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1 dead, 8 injured in KH crash

BY JENN SAMSEL
Special to the Monitor

A 31-year-old man died on the way to the hospital following a multi-vehicle accident on Saturday, Sept. 28, leaving eight other people, including three minors, injured, according to the Florida Highway Patrol.

The accident happened at 11:30 a.m. at State Road 21 and County Road 352 near Keystone Heights, next to a Circle K Gas Station.

The crash involved a white Chevy Malibu Sedan, a Black

Dodge Ram Pickup, and a White Chrysler Voyager Minivan.

According to an FHP report, the pickup truck was heading south on S.R. 21, and the Minivan was at the corner of the gas station, waiting to head north on the state highway.

FHP said the pickup made a left turn, going into the sedan's path, causing a collision.

As a result of the initial crash, the sedan struck the Minivan.

According to the FHP crash report, no one was wearing a seatbelt.



According to Florida Highway Patrol, the pickup truck was heading south on S.R. 21, and the Minivan was at the corner of the gas station, waiting to head north on S.R. 21.

Helene leaves Union County with downed trees, no power

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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Gov. Ron DeSantis said that Union County, with 86% of residents losing power during Hurricane Helene, was one of the hardest-hit areas with power outages, following only those in the direct path of the storm, like Dixie, Lafayette, Suwannee, Hamilton, Taylor, Madison, and Columbia counties.

The state's chief executive said 99% of residents in the counties in

the direct path of the storm were without power.

Wind damage was visible the day following the storm at the Lake Butler Hospital's sign, Lake Butler Elementary School, and the city's First Baptist Church.

Ten people sought refuge at the Union County High School hurricane shelter.

Union County Sheriff's Captain Lyn Williams said crews worked throughout Thursday night and Friday clearing roads from downed trees.



One uprooted tree took out the sign at Lake Butler Hospital.



Winds took down an awning and conduit at Lake Butler Elementary School.



Ten people sought refuge at the Union County High School shelter. Staffing the facility were (l-r from top left) Christie Whitehead, Superintendent Mike Ripplinger, School Resource Officer Robert Fipps, and Stephanie Sellers.



WORTH NOTING

Livestock judging interest meeting

Youth between the ages of 11 and 18 who are interested in livestock judging are invited to 4-H meeting on Thursday, Oct. 3, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Bradford County Extension Office, 2266 N. Temple Ave. in Starke. Last year, members were state champs and competed in the national competition.

For more information, please contact Lizzie Whitehead at 904-966-6224.

Community Fun Day and voter registration

A Community Fun Day and voter registration drive will take place on Saturday, Oct. 5, from 2-6 p.m. Sponsored by the Bradford County Democratic Party and co-sponsored by Twenty Strong Men and the Concerned Citizens of Bradford County, there will be free food, a bounce house, prizes, entertainment and a DJ. The fun will take place at 104 Harutha Drive off Old Lawtey Road in northeast Starke, behind the former Cunningham's corner store.

The voter registration deadline is Oct. 7, and you must be registered in order to vote on Nov. 5. Bring your friends and family to take advantage of this opportunity to register to vote and enjoy an afternoon of family fun. Seating is limited. Bring your lawn chair and tent. For further information, you can call 904-966-2480.

Union County Republicans hosting Rep. Kat Cammack Oct. 8

The Union County Republican Party is hosting Congresswoman Kat Cammack on Tuesday, Oct. 8, at 7 p.m. at 395 W. Main St., Suite B, in Lake Butler. Anyone may attend. Learn more and connect at Facebook.com/UnionCountyGOP.

Andrews thanks first responders for response to drowning

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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During the Bradford County Commission's October 1 meeting, Commissioner Diane Andrews thanked Sheriff Gordon Smith and Fire Rescue Chief Ben Carter for their agencies' response to a Brooker-area drowning on September 21.

Two-year-old Rhett Carson Green died in a pond on his family's property.

Sheriff Gordon Smith said the toddler was sleeping with a family member at their residence. When

the family member woke up, the two-year-old was missing.

Smith added that deputies and paramedics responding to the tragedy underwent peer counseling during debriefing.

"You've got to realize this is the same group that responded to a suicide this weekend," the sheriff said. "The same group dealt with the suffocation of two twins a while ago, and they've all got kids themselves."

Andrews asked community members to continue praying for the Green family.

"It is very hard," she said.

Queen and King reign over Tornado Whirl

Kaylah Vargas and Brian "Trey" Clifflin III are Bradford High School's homecoming queen and king. They are pictured at the Sept. 28 Tornado Whirl after being crowned at halftime of the Sept. 25 football game — a 40-0 win for the Tornadoes over Keystone Heights. See inside for more homecoming photos.



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Black Creek Project Update

What will be the new lake levels expected once the pipeline is complete and water levels are restored in Lake Geneva? Scott Slater Reports

Per CD Smith Memorandum dated March 16th 2022, during completion of design phase for Black Creek Water Resource Project:

Normal Low Water Level: 99.1 ft NAVD
Mean Water Level: 100.9 ft NAVD
Normal High Water Level: 102.9 ft NAVD

On Thursday, August 22nd SOLO Board member Scott Slater accompanied SJRWMD staff in shooting elevations at Keystone Beach and Lake Geneva boat ramp at 5th Street off Highway 100 across from CR 214.

The included photos represent these elevations of expected restored lake levels on Lake Geneva

Scott Slater: "Exciting times to have the visual reference of what we can expect from this very important recharge project. These new elevations also allow SOLO to move the Keystone Beach ADA accessible Fishing Pier to the final design stage."

I wish to send out a special thanks to Clay Coarsey with SJRWMD for providing staff and instrumentation to assist SOLO in obtaining these needed staked elevations."

Further updates and discussion on the "Geneva Project" to remove trees and undergrowth along the shores of Lake Geneva are in the works and will need to continue sooner than later with the rising lake levels from our summer rains.

SOLO has engaged many of our elected representatives to assist in accelerating these discussions with the FDEP whom regulates these removal/restoration operations. Further discussion with FWC on beneficial fish habitat will be included in the restoration plans for Lake Geneva.



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08/26/2024 DATA (Elevations NAVD88)

Brooklyn Level: 109.9 Ft
Alligator Creek Flow: 9.7 MGD; Level: 110.9 Ft
Geneva Level: 94.1 Ft
S. Fork Black Creek (SR-16): Flow: 162 MGD; Level: 13 Ft
Monthly Rainfall: 7.0" (Source: SJRWMD and USGS)

BLACK CREEK PROJECT: Top - Pump Station, only paving the driveway and erecting the fence remain. Left - Black Creek on 8/9/24. Right - The lower rock layer is being placed and graded in the Treatment Area.

Property owned by Lake Butler rezoned to attract commercial buyer

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Special to the Times

The city of Lake Butler, meeting as the city planning and zoning board, met on Sept. 17, 2024, and considered three resolutions concerning rezoning a parcel of city-owned property. No public comments were made on the issue.

The commission discussed a resolution to change the zoning classification on the parcel of land in the city (the site of the former public works building) and a second resolution to amend the future land use comprehensive land use plan. Both resolutions passed the board unanimously. Also passed after the opportunity was given for public comments on the issue was a resolution changing the city zoning atlas to reflect the results of the previous action. The city hopes that a change in zoning from RSF/MH1 to City Commercial General will make the building more attractive for sale to a business.

Council member wants help with mother's land and mobile home

Vice-Mayor Rondoll Huggins had asked before the meeting if he could speak to the board on an issue that he stated that he felt

might be a conflict of interest as it concerned a problem with a parcel of property owned by his mother. He said he would like to recuse himself before speaking but was told by City Attorney John Maines that that was not the correct process for him to follow. Maines instructed him to declare the conflict on the public record and complete a Form 8B Memorandum of Voting Conflict for County, Municipal, and Other Local Public Officers within ten days.

Huggins said he was confused about a zoning issue on land owned by his mother, Janeva Washington-Huggins, who owns property in the East Sector of Lake Butler. Huggins stated that in the 1990s, the parcel was zoned RSF-1, and his mother had a mobile home on it. She moved away from the property

some time ago and has recently returned and purchased a mobile home but cannot place it on the property due to the zoning being changed to RSF (residential single-family home). He asked for the assistance of the board in restoring the RSF-1 zoning to the property so his mother could move the mobile home onto it.

Huggins stated that he had spoken with Sandra Joseph at the North Florida Regional Planning Council about the matter, having been referred to her by City Manager Kimberly Hayes. She told him to speak to the board. Hayes then stated that she did not know about the conversation between Huggins and Joseph, so she did not know how to advise or direct him on how to handle the matter.

Maines instructed Huggins that he needed to go back to Hayes

and start the application process. Mayor Melissa Hendricks told Huggins that the zoning had reverted to RSF six months after the mobile home was removed from the property, and another had not been replaced within

six months, so a house would have to be built on the property rather than the placement of a mobile home. Maines stated that this situation should never be brought to the planning and zoning board. He said the

proper procedure for handling the matter would be through the city manager and the Planning Council – that nothing should come before the board until it

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Helene's costs being calculated as relief efforts begin

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
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The impact on Bradford County is still being assessed, but strong winds from the outer reaches of Hurricane Helene were mostly responsible for taking out trees and powerlines, leaving thousands here without power from Thursday night, Sept. 26, through much of Saturday.

Since then, concern has turned outward to neighboring counties to the north and west of Bradford County, where residents, including many of the most vulnerable, have been left devastated by the storm.

Local business leaders have organized a collection site at Mosley Tire, located at 14669 S. US Hwy 301, to gather urgently needed supplies for the residents of Steinhatchee in Taylor County. Donations can be dropped off any time before the scheduled delivery later this weekend. Suggested items include, but are not limited to cleaning supplies, mops, brooms, rakes, shovels, squeegees, non-perishable foods, water, sports drinks, trash bags and personal hygiene products.

Monetary donations are also welcome and can be made to the Bradford Sheriff Charitable Foundation or the American

Red Cross – Hurricane Helene Recovery Fund.

Hurricane Helene made landfall in North Florida as a Category 4 storm, causing catastrophic damage across the region. The powerful winds, exceeding 140 mph, and torrential rains led to widespread flooding and the destruction of homes and businesses. Coastal areas were severely impacted by storm surges, displacing residents. Power outages affected over a million people, while emergency services were stretched thin, responding to calls for rescue and medical assistance. As in Bradford, many roads were made impassable due to debris. Recovery efforts are expected to take months.

