 4:05 left in the half.

Taylor started its next drive on its own 28 and got an assist from a personal-foul penalty. After two more plays that netted 5 yards, Taylor went to the air. Williams

made a diving interception to stop the drive.

On the next play, Guy and Moncrief connected again, with Moncrief dragging defenders into the end zone for a 52-yard touchdown. An illegal-blocking penalty made the Indians retry the two-point conversion from the 18-yard line, but they were successful anyway, with Guy connecting with Schenck and giving Keystone a 38-7 halftime lead.

Keystone received the kickoff to begin the second half, and Jenkins gave the offense prime field position, returning the kick to the Taylor 20. Four plays later, Jenkins scored on a 2-yard plunge, giving the Indians a 44-7 lead.

The Indians' final score came on an eight-play drive in the fourth quarter, covering 77 yards and consuming over eight minutes of clock. Jackson Williams, who rushed for 51 yards on three carries, completed the drive on a 12-yard run. An errant snap foiled Luke Snider's extra-point attempt.

Keystone finished with 305 yards, rushing for 225 yards on 25 carries — a 9-yards-per-carry average.

Hollingsworth led the defense with nine tackles, while Jenkins and Snider each had six tackles. Moncrief, Sam Ulsch and Logan Williams each had five tackles.

Keystone Head Coach Chuck Dickinson said he's not sure, but this could be the first-ever Indians team to be 8-0. Keystone never had an 8-0 record in the history of the Lake Region Monitor, which began publishing in 1973.

The Indians would appear to be in good position to move to 9-0 when they take on Stanton Prep on Oct. 28. The Blue Devils (0-8) have scored only 16 points all year, getting shut out five times.

Stanton is coming off an open week. The Blue Devils played Lafayette prior to that, losing 51-0.

Tigers rush for 501 yards in 49-14 victory

BY LISA HOLTZENDORF
Special to the Telegraph-Times-Monitor

Caleb Crawford rushed for three touchdowns, while Rayvon Durant and Thomas Williams each gained more than 100 yards in the Union County High School football team's 49-14 win over host Santa Fe on Oct. 22.

Union, which hosts Newberry on Friday, Oct. 29, at 7:30 p.m., averaged 11 yards per rushing attempt, gaining 501 yards on 47 carries.

The Tigers (8-0) were represented at midfield for the coin toss by captains Aidan Newsom, Martin Odum and Curran Webb. Santa Fe (0-8) won the toss and deferred its option to the second half.

Santa Fe employed some trickery to start the contest when kicker Zach Williams and Anthony Rollings switched spots for an onside-kick attempt. The kick, however, went out of bounds, resulting in the Union offense starting the game's initial series on the Santa Fe 49.

Odum, in his sixth start at quarterback after the injury to A.J. Cortese, led the offense down the field in just four short plays. Williams, who rushed for 115 yards on nine attempts, carried the ball into the end zone for the first score, with Jonathan Edwards adding the PAT. The Tigers led 7-0 less than two minutes into the game.

The Raiders responded by earning three first downs in

moving the ball to the Union 32-yard line. A bad snap to quarterback Landon Rogers led to a fumble, which was recovered by Webb.

Union's ground attack continued, with Williams gaining first downs on runs of 13 and 30 yards. His 30-yarder set up Crawford's 15-yard touchdown run with 7:21 remaining in the first quarter. Edwards added the PAT for a 14-0 lead.

Edwards' ensuing kickoff was fielded by Elijah Kellum at his own 20, but Kellum lost 2 yards on a tackle by Hance Jones.

Rogers completed passes to Kellum and Caleb Johnson to pick up a first down, while a third-and-long play was converted when the Tigers were penalized for a personal foul. Union's Crawford got fired up and dropped Keyon Carter for a loss on the resulting first-down play. Rogers was then sacked on the next two plays by Gavin Jenkins and Webb. On fourth down, Union was penalized for raiding the punter, giving the Raiders another first down.

Santa Fe's next three plays were incomplete passes. The Raiders punted, with the Union offense taking over at its own 31.

Durant got the call on first down and ran straight up the middle for a 9-yard gain. Durant took a pitch on second down and gained 5 yards and a first down. The Raiders stripped Williams of the ball on the next play and recovered the fumble at the Union 45-yard line.