As Helene moved inland, the storm weakened but still wreaked havoc across Georgia, Alabama, and the Carolinas. Coverage of the aftermath depicts post-apocalyptic levels of destruction, especially due to the flooding. The death toll is over 130 now, with many people still missing. Early estimates suggest billions of dollars in losses, and recovery is expected to take years.

Bradford's emergency manager, Capt. Brad Witt, offered sympathy to his colleagues in the Big Bend counties like Dixie,

Lafayette, Gilchrist, Levy and Taylor who have been through three storms in two years. He also thanked the board, the heads of the county's various departments and their employees for the support for emergency operations.

"We truly are a team of teams," he said, explaining that whether it's public works or law enforcement, the fire department or many others, they come together to jointly face these emergencies.

"You know, we're in the EOC. It's warm. We got coffee, we got donuts, we got all that stuff; but there are men and women out there, cold, hot, tired, wet, over it, ready to go home, who spend a lot of hours out there cleaning things up. So, when you see them like I always say ... just tell them thank you. They do a lot."

Witt said Helene changed things up for Bradford. Rather than a rainmaker like Debbie, with Helene it was wind. That made it more difficult to assess the damage, a process that is still ongoing. When it's rain, you know where to look based on historic impacts, he said. Wind can and does strike anywhere, so emergency management is sweeping the county and using software to document and map the damage, and send the data to the state for possible relief.

They are finding property damage to homes and working with the property appraiser's office to calculate those costs. While the focus remains on the hardest hit counties, Witt said they are reminding the state, "Don't forget about us."

Clearing the roads was a top priority to provide access to emergency services and get things back to normal for schools and businesses. Their approach was "cut and toss," which is exactly what it sounds like. When a tree or power line was safe to move, they cut it and left the debris roadside to be collected later. Then they moved on to clear the next blockage.

Except for a few where electricity needed to be shut off prior to removal, Witt said most of the clearing was completed by early Friday afternoon.

There have been questions about the debris. The state will have crews clearing debris on state roads soon, he said, and they will move to other county roads in the coming weeks. This is a service being offered as relief to fiscally constrained counties like Bradford. This both lowers the amount of money the county is spending on post-storm cleanup and allows public works crews to resume their normal schedules.

Witt wrapped up by reminding everyone that hurricane season lasts through the end of November, so everyone should remain vigilant and prepared.

Gratitude expressed for heroic actions

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
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Bradford County Fire Rescue Chief Ben Carter recently commended a few individuals — both private citizens and first responders — for their involvement in heroic and even lifesaving situations.

First was a headline-grabbing rescue during Tropical Storm Debbie for a driver trapped in a submerged vehicle. When rescue arrived on the scene, bystanders were already at work freeing the driver.

"Their heroic efforts succeeded in bringing the patient to the surface, where one of our firefighters rushed into the water to help bring the patient to shore," he said. Assisted by a former Bradford County firefighter-EMT, rescue personnel began CPR and other lifesaving measures.

"While the patient tragically succumbed to their injuries later at the hospital, it's essential to recognize that because of these combined efforts, the patient's heart was restarted at the scene. She was alive upon arrival at the hospital, providing them with the best chance of survival possible," Carter said.

"This incident underscores the dedication of our community and our fire-rescue personnel, while we are deeply saddened by the loss of life, the actions of these individuals ensure that the patient had every chance of survival possible. The actions of these heroic bystanders serve as a testament to the power of community and the strength of ordinary citizens in extraordinary circumstances. Additionally, the teamwork displayed by our fire rescue team was remarkable to watch."

Carter introduced Clint Ripley, who pulled the driver from the vehicle; Aaron Crews, the former Bradford County firefighter-EMT who performed CPR; and Jonathan Sweat, another bystander in the water assisting the rescue. He also introduced Bradford firefighter-EMTs who responded to the scene: Joel Haas, John Tallman, Dakota Drummond, McKenzie Pederson and Jensen Stewart.

Carter also discussed a Aug. 26 response that he said "highlights



Sharon Coston and Chief Carter

the spirit of our community and the professionalism of Bradford County Fire Rescue as well as Starke Fire Rescue."

A grandmother waiting with her grandchildren at the bus stop, Sharon Coston, suffered a heart attack. Alerted by her daughter, Kimber, Jennifer Redding, another bystander who also happens to be a registered nurse, began CPR. This critical early intervention ultimately saved Coston's life. Carter said He added when fire-rescue personnel arrived on scene, they executed their duties with skill, speed and precision.

"The teamwork displayed by county and city fire rescue was nothing short of outstanding. It was a textbook demonstration of the level of dedication and expertise that we work hard to maintain in Bradford County," Carter said.

Coston is like family, he added, making the rescue even more poignant for him.

"When I arrived on the scene and realized who it was, this one hit home, I witnessed firsthand how the quick actions of a bystander, and the impeccable response of our team made all the difference. As the fire chief, I'm proud to lead such a capable and compassionate group of professionals and extend my deepest gratitude to both the bystander and our fire rescue crews for their extraordinary

work." Carter introduced Coston as well as her grandchildren, Jordan Scott and Ariana Hadley, who called 911 to report the emergency.

He also introduced Bradford paramedic McKenzie Pederson, firefighter-EMT Jensen Stewart, EMT Clint Collins, Lt. Ashley Reul, Lt. Jason Hersey, and Lt. Ashley Moore and engineer Kelly Outlay, both with Starke Fire Rescue.

Coston thanked everyone involved. She said the measures required to save her were "extraordinary."

"I can't tell you how valuable it is to have a community where people really work together, and we have so many resources that people don't even recognize how significant it is," she said.

Coston said she would like to educate the public about the importance to teaching children how to respond in such emergencies.

"I was fortunate that my grandchildren reacted in a smart way as young as they are," she said. "They had the strength and the smarts to get the right kind of help. And thank God that he put Jenny at the bus stop that day."

"I'm very grateful for all the first responders," she added. "I know some of you and have watched you grow up. Some of you, I don't know, but you are angels to me."



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(L-R) Fire Chief Ben Carter, Jennifer Redding, Bradford paramedic McKenzie Pederson, firefighter-EMT Jensen Stewart, EMT Clint Collins, Lt. Ashley Reul, Lt. Jason Hersey, and Lt. Ashley Moore and engineer Kelly Outlay, both with Starke Fire Rescue. In front are Jordan Scott, Ariana Hadley and Kimber Redding.



(L-R) Fire Chief Ben Carter; bystanders Clint Ripley, Aaron Crews and Jonathan Sweat; and Bradford firefighter-EMTs Joel Haas, John Tallman, Dakota Drummond, McKenzie Pederson and Jensen Stewart.

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DAR chapter meets Oct. 7

The Col. Samuel Elbert Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, will meet on Monday, Oct. 7, at 10:30 a.m. at Keystone Beach Historical Pavilion.

If you're a member and haven't attended a meeting in a while, the

club would love to have you.

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.

If you're interested in joining the chapter, please attend the Oct. 7 meeting for assistance.

Starke considers reviving rec

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
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Starke leaders are both eager and cautious about reviving the city's recreation department.

Commissioners talked about the future of rec after Brian Blake approached them about the need for recreational programming. He reminisced about playing softball, baseball and basketball at the former Pratt Street rec department and the old armory. There was ping pong and other fun activities to keep kids engaged, like movie days at the theater downtown.

"None of this exists, and it should. These activities molded the man you see today," Blake said, adding that athletic participation instills structure, accountability, resilience and the importance of hard work. It also instills an appreciation for diversity, he said.

"The current state of youth athletics is less than desirable. To see and hear kids driving to Lake Butler and Keystone to play ball is disheartening. It also shows the extent that the parents will go to in order to do this," Blake said.

After budget cuts led to

the dissolution of the city recreation department, Starke had an agreement with a private youth athletic league for the use of the Edwards Road park for a couple of years, and there are multiple parent-run athletic leagues that sometimes struggle with operational costs and require public funding to supplement their income. The city, meanwhile, has relied on occasional grants for park improvements and fights a seemingly unending battle with vandalism of its facilities.

In addition to the struggle of parent-run organizations, Blake also talked about the struggle many parents have affording the participation fees for their children. He pledged to help a city-run department by negotiating lower costs for uniforms using fundraisers to supplement the city's financial contribution, which would include hiring a finance director. He also suggested tapping high school athletes to contribute community service hours to support the program.

"I'm not asking for anything in return, other than a fair shake at this," Blake said. "If you

can't invest in these kids, the future of these kids, what are we doing?"

Commissioner Shannon Smith said, even as an outgoing commissioner, he wanted to "get the ball rolling" on hiring a sports and recreation director who, among other things, would manage usage and oversee improvement of the city recreation facilities.

"We have some great people in the community that are willing to step up," Smith said. While the city wasn't financially able to support a program for years, the board has turned things around, he said, calling for a workshop to begin discussing the path forward.

As soon as the idea for city recreation resurfaced, so did the city commission's past dispute with the county over who should be funding it. Commissioner Danny Nugent refreshed memories by pointing out that many of the youth participating in the city's former program were not city residents. Yet the county commission was not contributing funding to support the program, and participant contributions usually came in

the form of nominal fees. The city's budget for a program that included afterschool and summer activities ballooned to several hundred thousand dollars.

Chief Administrative Officer Jimmy Crosby said \$100,000 was placed in the 2025 budget primarily for the improvement of the fields and facilities. There is some money to hire a director, but probably not enough. He agreed recreation should be a priority.

Because Crosby would be responsible for recreation, Commissioner Janice Mortimer said he should be given an opportunity to develop a plan prior to a workshop, then present that plan for discussion, inviting the county to participate.

Mayor Scott Roberts agreed, calling for a solid plan that would survive changes in leadership and volunteers.

"I can't speak for everybody, but I assure you, most of us up here would like to dive deeper into the recreation side of it. Where that goes, I don't know, but I know we need a plan, but we don't have one now," he said.

Residents respond to park vandalism

BY AMBER J. CRAFT
Special to the Telegraph

What started as a complaint in a local Facebook group about the cleanliness of Wainwright Park resulted in action by a small group of local residents when they decided to get together and do something about it on September 7.

The City of Starke had already cleaned the bathroom facility, mowed, and replaced all broken equipment, but the volunteers came out to pick up trash and see if they could do anything else to help keep the park clean.

My granddaughter plays here

Michael Heeder, owner of Funtastic Fire Brigade, and Clay Hicks, owner of Hicks Lawncare, saw the social media post and met up on that Sunday to provide lawn care services and ensure the park was clean.