The Tigers stepped up defensively. Dayviontae "Bubba" Thompson pressured Rogers into throwing an incompleteness on first down. Rogers again faced pressure on second down. His pass over the middle was intercepted by Jenkins, giving the Union offense the ball at its own 45.

It was then off to the races for Durant, who took the ball around right end for a 53-yard run down the sideline before he was brought down by Kyren Washington. Daylyn Diston took the ball into the end zone on first-and-goal from the 2. With Edwards' extra point, the Tigers led 21-0 with 1:17 left in the opening quarter.

Santa Fe changed things up offensively with Carter, a 290-pound running back, lining up to take the snaps from center. He barreled his way through the defensive front like a locomotive, earning two first downs. Those runs set up a 43-yard touchdown pass by Rogers to make the score 21-6 at the start of the second quarter. The Raiders were unsuccessful on the two-point conversion.

Union had good field position, thanks to another unsuccessful onside-kick attempt by the Raiders. Durant ran for a 29-yard gain before being pushed out of bounds at the Santa Fe 20. Two plays later, the Raiders' Anthony Arambula recovered a fumble.

The Raiders put together another long drive, gaining three first downs and benefitting from a pass-interference penalty. Santa Fe, however, was eventually forced to punt. Dee Williams, making an amazing catch on the run, returned the punt deep into Santa Fe territory, but offsetting penalties resulted in the Raiders punting again. The Tigers took over at their own 24 with 5:29 to play in the half.

That was enough time for an offense the proceeded to click like a fine-oiled machine. Runs by Crawford, Durant and Brycen Boney moved the Tigers downfield, with Crawford capping the drive with an 8-yard

touchdown run. Union, after Edwards' PAT, extended its lead to 28-6.

The celebration was short-lived when Rogers connected with Kellum on the first play from scrimmage following the kickoff for a 37-yard touchdown. Santa Fe's two-point conversion was successful, making the score 28-14 with 2:34 left in the second quarter.

Durant, who finished with 165 yards on 15 carries, took a handoff up the middle for a 13-yard gain before Odum found Diston on a 45-yard pass play. That set up Diston's own rushing touchdown. Edwards kicked the extra point for a 35-14 lead.

Jones intercepted a Rogers pass before halftime.

The Raiders had to punt on their first series of the second half, but they were able to pin the Tigers inside their 5-yard line.

No matter. The Tigers chewed up the clock as they proceeded to march down the field toward another touchdown. A third-down keeper by Odum put Union in scoring position, with Crawford capitalizing on a 4-yard run into the end zone. After Edwards added the PAT, the score stood at 42-14.

Crawford finished with 93 yards on 12 carries.

The Tigers entered the game having allowed opponents to score just three times in the second half. They weren't about to let Santa Fe make it four times as the defense kept the Raiders' Rogers on the run, giving him no time to find his receivers. Union's Jimmy Cox recorded a sack on a third-down play, which forced Santa Fe to punt.

Union then scored the final points when Dayquan Diston caught an Odum pass over the middle for a 50-yard touchdown.

Odum completed both of his two pass attempts for 95 yards.

The Tigers' rushing attack also featured 48 yards from Dee Williams on two carries and 36 yards from Boney on two carries. Daylyn Diston had 27 yards on three carries.

Webb led the team in tackles with eight, which included 2.5 for loss and 1.5 sacks. Four players had five tackles each: Jones, Newsom, Thompson and Trevor Holtzendorf.

After the game's conclusion, Union Head Coach Andrew Thomas praised his players' efforts and congratulated them on the victory. He also reminded them who they'd be facing next.

"Next week, we have Newberry, and I have not forgotten what they did to us last year in Newberry," Thomas said. He was referring to a play where Newberry quarterback Makai Johnson faked taking a knee and threw a touchdown pass with less than a minute left in the game to put the Panthers up 28-15.

The final score wound up being 28-21 when Manny Covey returned a kickoff 87 yards for a touchdown.

"That play still does not sit very well with me," Thomas said. "I have not forgotten about it, and neither should you."

Newberry (5-3) is coming off a 35-3 win over Dixie County. The Panthers have won three of their last four games.

Tornadoes even record with 42-18 win

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Quarterback Amari Jones rushed for three touchdowns and threw for another two in the Bradford High School football team's 42-18 win over host Yulee, a Class 5A team, on Oct. 22.

Jones attempted only 14 passes (completing eight for 166 yards) as the Tornadoes, who host fellow Class 1A team Madison County on Friday, Oct. 29, at 7:30 p.m., placed more of an emphasis on running the ball.

The result was 229 yards rushing on 42 attempts. Isaiah Wilcox gained 64 yards on 11 carries, while Jones and Willie Pollard, who each had nine carries, gained 45 and 59 yards, respectively. Manny Covey added 43 yards on 10 carries.

"We did some things a little bit different tonight and ran the ball well," BHS Head Coach Brian Tomlinson said, adding, "The offensive line — I can't give them enough credit. They've been challenged pretty much all year. We challenged them hard this week. They stepped up and did what we asked of them."

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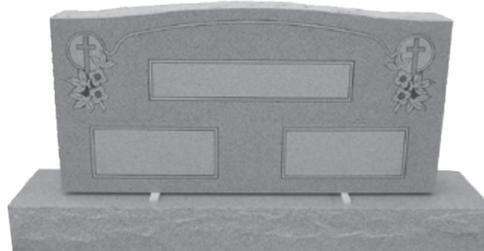
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was a 19-stroke improvement from last year.

Logan Spence shot a 91 for the Indians, which was good for 14th place. He had two birdies and made par on two holes in improving his score from last year by five strokes.

The Tornados' Jacob Brugh and Jonathan Brugh, who each shot a 95, were part of a three-way tie for 17th. Jacob Brugh, who improved upon last year's score by 10 strokes, made par on four holes, while Jonathan Brugh, who improved by 20 strokes, had a birdie and made par on two holes.

Keystone's Shepherd Rozier, who made par on three holes, had a 21st-place score of 99.

Union's Caleb Ripplinger finished in a two-way tie for 22nd with a score of 102. He made

par on two holes in improving his score from last year by 26 strokes.

The Tigers' Matthew Laux had a 25th-place score of 107.

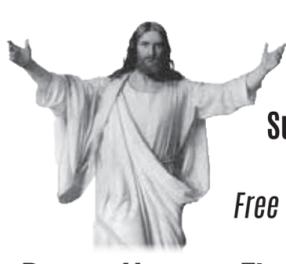
A four-way tie for 26th place included Union's Andrew Laux

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The Subway adjacent to Sonny's will move to the site of the former Checker's and short-lived Asian Moon. The property has been an eyesore since the drive-thru Asian restaurant closed.

Starke restaurants making moves

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

STARKE — The Starke restaurants are planning moves, one of which will solve one of the city's biggest code enforcement problems.

Police Chief Jeff Johnson updated the city commission on the plans during its recent meeting.

According to the chief, the Subway restaurant on South Temple Avenue next to Sonny's BBQ is jumping across the highway to the former Checker's location.

Doing so will allow Subway to open a drive-thru window, which will help it to serve the public's preference for curbside service.

It will also clean up one of the

most blighted corners in the city. After Checker's left Starke, the location was briefly occupied by a drive-thru Asian restaurant. Since then, the property has been an eyesore.

Pizza Hut is also planning a move, eliminating eat-in dining to focus on takeout and delivery, according to Johnson. From its location on North Temple Avenue next to the courthouse annex, Pizza Hut is moving into the Deerfoot Village Shopping Center in a storefront some may remember as Larry's Giant Subs.

This is the second new tenant coming soon to the shopping center. An Aldi grocery store is planned for the former Save-a-Lot space.



The overgrown retention pond at the corner of the former Checker's/Asian Moon was also the site of an automobile accident.

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Clay County tourism sets record

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

GREEN COVE SPRINGS — Clay County's tourism director said the county set a new record in bed tax collections during the second quarter of 2021.

Kimberly Morgan told the Tourist Development Council that the county's five percent tax on hotel stays through the first six months of 2021 equaled the

entire year's revenue for 2020. "We've never collected that much in (tourism taxes)," she said. "Never."