"It's nice when the community steps up, steps out, and takes care of supporting the efforts of the City of Starke, Bradford County, State of Florida, or whoever happens to be in charge of the area," Heeder said. "Example being the gentleman who is working on the park right now. He's taking time out, doesn't want anything out of it other than he's going to bring his one-year-old son here. He wants to make sure his child has a safe place to play. And I have a granddaughter who likes to come up here to play. I want to make sure she has a safe place to play. That gives us the incentive to make sure that if there's something we can do to support the efforts of the city, we're going to do it."

Social media's distorted picture

The small business owner added that negative commentary on social media sites has become a part of our modern-day culture. The back-and-forth snark neighbors trade with each other does little to resolve the problem, and many times, it can be brutal and unnecessary. However, on occasion, it can highlight areas in the community that may need attention and improvement.

"There is a disconnect," Heeder said. "(The problems are) not as prevalent as one would think if you're only focused on social media. A few like to promote the bad, but in the grand scheme of things, the City of Starke, Bradford County, and these organizations do remarkable work."

"It's a small town," he continued. "You're always going to have folks who are going to be the naysayers. You're always going to have the folks that are going to complain and point out problems, but realistically? You want those people. You need those people. Those are the squeaky wheels that make the community go - hey, you know what? This guy may be a jerk about it, but he's right. What can we do to make it better? And



Michael Heeder (left), owner of Funtastic Fire Brigade, and Clay Hicks, owner of Hicks Lawncare, saw the social media post and met up on that Sunday to provide lawn care services and ensure the park was clean.

that's how we end up getting community involvement."

Beyond posting and commenting

This time, instead of another negative social media thread without any resolution, a decision was made to do something about it. Several community members rallied around the idea, offering to volunteer their time and effort. It's a start with the hope of more volunteering their time and skills with future clean-up events.

"There's a very strong bond of community effort in this town that no one really notices," Heeder remarked while offering an example. "The food pantry every Friday where food is distributed to hundreds of people every week. Unless you drive by the fairgrounds, and you see the line of vehicles you have no idea that happens. But the folks who do the food pantry do incredible work every week to make sure those in need have something for their families. So, there's more good than bad."

Plague of vandalism

Drew Mullins, Starke City Manager, explained that Wainwright Park has experienced consistent vandalism and littering in particular. The Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program \$50,000 grant is awarded each year to one park to assist in the maintenance and upkeep. However, the grant cannot be awarded consecutively to the same park every year. That means each park has a budget that must factor in regular maintenance and operational costs. When there are damaged playground and facility equipment incidents brought on by vandalism, that grant money has to be used to repair and replace those things instead of possibly improving and adding new features to the park.

Mullins stated that the state grant awarded to Wainwright Park must be used to replace constantly destroyed playground and bathroom facility equipment, in addition to the regular maintenance and operational



During the clean-up event, 14-year-old Leighla Williams (right) rode up on a bike and commented on the volunteers' efforts: "The park's never looked so good." Eleven-year-old Farrah Williams agreed. "Yesterday, I got over here with my siblings, and there are boys over there just littering."

costs of keeping the park clean and safe. No sooner does the city replace the equipment than it is broken or vandalized again.

"We now have to special order metal toilets to hopefully stop people from breaking them, which has happened several times," Mullins said. "Seems to be one thing after another."

The city manager explained why Wainwright Park was particularly unclean around the time the original Facebook poster complained about the cleanliness of the park. "The FRDAP grant just came through." The delay in funds prevented the city from keeping the park as clean as it normally does. A representative for the City of Starke quickly addressed the concern on the original Facebook thread. They sent a crew out the very next day to clean the park. "We empty trash cans twice a week," Mullins said. "We have people monitoring the cleanliness of the parks twice a week."

See something, say something

Mullins also explained that Wainwright Park has a camera system streamed directly to the sheriff's office, which could aid in catching vandalism. "If everybody would be more observant and call the sheriff's office if you see something," Mullins reasoned, the solution to cutting down on vandalism and littering would be for residents to actively report instances when

they see them.

During the clean-up event, 14-year-old Leighla Williams rode up on a bike and commented on the volunteers' efforts: "The park's never looked so good," the teen said. "I come here every day. The kids, when they're over there playing basketball, always leave their trash. People come out here and drink alcohol at night. At night, you see a lot of cars parked on the side."

Leighla's sister, 11-year-old Farrah Williams, agreed. "Yesterday, I got over here with my siblings, and there are boys over there just littering."

Stop complaining and fix it

Some cleanup volunteers said the issue might not be one of local government accountability but local citizens picking up after themselves and reporting incidents of vandalism.

"The ones that put forth the effort are the ones who have a vested interest," one volunteer remarked. "The question that the community as a whole has to ask themselves is, what can be done to bring in those who don't have a vested interest?"

Another volunteer said, "You can spend two hours complaining, or you can take five minutes and fix it."

If you would like to volunteer your time and skills for a future local clean-up event, contact 904-290-1010.

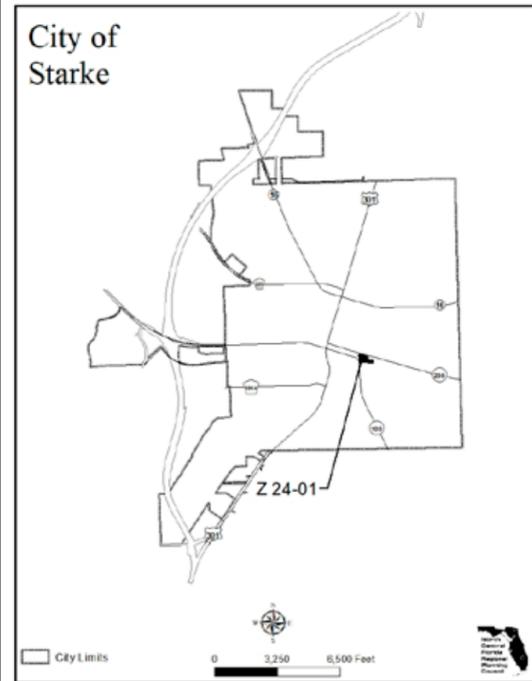
NOTICE OF ZONING CHANGE

The City Commission of the City of Starke, Florida proposes to change the use of land within the area shown on the map below, by amending the Zoning Map of the City of Starke Land Development Code, hereinafter referred to as the Land Development Code, as follows:

Z 24-01, an application by the City Commission and Kingsley Development I, LLC, to amend the Zoning Map of the Land Development Code by changing the zoning district from MULTI-FAMILY, RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (R-2B) and SINGLE-FAMILY, MEDIUM DENSITY DISTRICT (R-1C) to PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PUD) in accordance with a Preliminary Development Plan dated July 19, 2024, revised on August 15, 2024 and revised on September 20, 2024, on the property described, as follows:

A parcel of land lying in Section 28, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida. Being more particularly described, as follows: Commence at the Southwest corner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 28; thence Easterly 38.89 feet, along the Southerly boundary of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 28, to the Easterly right-of-way line of State Road 100 (Water Street) for the Point of Beginning (being at the beginning of a curve, concave to the West and having a radius of 143.15 feet); thence Northwesterly, along the Easterly right-of-way line of said State Road 100 (Water Street), and, along the arc of said curve, 51.97 feet as measured along a chord having a bearing of North 14°25'46" West to the end of said curve; thence North 24°40'15" West 37.21 feet, along the Easterly right-of-way line of said State Road 100 (Water Street), to the beginning of a curve, concave to the East and having a radius of 148.14 feet; thence Northerly, along the Easterly right-of-way line of said State Road 100 (Water Street), and along the arc of said curve, 105.77 feet as measured along a chord having a bearing of North 03°51'37" West; thence North 17°34'02" East 24.42 feet, along the Easterly right-of-way line of said State Road 100 (Water Street); thence continue North 17°34'02" East 53.63 feet, along the Easterly right-of-way line of said State Road 100 (Water Street); thence North 34°49'48" East 32.94 feet, along the Easterly right-of-way line of said State Road 100 (Water Street), to the Southerly right-of-way line of State Road 230 (East Call Street); thence South 73°27'15" East 223.95 feet, along the Southerly right-of-way line of said State Road 230 (East Call Street), to a jog in the Southerly right-of-way line of said State Road 230 (East Call Street); thence South 16°45'01" West 25.00 feet, along said jog of the Southerly right-of-way line of said State Road 230 (East Call Street); thence South 73°36'03" East 251.90 feet, along the Southerly right-of-way line of said State Road 230 (East Call Street) to the Westerly right-of-way line of Redgrave Street; thence South 73°38'26" East 52.33 feet, along the Southerly right-of-way line of said State Road 230 (East Call Street) to the Easterly right-of-way line of said Redgrave Street; thence South 01°32'24" West 107.79 feet, along the Easterly right-of-way line of said Redgrave Street; thence South 00°05'19" East 12.33 feet, along the Easterly right-of-way line of said Redgrave Street to the Northwest corner of Block 1 of City Park Subdivision as recorded in the Public Records of Bradford County, Florida; thence North 88°47'36" East 265.78 feet, along the Northerly boundary of said Block 1 of City Park Subdivision as recorded in the Public Records of Bradford County, Florida; thence South 72°40'42" East 26.37 feet; thence South 01°19'59" West 174.14 feet; thence South 68°40'10" West 291.94 feet, along the Southerly boundary of said Block 1 of City Park Subdivision as recorded in the Public Records of Bradford County, Florida, to the Easterly right-of-way line of said Redgrave Street; thence South 87°52'12" West 48.95 feet to the Westerly right-of-way line of said Redgrave Street and the Northerly right-of-way line of South Street; thence South 88°36'50" West 411.25 feet, along the Northerly right-of-way line of said South Street; thence North 65°23'03" West 22.75 feet to the Easterly right-of-way line of said State Road 100 (Water Street); thence North 04°16'18" West 87.05 feet, along the Easterly right-of-way line of said State Road 100 (Water Street); thence South 85°55'11" West 3.96 feet; thence North 03°58'35" West 101.44 feet, along the Easterly right-of-way line of said State Road 100 (Water Street), to the Point of Beginning. Subject to the right-of-way of South Saint Clair Street (0.77 acres).

Containing 5.13 acres, more or less.



A public hearing will be conducted by the City Commission to consider the amendment and enactment of the ordinance adopting the amendment on October 15, 2024 at 5:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the City Commission Meeting Room, City Hall located at 209 North Thompson Street, Starke, Florida. The title of said ordinance reads, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-23

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF STARKE, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF STARKE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, AS AMENDED; RELATING TO THE REZONING OF LESS THAN TEN CONTIGUOUS ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, Z 24-01, BY THE PROPERTY OWNERS OF SAID ACRES; PROVIDING FOR REZONING FROM MULTI-FAMILY, RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (R-2B) AND SINGLE-FAMILY, MEDIUM DENSITY DISTRICT (R-1C) TO PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PUD) IN ACCORDANCE WITH A PRELIMINARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN DATED JULY 19, 2024, REVISED ON AUGUST 15, 2024, AND REVISED ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2024, OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF STARKE, FLORIDA; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

At the aforementioned public hearing, all interested parties may appear to be heard with respect to the amendment and the ordinance adopting the amendment.

Copies of the amendment and ordinance adopting the amendment are available for public inspection at the City Building and Zoning Department, located at 209 North Thompson Street, Starke, Florida, during regular business hours.

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

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

Practical nursing program sets enrollment record

Most come from outside Bradford County

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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The Practical Nursing Program at North Florida Technical College set a record enrollment this year with 41 students out of 47 applications.

Instructors Becky McCord and Lynn Dickinson said they have been promoting the program to community groups over the past year, pointing to their program's perfect passing rate on the state licensing exam and North Florida Technical College's sixth ranking out of more than 160 practical nursing programs in Florida.

The rankings by NursingProcess.org took academic quality, first-time pass rates for the state licensing exam, and affordability into account when ranking the schools.

The practical nursing program at the college has been running around 20 students, and it is one instructor short. Meanwhile, McCord and Dickinson are keeping up with double their normal student load.



North Florida Technical College practical nursing students (L-R) front row: Emilee Young, Carissa DeBerry, Hannah Cotton, Alyssa Clark, Aiyana James, Kaitlyn Carter, Christy Jenkins. Second row: Ashlie Casey, Gwenyth Parrish, Tessa Caulk, Abigail Noel, Caitlynn Hartley, Shabrika Henry, Jameka Ruise. Brandon Mecusker. Back row: Apryl Harvey (sitting), Kyrsten Johnson, Brooklyn Crawford, Jawanna Maner, Santee Blye, Tyreshia Archer, Jameka Jones, Keona Adkins, Taylor Hodges.

"I feel like word-of-mouth has really been powerful for our program," Dickinson said. "Our graduates tell others they work with and their friends about their education here. The one-on-one instructor relationships they have with us and the experiences are

so positive, and the pass rate is so high that they recommend us, and they just have been coming in droves."

The two teachers said their program is known for building one-on-one relationships and fostering a caring atmosphere.

"We know who had a sick kid last night and who had a flat tire this morning on State Road 16," said Dickinson. "We know whose grandma died and who's going through a divorce. We care about their social wellbeing, their physical wellbeing, their mental health wellbeing and academic progress, everything."

Most have kids and a job

McCord said that although high schoolers could join the program as dual-enrolled students, there are no secondary pupils at this time.

"We either have second-career or first-career adult students," McCord said.

Dickinson added that many in the program are certified nursing assistants who want to upgrade their skills and earning potential to the next level.

"They see the nurses they work with at the facilities and want to be like them," she said. "They see the nurses at the medication cart, and they want to get the high dollars. They want that career."

McCord said that virtually all her students have children and need to support their families while they get through the program.

Few live in Bradford County

The pair said few of their students live in Bradford County. Most commute from

Jacksonville, Live Oak, Lake City, Green Cove Springs, Gainesville, and other nearby communities.

Virtually all the students receive some financial aid, many from federal Pell grants and Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act grants through Career Source. The Northeast Florida State Hospital in Macclenny sponsors two students.

Dickinson said nursing assistants help patients with activities of daily living like bathing and brushing teeth, "things that we would do every day for ourselves that they need help with, like feeding them if they've had a stroke. They change the beds. It's personal care with non-invasive type procedures."

LPNs may give medications, insert catheters and nasal gastric tubes, and initiate tracheostomies. They may also take vital signs and monitor patients but not push medications through IVs, hang blood, or administer chemotherapy.

With an additional certification, an LPN may start an IV but not administer medications through it.

Could make more than some RNs

The full-time program lasts 10 months, and students meet four days a week, while the part-time option, in which students attend class two days a week, lasts 18 months.

Dickinson added that the job market for LPNs has grown because of the shortage of registered nurses.

"Places like HCA (Hospital Corporation of America)," she



Most students live outside Bradford County (L-R): Front row: Johnniya Henderson, Angela Price, Predaycha Johnson, Asiah Scott, Elissa Miller. Second row: Charnissa McCray, Faith Scott, Jennifer Wilkes, Abigail Raulerson, Jada Williams, T'keyah Roddey. Back row: Tionna Healy, Liberty Nice, Tiffani Williamson, Rachel Reeves, Natalie McCloskey, Shelby Taylor.



North Florida Technical College practical nursing instructors (l-r) Lynn Dickinson and Becky McCord.

said, "used to hire only RNs, but with the shortage of registered nurses, they are hiring LPNs to help with the shortage."

Dickinson said her graduates work at HCA Florida Starke ER, UF Health Physicians, all the multi-specialty clinics in Gainesville, Lake City, and the surrounding area, and at long-term care facilities.

The two instructors said starting pay for LPNs ranges from \$25 to \$30 an hour, with the Department of Corrections paying the highest starting wages.

"They could make more as an LPN there than as an RN at a hospital," McCord said of the state agency.

Dickinson added that

Centurion of Florida LLP contracts with the corrections department to provide health services to inmates and that the contractor starts recruiting North Florida Technical students soon after they arrive for classes.

"The recruitment starts upon enrollment because they really want to hire our students," Dickinson said. "Usually, most everyone has a job offer after a few months of even clinical, which means they go off campus two days a week in a facility like physicians' offices and health departments, other places like that, and they're already offered jobs."

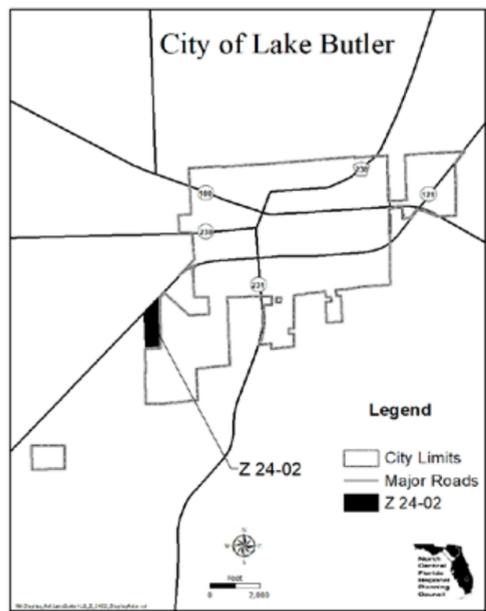
NOTICE OF ZONING CHANGE

The City Commission of the City of Lake Butler, Florida proposes to regulate the use of land within the area shown on the map below, by amending the Official Zoning Atlas of the City of Lake Butler Land Development Regulations, hereinafter referred to as the Land Development Regulations, as follows:

Z 24-02, an application by the City Commission, to amend the Official Zoning Atlas of the Land Development Regulations by changing the zoning district on certain lands from COUNTY RESIDENTIAL, (MIXED) SINGLE FAMILY/MOBILE HOME-1 (RSF/MH-1) to CITY COMMERCIAL GENERAL (CG) for the property described, as follows:

A parcel of land lying in Section 36, Township 5 South, Range 19 East, Union County, Florida. Being more particularly described as follows: Commence at Southeast corner of said Section 36; thence North 01°24'13" West 984.65 feet, along the East line of said Section 36 to the Point of Beginning; thence South 88°45'17" West 666.69 feet; thence North 01°24'49" West 1,458.59 feet to the Southerly right-of-way line of State Road 121; thence North 42°46'14" East 957.10 feet, along the Southerly right-of-way line of said State Road 121 to the East line of Section 36; thence South 01°24'13" East 2,146.89 feet, along the East line of said Section 36 to the Point of Beginning.

Containing 27.60 acres, more or less.



A public hearing will be conducted by the City Commission to consider the amendment and enactment of the ordinance adopting the amendment on October 15, 2024 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the City Commission Meeting Room, City Hall, located at 200 Southwest 1st Street, Lake Butler, Florida. The title of said ordinance reads, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-07

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAKE BUTLER, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING ATLAS OF THE CITY OF LAKE BUTLER LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, RELATING TO THE REZONING OF TEN OR MORE CONTIGUOUS ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, Z 24-02, BY THE CITY COMMISSION; PROVIDING FOR REZONING FROM COUNTY RESIDENTIAL, (MIXED) SINGLE FAMILY/MOBILE HOME-1 (RSF/MH-1) TO CITY COMMERCIAL, GENERAL (CG) OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF LAKE BUTLER, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

At the aforementioned public hearing, all interested parties may appear to be heard with respect to the amendment.

Copies of the amendment are available for public inspection at the Office of the City Manager, City Hall located at 200 Southwest First Street, Lake Butler, Florida, during regular business hours.

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

Any person requiring auxiliary aids and services at this meeting may contact the Office of the City Manager at 386.496.3401 at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 1.800.955.8770 (voice) or 1.800.955.8771 (TTY).

Letters

Vote no and keep races nonpartisan

Dear Editor:
Florida's closed-primary loophole is one of the worst abuses of voter rights in the country today and a key reason why a move to partisan primaries for school board elections would be a disaster for voters.

Some history: In 1997, 64% of Florida voters passed the Universal Primary Amendment. It said primaries must be open to all voters if the winner of the primary will face no opposition in the general election. When all the candidates for a seat are from the same party, the primary

election is the de facto general election.

In 2000, then Secretary of State Katherine Harris wrote an opinion that write-in candidates, registered as members of the party that isn't fielding candidates, can close the primary. This write-in loophole has not been taken up by the courts and allows political parties to disenfranchise two-thirds of voters.

Here's how it works: The party fielding all the candidates for a race, say sheriff, asks someone to become a write-in candidate in the other party's primary race. A write-in candidate must file qualification papers, but does not need to pay a filing fee, or get an election assessment or a party assessment.

A study by Open Primaries

revealed that between 1998 and 2022, 114 Florida races for Congress and the legislature were closed by write-in candidates. Forty-seven were Republican primaries and 67 were Democrat primaries. In all, 8.2 million voters were disenfranchised.

This is why I feel it's critically important to vote "no" on Amendment 1 and keep school board races nonpartisan so that every Florida voter has the opportunity to vote for school board members. Otherwise, both parties will manipulate future elections to shut Florida voters out of any meaningful decision-making in these races.

Sincerely,
Sandra "Sam" Williams

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had been through the Planning Council. He told Huggins that he needed to go back to Hayes, start the application process, and proceed.