Morgan also said the pandemic caused the hotel stay pattern to change in the county.

"We used to be a weekend destination, pre-pandemic, and soft on the weekends," she said. "That has completely shifted. We are now soft during the

week." "COVID has changed everything," she continued. "People want a small-town destination. They don't want to be in a big city with large crowds. They want to be outdoors." Morgan said that her office is considering a campaign to bolster weekday stays by encouraging local businesses to host associations, trade groups or

other meetings in Clay County. She said Clerk of Courts Tara Green did just that when she hosted 50 people from the Florida Clerks and Comptrollers Association for a meeting in Clay County.

"I think it was two-and-a-half days or three days here," Morgan said. "They got to eat in our restaurants and experience Clay County."

Keystone Airport welcomes new board member

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — David Dagenais was sworn in as the newest board member of the Keystone Heights Airport before the board's Oct. 5 meeting. He holds the Bradford County seat on the board.

When introducing himself to his new colleagues, Dagenais said he has been involved in aviation since high school, and attended an aviation maintenance school after graduation. After earning his FAA airframe and powerplant certifications, he then learned to fly.

Dagenais later joined the Navy, which assigned him to Cecil Field in Jacksonville. There, he worked on A-7 jets



David Dagenais

for four years.

"After my active duty period, I worked as a civilian on the base for a few years while staying in the reserves," he said.

He retired in 2001 as a flight engineer on a Lockheed P-3 Orion, which is the same aircraft pilots train on at the Keystone Heights Airport.

Dagenais said he spent five years managing a small airport in northern Louisiana.

He said the facility was smaller than Keystone.

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KH Realtor named to historic preservation board

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

GREEN COVE SPRINGS — Clay County Commissioners appointed a Keystone Heights realtor to its Historic Preservation Board during a Sept. 28 meeting.

Deirdre Murphy previously served on the Keystone Heights Heritage Commission, which performs a similar role for the city as the Historic Preservation Board fulfills for the county.

Murphy also served on Keystone's redevelopment advisory committee, which advised the city's community redevelopment agency on improving the town's central business district.

"From there I was in the Women's Club and vice president of the Garden Club for probably four or five years," she said in an interview.



Deirdre Murphy

Murphy is also a member of the Keystone Heights Rotary Club, and supports Lake Area Ministries and the Keystone Safety Net Alliance.

Originally from Southern California, Murphy worked in information technology for IBM and Blue Cross before entering the real estate industry.

In nominating Murphy for the post, County Commissioner Betsy Condon cited Murphy's service on the Heritage Commission.

"She's coming to us with experience (and she is) very committed," Condon said.

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1 KH housing project on hold, 1 changes plans

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — City Manager Lynn Rutkowski said the developers of a proposed 180-home project north of Fox Run Road and Commercial Circle and east of SR 21 near American Legion Post 202 have put the project on hold.

Rutkowski said the developers have other projects they are focusing on now and will continue to advance their Keystone Heights proposal in the future.

In July, Craig Frasier of CHW Civil Engineering won approval from Keystone's Growth Management Committee to change the urban development plan for the 25-acre parcel, reducing the number of allowed units within the development and changing much of its composition from multifamily to single-family.

Frasier, who represented the developer, said market conditions are now favoring single-family housing. The amendment to the 2009-approved PUD reduced the allowed units within the project from 204 to 180.

During the July meeting, Frasier said construction for the project could begin within one year.

Growth Management Committee member and Vice

Mayor Steve Hart noted that if fully realized, the project would increase the population of Keystone Heights by 30 percent.

Trailer park out, modular homes in

Rutkowski also said the developers of a proposed mobile home park at the intersection of Sunrise Boulevard and Nightingale Street have changed their concept to a modular home development.

In May, developer Jed Duckro proposed to city council members a 63-lot mobile home park on the 14.8-acre site called Country Meadows.

He said that the community would be restricted to residents aged 55 and older and that the sole builder of the manufactured homes would be Palm Harbor Homes.

Rutkowski said that now, the developer is proposing modular homes within the park rather than mobile homes.