Maines also said he had never been through a meeting situation such as this—the matter was not advertised, was not timely, and had not been through the proper channels. He stated that situations like this are what management is for and that they must be handled properly according to established procedures.

Kingsley Lake Yard Sale

Buyers won't want to miss the opportunity to check out the multiple sale sites up/down the streets within the Kingsley Lake community, along Kingsley Lake Drive, and in The Cove. The sale runs from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct 12, and is sponsored by Kingsley Lake Property Owners Association.

There will be a wide variety of items for sale including holiday decorations, yard and power tools, books, CDs, DVDs, clothes, costume jewelry, handbags, and new and slightly used gift items.



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Pastor integrates sports into ministry

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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The pastor of First Baptist Church in Keystone Heights has just as much of a presence on the sideline of a high school football game as in the pulpit.

Ryan Begue says he uses his lifelong passion for sports to connect with young people.

The Asbury Lake native, who started in ministry teaching 15-year-old boys in a Sunday School class, served in churches in the panhandle and the Orlando area before returning to Clay County and eventually settling at First Baptist.

"I think God wires us all in unique ways," he said. "For me, I guess I've always been sort of a sports enthusiast. I played a lot of sports growing up and different things like that. And my boy was playing football here at Keystone Heights, and he was a weightlifter, and obviously, Keystone Heights weightlifting has had a great run for quite a while."

Begue said he started coaching with the football team and then coached the golf team.

"My wife took a job at the school a few years ago," he said, "and so she became one of the cheerleading coaches, the girls' head tennis coach, and the girls' golf coach."

Begue's connection with young people was displayed during a fifth-quarter event following the varsity football team's game with Union County on August 30.

The church's gym was filled with high school students.

First Baptist's youth minister, Tom Rosier, said the event is designed to offer students



Ryan and Emily Begue snap a selfie with a Keystone Heights student during a fifth-quarter event.

an alternative to post-game partying.

"We open up the church, give them some snacks and drinks, and play basketball and volleyball and stuff like that," he said.

Rosier said the youth ministry is comprised of seventh to 12th graders, and around 50 students attend the ministry's Wednesday night events.

"We have worship and a sermon," he said. "We also are starting to do outreach programs, trying to get the youth engaged in their youth group."

Rosier added that the youth ministry is expanding.

"We've got a worship team that's starting," he said. "We

have a welcome team that's starting. We have a media team that's already started, so we're just trying to get them more engaged in the gospel."

Begue said the ministry is anchored in a love for teenagers and an appreciation for the Lake Region.

"We have a heart for teenagers," he said. "We have a heart for this community. We love it. I can't say how much of a blessing it is to be a part of a small community and to sort of be able to weave it all together. And I think that the Lord's called us obviously to be salt and light and to be involved and to plant ourselves in a community."

Crime

Recent arrests in Bradford, Union and Clay

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

Bradford

Gordon Chris Crawford, 66, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on September 25 for resisting an officer and a probation violation.

Joshua Charles Davis, 36, of Macclenny, was arrested by Bradford deputies on September 24 for an out-of-county warrant.

Ocial Odie Green, 37, of Green Cove Springs, was arrested by Bradford deputies on September 27 for an out-of-county warrant.

David Alan Hagerman, 34, of Jacksonville, was arrested by Bradford deputies on September 27 for failure to appear.

Adrain Antwon Hankerson, 40, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on September 23 for battery and resisting an officer.

James Ray Harris, 38, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on September 22 for battery and larceny.

Chelsea Danielle Holley, 30, of Wellborn, was arrested by Bradford deputies on September 27 for failure to appear.

Dario Jimenez Aguilar, 23, was arrested by FHP troopers on September 21 for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Tiffany Danielle Laycock, 37, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on September 27 for larceny.

Kirk Allen Lambert, 45, of High Springs, was arrested by Bradford deputies on September 24 for failure to appear.

Kenneth Ray McAllister, 41, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on September 24 for withholding support.

Levy Deshaun McCloud, 44, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on September 26 for possession of cocaine and resisting an officer.

John Franklin Ragin, 20, of Sanderson, was arrested by Bradford deputies on September 24 for an out-of-county warrant.

William Elzie Sanders, 42, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on September 27 for burglary, possession of burglary tools, and criminal mischief with property damage.

Heather Jeannette Stamper, 34, of Sampson, was arrested by Bradford deputies on September 25 for a probation violation.

Thomas Dewayne Stevens, 44, of Starke, was arrested by FHP troopers on September 26 for an out-of-county warrant and failure to appear.

Jacob David Thornton, 32, of Live Oak, was arrested by Bradford deputies on September 23 for a probation violation.

Union

Matthew Aaron Dover, 31, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Union deputies on September 28 for a probation violation and resisting an officer.

Racheal M. Rosier, 29, of Lawtey, was arrested by Union deputies on September 28 for a probation violation.

Carlos Daniel Vazquez-Mendez, 25, of Worthington Springs, was arrested by Union deputies on September 25 for burglary and larceny.

Clay

Rodney Allen Farmer, 26, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Clay deputies on September 25 for contempt of court.

Crystal Marie Lyons, 25, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Clay deputies on September 26 for battery.

Jillian Kimberly Miranda, 42, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Clay deputies on September 26 for a writ of bodily attachment and trafficking in methamphetamine.

Former Keystone firefighter sentenced

Sheriff: 'He's an embarrassment'

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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A former Clay County firefighter stationed in Keystone Heights was sentenced to two years in prison, 20 years' probation, and ordered to register as a sex predator.

Sean Evert Carpenter, 37, was arrested in Putnam County in October 2023, charged with four counts of lewd and lascivious behavior on a victim younger than 12 years old.

According to the Putnam County Sheriff's Office, the victim reported the abuse to a family member. Carpenter was not related to the victim but was considered a family acquaintance and lived close by.

The defendant was arrested at Keystone's Station 11 while on duty.

Sheriff Gator DeLoach called Carpenter's actions a disgrace to anyone who serves the public and sacrifices their lives every day to help people.

He added that the firefighter's violation of the victim's trust was especially heinous, considering children are taught to trust firefighters, law enforcement

officers, and other first responders.

"(Carpenter) took full advantage of his position as a trusted first responder to defile a child's innocence," DeLoach said in a social media post. "He is an embarrassment to all of our fellow brothers and sisters in the fire service, and we share in their disgust and disappointment for the shame he has brought down."

Man seeking treatment sentenced to 10 years

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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A 47-year-old former Lake Butler resident was sentenced to 10 years after pleading to a probation violation.

According to a violation report, Dexter Dewin Edwards told a Flagler County deputy he broke into a Palm Coast home to be arrested and receive treatment for his mental illness.

Edwards was first detained on December 8, 2022, after he was accused of throwing a rock into the window of a vehicle on State Road 16 in the area of the Starke Golf and Country Club.

Bradford Deputy Jared Mallard wrote in an arrest report that while taking Edwards into custody, the then-44-year-old brandished a knife and was concealing a firearm in his backpack.

The following April, Judge James M. Colaw ruled the defendant incompetent to proceed and ordered him into the custody of Florida's Department of Children and Families.

Six months later, the judge ruled Edwards competent to proceed and sentenced him to four years' probation after Edwards pleaded to throwing a missile into a vehicle, criminal mischief, and carrying a concealed firearm.

The defendant's probation violation came six months after he was first sentenced.

Woman's Club weathers storm

BY JENN SAMSEL
Special to the Monitor

The Keystone Heights Woman's Club hosted its third annual Fall Festival on Saturday, Sept. 28, and was determined not to let Hurricane Helene ruin the festivities.

With their cheering spirit, passing rain showers, and no power, the club moved forward, letting all the vendors and customers know they were open for business via email and social media.

Brooklyn Hayes-Yelin, owner of Southern Embellishes and president and event coordinator of the Woman's Club, said, "I've been doing this for the third year now, and it's a labor of love. We bring together the Community, putting weather aside, and we appreciate the community. The fall festival was created as a community event to get the community involved."

We look forward to hosting next year's event again."

Samantha Key, owner of Baskets & Bloom, is a photographer who showcases a variety of photos and creates custom gift baskets while supporting her daughter Emma Key with her foundation, Ribbons, 4 Cures.

She said, "I love the Fall Festival. It's a great way to get face into the Community, especially if you are starting a new business. You get people in the door. Even without having power today, we still have a great crowd." I believe this event will get bigger and better every year, and there will be more foot traffic.

Emma Key—Ribbons 4 Cures—is an advocate and founder who is raising awareness in the Community by selling ribbons, stickers, and key chains for organizations such as Autism, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, and Cancer. "I have all types of ribbons for everything, and the Fall Festival is a great event," she said.

Morgan Lambert, Owner of Candles By Mo, said, "I was excited as a returning vendor. I love coming to the Fall Festival because I get to see all kinds of people, meet people, make new friends, talk and sell to people about my products, and meet new vendors. Thanks, everyone, for coming out to support the vendors. I look forward to returning for a third year."

Sue Weiner—Sue Weiner Books' first year as a vendor previously worked at the Fall Festival and decided to come



Samantha Key and Emma Key



Brooklyn Hayes-Yelin (right), Cindy Hayes and Levi Yelin.



Tanya Dennis (left) and Morgan Lambert.

out this year to promote her new book, Patty Pinksnot.

She said, "This would be a great place for a book launch. Being part of the Keystone community and the Woman's Club was the best place to launch my book and be amongst everyone else. I would love to write more books in the future."

Weiner is an active club member and first-grade teacher at Keystone Heights Elementary. Lake Area Kiwanis supported

the Woman's Club by selling funnel cakes during the event.

Around noon, the power came back up.

The Woman's Club plans to return its fall festival next.

If you are interested in more information about the Keystone Heights Woman's Club or being a vendor for next year's fall festival, please reach out to khjuniorwomensclub@gmail.com.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Bradford County Value Adjustment Board, in compliance with § 196.194, Fla. Stat., will conduct hearings in the County Commission Chambers located in the North Annex of the Courthouse at 945 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida, to hear objections to the valuation placed on real estate and tangible personal property, on the following date:

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2024
Beginning at 9:45 a.m.

Separate lists of applicants for exemption that have been wholly or partially approved by the Property Appraiser and of applicants for exemptions that have been denied by the Property Appraiser are maintained for public viewing in the Property Appraiser's Office, located in Suite A in the south annex of the Bradford County Courthouse, 945 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. If you have any questions, please call the Property Appraiser's Office at (904) 966-6216. The lists may include applicants for the following exemptions or classifications:

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- Government property exemption
- Economic development ad valorem tax exemption
- Exemption for Historic properties
- Widow exemption
- Widower exemption
- Property of persons Totally & Permanently Disabled
- Charitable, religious, scientific or literary uses exemption

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Denny Thompson, Clerk of the Circuit Court
As Clerk of the Value Adjustment Board

TORNADOES ON PARADE FOR HOMECOMING



Class of 2025 had some great game with their class float, which won first place!



BHS Volleyball teammates spike up a lot of fun along the parade route with their candy giveaways and smiles. Pictured: Maddison Lee, Manduo Wei, Tatum Burkhalter and Victoria Hudgens. Coach Chelsea LeMire is in the background.



Academic team sweetheart Naomi Barrington and escort Trevor Clemonts.



Chorus Sweetheart Melissa Harding was gleefully waving with her dinosaur parade escort.



Executive Board Sweetheart Alysia Rentz, escorted by Diego Ochoa.



Ladies of the Homecoming Court: (r-l) Blakeleigh Smith, Jazlyn Hamilton, Kendall Cook, Madison Casey and Kaylah Vargas.



Gentlemen of the Homecoming Court: Grayson Jennings, Trace Kite, Cayden Carter, Jeremiah McKenzie and Brian "Trey" Clifflin III.



BHS Yearbook sweetheart Jayla Leveson and escort Justin Hill creating memories in the homecoming parade.



Football teammates get to practice their passing skills when tossing candy to parade attendees.



Student government sweetheart Skyla Buonacore and escort Reese Wainwright take the lead with their confident smiles on the parade route.



Rain or shine, they're going to march! The BHS and BMS bands apices up the parade route with their catchy rhythms.



National Honor Society Sweetheart Jakyiah Dean and escort Gino Addison shine their high scoring smiles to parade goers!

Obituaries

BHS defeats UCHS, goes unbeaten in JV football

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Iyen Addison and Jarell Harris each rushed for two touchdowns as the Bradford High School junior varsity football team capped an undefeated season with a 34-8 win over host Union County on Sept. 24.

The Tornadoes (4-0) got two turnovers from their defense, which held the Tigers scoreless until the game's final drive.

Union received the opening kickoff and had to try to dig out of hole caused by a first-down fumble that resulted in a loss of 6 yards. Runs by Wyatt Elixson and Eli Llanes got the Tigers to a fourth-and-5 play. The offense remained on the field, with Elixson getting held to a 2-yard gain.

Bradford's offense took over after the turnover on downs at the Union 27. The Tigers were penalized for encroachment and then picked up a personal-foul facemask penalty, giving the Tornadoes first-and-goal at the 7. Addison scored his first touchdown on a run from there, with Cy Cubbedge kicking the extra point for a 7-0 Bradford lead.

The Tigers were gifted a first down on their next series as quarterback Colt Thomas was able to draw the Tornadoes offside. Elixson and Bo Thomas had runs of 8 and 13 yards,

respectively, that resulted in two more first downs, with Thomas' run putting Union at the Bradford 32. The promising drive ended with a fumble, which was recovered by the Tornadoes' Henry Prescott.

Bradford needed just one play to increase its lead, with Tyler Bell catching a 62-yard touchdown pass from Cubbedge. Cubbedge added the PAT for a 14-0 lead as the first quarter was winding down.

The Tigers ran four plays on the ensuing series, with Bradford's Tremeze White bringing pressure against Colt Thomas on a fourth-and-4 play that resulted in an incomplete pass.

That gave the Bradford offense the ball at the Union 38. Addison got the drive started with three straight carries for 14 yards. Union's Bryce Lawton sacked Cubbedge for a 6-yard loss, which left the Tornadoes facing third-and-12. Addison had a 9-yard run and got the call again on fourth, sprinting for a 21-yard touchdown. The Tornadoes, after Cubbedge's extra point, led 21-0.

Addison finished with 51 yards on six carries. An 18-yard kickoff return by Llanes had the Tigers starting their next drive at their own 21. Runs by Elixson and Llanes, coupled with a facemask penalty, gave Union a first down at the



Bradford quarterback Cy Cubbedge (right) scrambles away from Union's Bryce Lawton.

35. Elixson and Llanes had runs of 4 and 6 yards, respectively, to gain another first down.

Llanes, who rushed for 44 yards on 11 carries, later had a 7-yard run that resulted in a first down at the Bradford 44. The Tigers couldn't advance any farther, with Bradford's Caiden Carn intercepting a pass and preserving his team's 21-0 lead at halftime.

Cubbedge, who was 2 of 5 for 88 yards, hooked up with Maliki

Cobarris for a long gain deep into Union territory. Cobarris did fumble on the play, but Koy Hartley recovered for the Tornadoes, setting up first-and-goal at the 7. Harris then had two straight carries, with the second a 5-yard run that put him into the end zone and gave Bradford a 27-0 lead. The PAT was no good. Kerion Boykin had an 18-yard kickoff return that had Union

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Angela Forte

Angela Sweat Forte, 54, died unexpectedly on Sunday, Sept. 22, 2024. She was born to Lillian and Wiley Sweat on Oct. 18, 1969. Angela met Bobby Forte in 1989 while visiting friends in Alabama. They married in 1995 and have one son, Dylan Forte. Angela was a homemaker, home-school mom, a two-time breast cancer survivor and was an inspiration to others. She was an avid lover of all wild creatures and rescued and rehabilitated numerous dogs, cats and any animal in need of a loving home. She was predeceased by her father, Wiley Sweat; and infant sister, April Ann Sweat.



Angela is survived by her husband, Bobby Forte; son, Dylan Forte; mother, Lillian Marsette; stepfather, Tim Marsette; sister, Amber Sweat; stepmother, Jeanette Sweat; and many extended family members.

Angela was a beautiful person inside and out. She was a generous and kindhearted soul and made an impact on many lives. She will be forever missed.

PAID OBITUARY

Norma Howard

Norma Jean Howard, 66, of Lake Butler, passed away peacefully at her daughter's home on Thursday, Sept. 26, 2024, after a courageous battle with cancer. Norma was born in Alachua on July 21, 1958. She was a force of nature, who will be remembered for her unwavering love and fierce honesty, and who taught us the importance of standing tall and speaking our minds. She had a unique ability to lift us up and keep us grounded at the same time. She was a devoted mother, "MeMe" and friend, who would do anything for others and always put their needs before her own. Norma's independence and strong work ethic were evident in everything she did, inspiring those around her to embrace life with the same determination. A fiercely spirited individual, she embodied kindness and generosity, always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone in need; however, her true character was full of honesty and transparency. Her big heart touched countless lives, and her warmth will be profoundly missed. She leaves behind a legacy of love, resilience, and an unwavering spirit that will continue to inspire all who knew her. She was preceded in death by her mother, Mary Raulerson; her father, Noel Avinger; and her brothers, Walter and Raymond Avinger.



She is survived by her children, Bobby (Tina) Lamb, David Pinkston, and Megan Pery of Lake Butler; her grandchildren, Hannah, Noah and Jordan Lamb, Brooke Potter, Morgan Barrett, Hadley and Piper Perry; sister, Violet (Kevin) Sumner; and extended family and friends.

A funeral service was held at Sardis Baptist Church on Tuesday, Oct. 1. In lieu of flowers, Norma Jean's wishes were for donations to go to a local organization that supported her and will continue to help others battling cancer. United 4 a Cure, Inc., P.O. Box 591, Lake Butler 32054.

Archer-Milton Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Norma Jean Howard during this difficult time. 386-496-2008 www.archerfuneralhome.com

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Sally Thomas

Sally Thomas, a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, and friend, passed away peacefully at her home in Brooker, on Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2024, at the age of 77. Born on June 5, 1947, in Gainesville, she lived a life marked by kindness, compassion and unwavering support for those around her. She dedicated 34 years of her career to Veterans Affairs as a contract specialist until her well-deserved retirement. Her work ethic and ability to connect with others made her a cherished colleague and a trusted guide for many. Though her professional life was fulfilling, it was the connections she made with family and friends that defined her. She loved to entertain and host family and friends. Everyone was welcome at her kitchen counter, whether she was cooking a meal, baking one of her many favorite desserts, or teaching others how to cook and bake. When it came to lending an ear, there was no one better to listen and provide advice than Sally. She will be remembered for her bigger-than-life smile, her infectious laugh, and her love of adventures - big and small. Sally was preceded in death by her parents, J.V. and Zona Edwards; her in-laws, J.T. and Montine Thomas; as well as her sister-in-law, Bobbie Ellis.



She is survived by her loving husband, Ronald Thomas, with whom she spent 32 years, 28 years happily married; her son, John (Kara) Thomas; and was a wonderful "Nonna" to her grandchildren, Connor and Mackenzie Thomas. She is also survived by her niece, Kerry (Jack) Rawn; along with their children, Grace and J.D. She also leaves behind her sisters-in-law, Peggy MacFarlane, Doretha (Chris) Barry, and Marie Skinner.

A visitation to celebrate her life was held Monday, Sept. 30, at Archer-Milton Funeral Home in Lake Butler. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family is asking for donations to be made in her memory to GRACE Marketplace (www.gracemarketplace.org) in Gainesville, the non-profit homeless shelter her son works at.

She will be deeply missed but fondly remembered for the beautiful impact she has left on all of our lives.

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Keystone's Thomas, Yara take 2nd and 3rd at Sept. 28 Bale n Trail

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Keystone Heights High School's cross-country teams participated in the Sept. 28 Bale n Trail hosted by Bartram Trail High School, with Ryder Thomas and Noah Yara placing second and third, respectively, in the boys freshman-sophomore race.

Thomas ran a time of 17:57 in the 216-individual race, which placed him behind Episcopal's Aaron Ches, who had a time of 17:40. Yara crossed the finish line in 18:11.

The Indians, who placed eighth out of 21 teams, had two other runners finish in the top half of the field: Jason Parales, who had a 94th-place time of 23:14, and Gavin Morford, who had a 107th-place time of 23:37.

Also running were Alex Mahaffey 24:21, Oliver Miller 24:56, Eli Rabe 25:47, Mason Gray 27:37 and Hunter Gray 27:53.

Keystone's Olivia Griffin

took fifth out of 184 in the girls freshman-sophomore race, finishing with a time of 22:33.

Melody Tyre placed 22nd with a time of 24:43, while another two runners also finished in the top half of the field: Cali Chamberlain, with a 43rd-place time of 26:04, and London Williams, with a 50th-place time of 26:38.

Also running were Madilyn Miller 28:50, Clara Beth Robinson 32:12, Raina Daniel 37:03, Madylinn Michaud 40:28 and Ava Blackburn 42:11.