Like the mobile homes, the modular houses would be manufactured at Palm Harbor's factory in Pinellas County. However, unlike mobile homes, the units would be assembled on site upon a concrete foundation and would have the look of a site-built home.

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consisting of one runway.

"It was pretty much a closed airport when I got there," he said, "and so there were quite a few improvements that were made during that time, and even after I left."

Since 2001, Dagenais has worked at Florida State College at Jacksonville's Cecil Center, where he helped establish the college's airframe and powerplant program.

"We've had a good time there," he said, "and have seen a lot of students graduate and get jobs all over the country in aviation maintenance over the years."

Dagenais said that although he will retire from the college in December, he plans to remain on campus as a designated mechanic examiner for the FAA.

He said he has owned a Cessna 152 since 1988, and almost totally rebuilt the airplane after an arson fire at Naval Air Station Jacksonville.

CHAMPS

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with Pace serving. Wilson's play was key during that stretch as she blocked an attack by Addisyn Worrell and recorded another point off a tip.

Union made it a 21-16 game, with Davis and Howard each recording a kill with Worrell serving. Howard later blocked an attack by Alexis Boyd with Crim serving to make the score 23-18, but Boyd later blocked an attack by Howard to force side-out. The Tigers were able to score another point on a kill by Howard before the Panthers

won by six points.

Howard had a couple of kills in the early stages of the fifth set and finished with 18 for the match. The Tigers led 11-8 after scoring two points with Crim serving, but Newberry scored three straight points to tie it up, getting two points off kills by Tiller and Chloe Jones.

Beatty scored a point off a dump with Howard serving to put Union up 13-11. A Newberry error followed, putting the Tigers one point away from victory, which they earned off Davis' kill.

Beatty finished with 36 assists, while Crim had team highs in digs (31) and aces (6). Davis and Howard each had 24

digs, while Beatty had 14.

Avery and Emily Wilson each had a team-high three blocks, while Beatty and Davis each had two.

It was the fourth straight win for the Tigers and their seventh win in the last eight matches.

"This program the last four years has really been rebuilding and trying to get to a point where we were ready for that district championship," Windham said, adding, "This year, everything's coming together. The stars are aligning. We are hitting our stride at the right time."

The work isn't finished, though. Howard said she and her teammates were going to spend the week off before the regional

semifinal match improving their game.

"Anything we need to work on," Howard said. "We're going to take this match and learn from it."

Official stats from the win over Newberry weren't available by deadline.

The Tigers advanced to the championship match by defeating Hilliard 3-0 (25-11, 25-14, 25-21) in the Oct. 19 semifinals. Howard had 15 kills, 12 digs and four aces, while Davis had nine kills, 11 digs and seven aces. Avery had seven digs and six kills, while Crim had 18 digs. Beatty recorded 32 assists to go along with four aces.

BHS

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It was a nice bounce back for the Tornadoses (4-4) after their 38-21 loss to Baldwin. However, it was the host Hornets (3-5) who struck first. Wide receiver Zackary Drawdy caught a short pass from Chris Turner on a slant pattern and went the distance for a 57-yard touchdown on the first play from scrimmage. L.J. Jacobs was held out of the end zone on a run attempt on the two-point conversion, but Yulee led 6-0.

Bradford responded with touchdown drives of 72 and 71 yards on its first two series.

"You make a mistake or two against a fast receiver, and that happens," Tomlinson said. "We didn't let it bother us."

A 15-yard run by Covey and two 15-yard penalties helped the Tornadoses move from their 28 to the Yulee 20 on their first series. A holding penalty backed Bradford up, but Triavez Hankerson took a short pass and reversed field on his way to a 31-yard gain to the 2-yard line. Covey took a pitch from Jones and scored from there at the 9:06 mark of the first quarter. Hayden Hughes, who was 6-of-6 on extra-point attempts, added the PAT for a 7-6 lead.

The Hornets drove to the Bradford 30 on the ensuing series, but C.J. Carn put an end to the threat with an interception that set the Bradford offense up at its own 29.