KH boys golf team plays in Randy Warren Invitational

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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The Keystone Heights High School boys golf team competed in the Sept. 30 Randy Warren Invitational at The Golf Club at Fleming Island, placing 20th out of 22 in a field that included 16 larger schools.

Keystone, which had an 18-hole team score of 361, was one of six Class 1A teams. The other five represented private schools.

Champion Fleming Island, which had a score of 273, was

one of six Class 2A teams, while runner-up Creekside, which had a score of 285, was one of 10 3A teams.

The Indians' Jacob Beach and Ty Mitzel each shot an 18-hole score of 84 to finish in a three-way tie for 74th out of 110 individuals. Beach made par on eight holes, while Mitzel made par on seven.

Hunter Sheppard and Will Begue had scores of 96 and 97, respectively. Sheppard made par on three holes, while Begue made par on two.

Nate Bardier, who made par on four holes, shot a 100.

Prior to the invitational, Keystone placed second in a three-team match at Gainesville's

Ironwood Golf Course on Sept. 24. The Indians had a team score of 190 to place behind Buchholz, which had a score of 162. Gainesville finished 19 strokes behind Keystone.

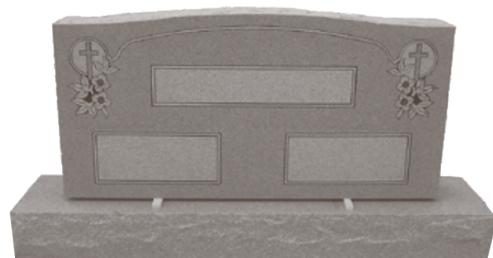
Mitzel shot a sixth-place score of 43, making par on four holes, while Beach, who made par on one hole, finished in a two-way tie for eighth with a score of 47.

Sheppard shot a 10th-place score of 48, making par on three holes.

Jackson McDaniel and Landon Spence each shot a 52, while Bardier had a score of 54. Bardier and McDaniel each made par on two holes, while Spence made par on one.

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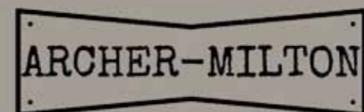
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Seniors Blakeleigh Smith and Grayson Jennings



Seniors Madison Casey and Jeremiah McKenzie



Seniors Jazzlyn Hamilton and Trace Kite



Junior Princess and Prince Kate Wainwright and Shane Stokes



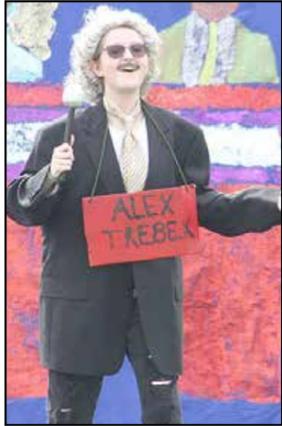
Sophomore Princess and Prince Chloe Hales and Conner Rowe



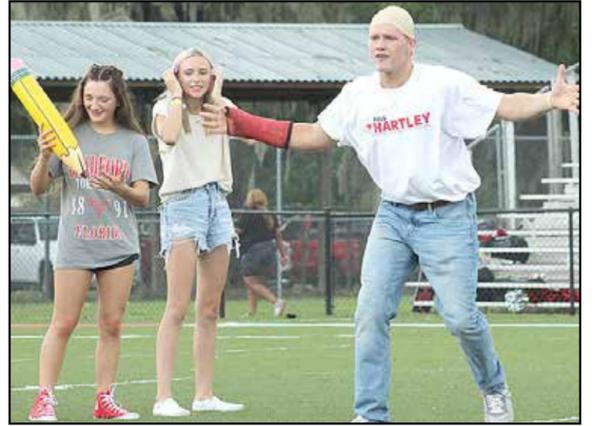
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Tornadoes Got Game

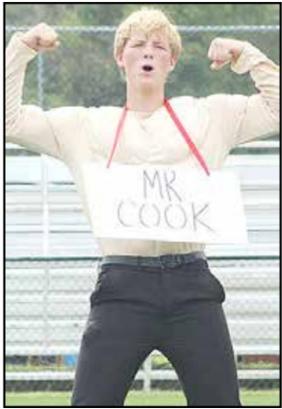
This year's BHS homecoming theme was, "Tornadoes Got Game," which led to Tornado Whirl skits that had students and school staff finding themselves inside board games and video games. In the winning senior skit (right), Michael Moore, who played Coach David May, is the Hungry, Hungry Hippos champion as he claimed the golden ball, represented by Jaden Hankerson. One of the vanquished hippos can be seen in the background.



Kaylan Waters portrays Jeopardy host Alex Trebek in the freshman skit, which placed second.



Superintendent Will Hartley, portrayed by Reese Wainwright (far right), wants to know where the game ball went in the senior skit. Also pictured are Skylla Buonacore (far left) and Kaylee Devore.



Zachary Wells flexes as teacher Geoff Cook in the sophomore class' third-place skit.



BHS students play a Nintendo game in class and wind up in Mario's world as part of the fourth-place junior skit. Pictured (l-r) are Addyson Hinds as a pink Yoshi, Lily Mercer as Luigi and Kate Wainwright as Mario.



Come on down to play The Price is Right in the freshman skit. Pictured are host Manduo Wei (left) and announcer Terrence Slocum.



Addison Thornton (right) is Mario Brothers' Bowser, who professes his love for Princess Peach, who's played by Ryder Thompson in the junior skit.



William Maust (left) and Trace Kite portray teacher Geoff Cook and BRT David Duncan in Candyland as part of the senior skit.



Kaydence Crawford (left) reacts as Trevor Clements prepares to switch out games, replacing Jumanji with Mario Kart in the sophomore skit.



Cayden Carter plays Principal Chris Coffey in the senior skit. Coffey, who's trapped in the game of Monopoly, wears a suit and hat designed with the images of money.

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Union County volleyball team defeats Newberry

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Union County High School won its second straight volleyball match, defeating visiting Class 3A Newberry 3-1 (23-25, 25-18, 25-15, 25-18) on Sept. 30.

Stats weren't available by deadline for the match that saw the Rural Class Tigers improve to 12-7.

The Tigers entered the match off a 3-1 (22-25, 25-21, 25-19, 25-17) win over 2A P.K. Yonge on Sept. 24 in Gainesville. Jailyn

Simmons and Layla Barber had 15 and eight kills, respectively. Simmons added seven service aces and six blocks, while Barber also had four blocks.

Indi Knox and Morgan Smith had seven and six kills, respectively, with Smith adding three blocks and Knox also tallying the team's second most digs with 16.

Bella Johns had the team high in digs with 20, while Kamryn Southerland and Abby Williams had eight and seven, respectively.

Southerland led in assists with 14, while Williams had 12.

Union will host Class 3A Bradford on Monday, Oct. 7, and travel to play fellow Rural team Branford on Tuesday, Oct. 8. Matches are at 6:30 p.m. following junior varsity matches at 5:30 p.m.

HCA volleyball team earns 3-0 win on Sept. 30

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Hope Christian Academy's varsity volleyball team had dropped seven matches in a row before defeating host Gainesville Christian Community 3-0 (25-11, 25-18, 25-22) on Sept. 30.

Mackenzie McRaney and Addyson Wilson had nine and six kills, respectively, with Wilson also recording seven assists and six service aces.

Brianna Bradshaw and Ashlyn Crews also had six aces each. Crews was right behind Wilson in assists with six.

The Lions (5-10) dropped a 3-0 (25-22, 25-9, 25-12) match to visiting First Coast Christian on Sept. 20 and entered the Sept. 30 Gainesville Christian Community match off a 3-2 (18-25, 25-12, 12-25, 25-21, 15-12) loss to visiting First Assembly on Sept. 24.

Wilson had seven kills and four assists in the loss to First Assembly, while Aubrianna Clark had six kills and three blocks. Hope also got seven assists from Crews, six aces from McRaney and two blocks from Bradshaw.

Hope's junior varsity team has won two of its last three, with its most recent match a 2-1 (25-15, 23-25, 15-9) win at Gainesville Christian Community on Sept. 30. Grace Amis had eight aces, while Abbie Leon had three kills.



Grace Amis makes a play for the Hope junior varsity volleyball team in a win over Gainesville Community Christian. The Lions moved their record to 7-8. The varsity team also defeated Gainesville Christian and is now 5-10. Photo by Chris Amis.

Prior to that match, the Lions (7-8) defeated visiting First Coast Christian 2-1 (25-16, 23-25, 15-6) on Sept. 20 and lost 2-0 (25-23, 25-16) to visiting First

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LBMS sweeps volleyball double-header against Keystone

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Lake Butler Middle School's A team rallied from a 23-18 second-set deficit to avoid being swept and eventually earn a 2-1 (20-25, 25-23, 15-13) win over visiting Keystone Heights in a Sept. 30 volleyball match.

It was a double-header sweep for the Tigers, whose B team defeated Keystone 2-1 (12-25, 25-14, 15-11).

The Tigers got off to a quick start in the A-team match, scoring the first six points with Sabella Reddish serving. Reddish had two aces during that span.

Grace Keaton and Savannah Rathjen had kills as the Indians gradually narrowed their deficit. A 4-0 run with Grace Gilmore serving gave Keystone a 15-14 lead.

A Keaton kill later forced side-out and gave the serve to Rathjen with the score tied at 16-16. Keaton added another kill during a 3-0 span that put the Indians up 19-16.

The Tigers got a Latoya Hampton kill off a Reddish assist, which left them trailing 20-18. Susan McLeod then had an ace for Lake Butler before Keystone's Emery Compton forced side-out with a kill.

Keystone got a kill from



The Tigers' A team got off to a quick start with Sabella Reddish serving.

The Tigers had committed three straight service errors, but they scored the final seven points with Hampton serving for the come-from-behind win. Hampton recorded several aces, while the winning point came on a tip by Lane.

Keystone went up 6-2 in the tie-breaker set, scoring five points with Rathjen serving.

The Tigers trailed 8-7 before getting two points with Hampton serving. One point was off a Lane kill.

Lane later added another kill to end a long volley and set up the serve for teammate Aaliyah Jackson with Lake Butler leading 10-9. The Tigers scored two straight points.

Lake Butler was one point away from the match win when Keystone scored a point off an ace to make the score 14-13. The Indians then committed a service error, giving the Tigers the win.

The first set of the B-team match saw Keystone score six points with Brinlee Letourneau serving to put the Indians up 7-3. Letourneau had four aces during that span.