Bradford picked up first downs on receptions of 11 6 yards by Jeremiah Crum and Wilcox, respectively. After Jones carried the ball for an 8-yard gain,

Wilcox had three straight carries to move the Tornadoses to the Yulee 20-yard line. An 11-yard run by Jones set up first-and-goal at the 7. Pollard was tackled for a 3-yard loss on first down, but Jones carried the ball for a 9-yard gain, which set up his own 1-yard touchdown plunge with 10 minutes remaining in the second quarter. Hughes added the PAT to put the Tornadoses ahead 14-6.

The Tornadoses' defense struck again on the ensuing series, with Trente Jenkins recording a strip-sack. Bradford recovered the fumble at the Yulee 45-yard line.

Bradford's offense turned the ball over on downs after four plays. Yulee proceeded to drive to the Bradford 35, but on fourth-and-8, Alexander and Covey combined to break up a pass inside the 5-yard line with 23 seconds until halftime.

In the second half, the Tornadoses proved to be pretty much unstoppable, scoring on all but one of their five possessions. Two of those drives covered more than 60 yards as the Tornadoses averaged 59 yards per scoring drive for the game.

The third quarter began with Jametrius Pringle's long kickoff return to the Bradford 40-yard line. Two plays later, Tez Williams took a short pass 48 yards to the Yulee 10. Wilcox followed that up with a 9-yard carry to the 1. He was then tackled for a 1-yard loss on second down, but Jones scored from 2 yards out. After Hughes' PAT, Bradford led 21-6 at the 9:25 mark of the third quarter.

Passes of 24 and 27 yards helped the Hornets drive from their own 40 to the Bradford 3-yard line. Jergotti Wilcox capped the 15-play drive with an

8-yard touchdown run to make the score 21-12 with 3:05 left in the third quarter. Yulee went for two, with Wilcox being tackled shy of the end zone by Bradford's Wilcox, Cole Crosby and Trent Hankerson.

Pollard carried the ball on the first two plays of Bradford's next series, gaining 13 and 37 yards. His second run set the offense up at Yulee's 15-yard line. A 10-yard reception by Williams moved the Tornadoses to the 5. After losing a yard on the next play, Jarrin Alexander scored on a 6-yard reception. Hughes kicked the extra point for a 28-12 lead with 1:14 remaining in the third quarter.

Yulee failed to recover the ensuing kickoff, which put the Bradford offense back onto the field at the Hornets' 46-yard line. Williams dropped two passes, but made up for them on fourth-and-11. A pass intended for Crum was tipped by a defender. Williams was in the right place at the right time, catching the deflection and racing his way to a 47-yard touchdown and a 35-12 lead with 16 seconds still left on the clock before the fourth quarter.

Williams finished with four receptions for 112 yards.

Jergotti Wilcox broke out of a tackle at the line of scrimmage and scampered for a 41-yard Yulee touchdown on the second play of the fourth quarter, making the score 35-18. Turner's pass on the two-point conversion attempt was incomplete.

Four runs by Isaiah Wilcox as well as pass-interference and unsportsmanlike-conduct penalties on the Hornets helped the Tornadoses move to the Yulee 10-yard line. Jones capped the

drive with his third touchdown run of the night — a 1-yarder that, after Hughes' PAT, made the score 42-18 with 6:14 to play.

"If we can build off of this going into next week, big things can happen," Tomlinson said.

The Tornadoses will certainly want to keep improving as their next opponent is a Madison County team that has had a long run of success. The Cowboys have qualified for the playoffs every year but one since 1995 and have played for a state championship 10 times since 1998.

Madison (5-3) is coming off a 28-16 win over Class 6A Columbia.

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Lake Butler's Dane Johnson (right) looks to pressure Keystone quarterback Baylor Ford. Photos by Cliff Smelley.

kicked the ball over the head of Miller, who was back to return. Miller retreated before scooping up the ball at his own 35.

"That was a great punt," Lang said. "He's never punted that far before."

Miller had a 10-yard return on the punt, but a penalty had the Keystone offense starting out at its own 35 with 2:44 to play. An 11-yard run by Ford converted a third-and-7 play and gave the Indians a first down at the 49. Three plays later, the Indians faced fourth-and-8 from the Lake Butler 49. Miller caught a pass for a first down, but officials had penalized the Indians for illegal procedure. On fourth-and-13, Ford hooked up with Leger, who broke a couple of tackles as he gained 25 yards to the 29-yard line.

After spiking the ball to kill the clock, Ford ran for a gain of 3 yards, but failed to get out of bounds. He spiked the ball again, setting up fourth-and-7 with six seconds left. Lake Butler was penalized for pass interference,

giving the Indians one last play from the 13-yard line with no time on the clock.

That left it up to the Lake Butler defense, which came through, demonstrating what Lang said was so key to this year's success. He described his team as resilient and one that always fights, even when things aren't going right.

Things didn't go right at the very start of the season, as the Tigers dropped their first game to Suwannee by a score of 8-0.

All they did after that was win. No small feat for a team that lost 31 eighth-graders from 2020.

The Tigers lose 18 eighth-graders this season.

Can Lake Butler make it a SMAC three-peat next season? Lang, of course, doesn't know the answer to that, but what he does know is that his players will have to do their part to make it a possibility.

"It'll just take a lot of hard work," he said.

If the Tigers do that, you might not want to count them out like



Keystone running back Jackson Parmeter (right) gets an escort from teammate Bryce Miller.

some did this year. Lake Butler might just prove a lot of people wrong.

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Indians' Ford hit a wide-open Jon Ulsch for a 41-yard touchdown pass. Parmeter found the end zone on the following two-point conversion as the Indians led 8-0 with 4:09 to play in the opening quarter.

The play helped Ford, who was 4-of-6, finish with 86 yards passing.

The Tigers answered with an eight-play, 51-yard touchdown drive, with Ivey doing most of the work. He carried the ball six times for 50 yards, with his final run carrying him into the end zone from 5 yards out. Quarterback Wyatt Barber attempted a pass on the two-point conversion, but he was gang tackled as he rolled out of the pocket and failed to find a receiver to throw to. That left Lake Butler trailing 8-6 with 17 seconds left in the first quarter.

A 12-yard run by Parmeter helped Keystone drive to the Lake Butler 27 on the ensuing series, but the Indians hurt themselves with an illegal-procedure penalty before Ford was sacked by the

Tigers' Logan Johnson for a loss of 9 yards. Keystone went for it on fourth-and-13 from the 30, with Lake Butler's Wyatt Elixson intercepting a pass.

Receptions of 27 yards and 9 yards by Drew Simmons and Erick Lassiter, respectively, had the Tigers across midfield at the Keystone 37. A roughing-the-passer penalty moved the Tigers to the 22. Ford had a near interception for Keystone, while Ivey was held to a 3-yard gain, setting up third-and-7. Leger made his way into the backfield and batted down a pass on third down before Ford broke up a fourth-down pass to Simmons inside the 5-yard line.

The Indians, after the turnover on downs, got two run plays totaling 36 yards by Miller as well as a 12-yard reception by Miller. A lateral attempt hit the ground, though, with Lake Butler's Barber scooping up the loose ball and returning it to the Keystone 20-yard line with five seconds remaining until halftime.

Lake Butler couldn't capitalize, with Keystone's Destin Harnage intercepting a pass on the last play of the half.

The Tigers turned to Ivey on the first play of the second half, and he delivered. He had seven carries for 63 yards, including a 36-yard run to the Keystone 2-yard line. A penalty backed Lake Butler up 5 yards, but Ivey would eventually score on a 3-yard run to put Lake Butler ahead 12-8 with 3:46 to play in the third quarter. Ivey was tackled short of the end zone by Jabari Reid on the two-point play.

Runs by Leger, Miller and Parmeter helped Keystone march from the 50 to the Lake Butler 25. A Ford run later set up fourth-and-3 at the 18. The Indians went for it, but as soon as Miller took the handoff from Ford, he had Simmons draped all over him for a loss of 2 yards.

Lake Butler gained a first down on the following series before Keystone's defense made several big plays. Luke Bacon lead a group effort in tackling Ivey for no gain on one play, while Ford tackled Simmons for no gain on a pass play. Doug Paiva sacked Barber to force the Tigers to punt on fourth-and-15 from their own 25. Simmons



Lake Butler running back Clifton Ivey (center) runs past Keystone's Jabari Reid (right) and follows the blocking of teammate Logan Johnson.



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