Brooke Brinson later had two aces to help Keystone build a 16-4 lead.

Lily Asa made a play for the Indians' set-winning point. Lake Butler trailed 3-1 in the

second set before scoring eight points with Kinley Phillips serving. The run included an ace and a kill by Elenora Boccanelli.

A 7-0 run with Lea Elixson serving put the Tigers up 18-6.

The Tigers led 24-14 before scoring the set-winning point off a Keystone service error.

Keystone scored three points with Adalyn Gentry serving to take a 6-2 lead in the tie-breaker set. Another two points with Letourneau serving made it a 9-3 game in favor of the Indians.

The Indians scored their final point off an ace by Brinson,



Grace Gilmore serves late in the first set for the Keystone A team.

which gave Keystone an 11-4 lead. A free ball hit by the Tigers' Gracelyn McGee found a hole in the Indians' defense, forcing side-out.

With Emily Hunt serving, the Tigers scored the final 10 points of the match. Hunt had four aces in helping Lake Butler earn the win.

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PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS AND REVISIONS FOR THE 2024 GENERAL ELECTION

I, CORD BYRD, Secretary of State for Florida, do hereby give notice that the ballot title, summary and proposed text for each of the following proposed amendments and revisions to the Florida Constitution will be on the General Election ballot on November 5, 2024, in each county. The full text may also be found at <https://dos.elections.myflorida.com/initiatives/>, at FloridaPublicNotices.com, and at this newspaper's website.

No. 1 Constitutional Amendment

Article IX, Section 4 and Article XII

Ballot Title
Partisan Election of Members of District School Boards

Ballot Summary
Proposing amendments to the State Constitution to require members of a district school board to be elected in a partisan election rather than a nonpartisan election and to specify that the amendment only applies to elections held on or after the November 2026 general election.

Text

ARTICLE IX EDUCATION

SECTION 4. School districts; school boards.—

(a) Each county shall constitute a school district; provided, two or more contiguous counties, upon vote of the electors of each county pursuant to law, may be combined into one school district. In each school district there shall be a school board composed of five or more members chosen by vote of the electors in a partisan nonpartisan election for staggered terms of four years, as provided by law.

(b) The school board shall operate, control and supervise all free public schools within the school district and determine the rate of school district taxes within the limits prescribed herein. Two or more school districts may operate and finance joint educational programs.

ARTICLE XII SCHEDULE

Partisan election of members of district school boards.— This section and the amendment to Section 4 of Article IX requiring members of a district school board to be elected in a partisan election rather than a nonpartisan election shall take effect upon approval by the electors, except that members of district school boards may not be elected on a partisan basis until the general election held in November 2026. However, partisan primary elections may occur before the general election held on November 3, 2026, for purposes of nominating political party candidates to that office for placement on the 2026 general election ballot.

No. 2 Constitutional Amendment

Article I, Section 28

Ballot Title
Right to Fish and Hunt

Ballot Summary
Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to preserve forever fishing and hunting, including by the use of traditional methods, as a public right and preferred means of responsibly managing and controlling fish and wildlife. Specifies that the amendment does not limit the authority granted to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission under Section 9 of Article IV of the State Constitution.

Text

ARTICLE I DECLARATION OF RIGHTS

SECTION 28. Fishing, hunting, and the taking of fish and wildlife.— Fishing, hunting, and the taking of fish and wildlife, including by the use of traditional methods, shall be preserved forever as a public right and preferred means of responsibly managing and controlling fish and wildlife. This section does not limit the authority granted to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission under Section 9 of Article IV.

No. 3 Constitutional Amendment

Article X, Section 29

Ballot Title
Adult Personal Use of Marijuana

Ballot Summary
Allows adults 21 years or older to possess, purchase, or use marijuana products and marijuana accessories for non-medical personal consumption by smoking, ingestion, or otherwise; allows Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers, and other state licensed entities, to acquire, cultivate, process, manufacture, sell, and distribute such products and accessories. Applies to Florida law; does not change, or immunize violations of, federal law. Establishes possession limits for personal use. Allows consistent legislation. Defines terms. Provides effective date.

Financial and State Budget Impact Statements
The amendment's financial impact primarily comes from expected sales tax collections. If legal today, sales of non-medical marijuana would be subject to sales tax and would remain so if voters approve this amendment. Based on other states' experiences, expected retail sales of non-medical marijuana would generate at least \$195.6 million annually in state and local sales tax revenues once the retail market is fully operational, although the timing of this occurring is unclear. Under current law, the existing statutory framework for medical marijuana is repealed six months after the effective date of this amendment which affects how this amendment will be implemented. A new regulatory structure for both medical and nonmedical use of marijuana will be needed. Its design cannot be fully known until the legislature acts; however, regulatory costs will probably be offset by regulatory fees. Other potential costs and savings cannot be predicted.

THIS PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT IS ESTIMATED TO HAVE A NET POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE STATE BUDGET. THIS IMPACT MAY RESULT IN GENERATING ADDITIONAL REVENUE OR AN INCREASE IN GOVERNMENT SERVICES.

Text

ARTICLE X MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 29. Medical marijuana production, possession and use.—

(1) The medical use of marijuana by a qualifying patient or caregiver in compliance with this section is not subject to criminal or civil liability or sanctions under Florida law.

(2) A physician shall not be subject to criminal or civil liability or sanctions under Florida law solely for issuing a physician certification with reasonable care to a person diagnosed with a debilitating medical condition in compliance with this section.

(3) Actions and conduct by a Medical Marijuana Treatment Center registered with the Department, or its agents or employees, and in compliance with this section and Department regulations, shall not be subject to criminal or civil liability or sanctions under Florida law.

(4) The non-medical personal use of marijuana products and marijuana accessories by an adult, as defined below, in compliance with this section is not subject to any criminal or civil liability or sanctions under Florida law.

(5) Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers, and other entities licensed as provided below, are allowed to acquire, cultivate, process, manufacture, sell, and distribute marijuana products and marijuana accessories to adults for personal use upon the Effective Date provided below. A Medical Marijuana Treatment Center, or other state licensed entity, including its agents and employees, acting in accordance with this section as it relates to acquiring, cultivating, processing, manufacturing, selling, and distributing marijuana products and marijuana accessories, to adults for personal use shall not be subject to criminal or civil liability or sanctions under Florida law.

(b) DEFINITIONS. For purposes of this section, the following words and terms shall have the following meanings:

(1) "Debilitating Medical Condition" means cancer, epilepsy, glaucoma, positive status for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS), post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), Crohn's disease, Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis, or other debilitating medical conditions of the same kind or class as or comparable to those enumerated, and for which a physician believes that the medical use of marijuana would likely outweigh the potential health risks for a patient.

(2) "Department" means the Department of Health or its successor agency.

(3) "Identification card" means a document issued by the Department that identifies a qualifying patient or a caregiver.

(4) "Marijuana" has the meaning given cannabis in Section 893.02(3), Florida Statutes (2014), and, in addition, "Low-THC cannabis" as defined in Section 381.986(1)(b), Florida Statutes (2014), shall also be included in the meaning of the term "marijuana."

(5) "Medical Marijuana Treatment Center" (MMTC) means an entity that acquires, cultivates, possesses, processes (including development of related products such as food, tinctures, aerosols, oils, or ointments), transfers, transports, sells, distributes, dispenses, or administers marijuana, products containing marijuana, related supplies, or educational materials to qualifying patients or their caregivers and is registered by the Department.

(6) "Medical use" means the acquisition, possession, use, delivery, transfer, or administration of an amount of marijuana not in conflict with Department rules, or of related supplies to a qualifying patient or caregiver for use by the caregiver's designated qualifying patient for the treatment of a debilitating medical condition.

(7) "Caregiver" means a person who is at least twenty-one (21) years old who has agreed to assist with a qualifying patient's medical use of marijuana and has qualified for and obtained a caregiver identification card issued by the Department. The Department may limit the number of qualifying patients a caregiver may assist at one time and the number of caregivers that a qualifying patient may have at one time. Caregivers are prohibited from consuming marijuana obtained for medical use by the qualifying patient.

(8) "Physician" means a person who is licensed to practice medicine in Florida.

(9) "Physician certification" means a written document signed by a physician, stating that in the physician's professional opinion, the patient suffers from a debilitating medical condition, that the medical use of marijuana would likely outweigh the potential health risks for the patient, and for how long the physician recommends the medical use of marijuana for the patient. A physician certification may only be provided after the physician has conducted a physical examination and a full assessment of the medical history of the patient. In order for a physician certification to be issued to a minor, a parent or legal guardian of the minor must consent in writing.

(10) "Qualifying patient" means a person who has been diagnosed with a debilitating medical condition, who has a physician certification and a valid qualifying patient identification card. If the Department does not begin issuing identification cards within nine (9) months after the effective date of this section, then a valid physician certification will serve as a patient identification card in order to allow a person to become a "qualifying patient" until the Department begins issuing identification cards.

(11) "Marijuana accessories" means any equipment, product, or material of any kind that are used for inhaling, ingesting, topically applying, or otherwise introducing marijuana products into the human body for personal use.

(12) "Marijuana products" means marijuana, or goods containing marijuana.

(13) "Personal use" means the possession, purchase, or use of marijuana products or marijuana accessories by an adult 21 years of age or older for non-medical personal consumption by smoking, ingestion, or otherwise. An adult need not be a qualifying patient in order to purchase marijuana products or marijuana accessories for personal use from a Medical Marijuana Treatment Center. An individual's possession of marijuana for personal use shall not exceed 3.0 ounces of marijuana except that not more than five grams of marijuana may be in the form of concentrate.

(c) LIMITATIONS.

(1) Nothing in this section allows for a violation of any law other than for conduct in compliance with the provisions of this section.

(2) Nothing in this section shall affect or repeal laws relating to non-medical use, possession, production, or sale of marijuana.

(2) Nothing in this amendment prohibits the Legislature from enacting laws that are consistent with this amendment.

(3) Nothing in this section authorizes the use of medical marijuana by anyone other than a qualifying patient.

(4) Nothing in this section shall permit the operation of any vehicle, aircraft, train or boat while under the influence of marijuana.

(5) Nothing in this section changes federal law or requires the violation of federal law or purports to give immunity under federal law.

(6) Nothing in this section shall require any accommodation of any on-site medical use of marijuana in any correctional institution or detention facility or place of education or employment, or of smoking medical marijuana in any public place.

(7) Nothing in this section shall require any health insurance provider or any government agency or authority to reimburse any person for expenses related to the medical use of marijuana.

(8) Nothing in this section shall affect or repeal laws relating to negligence or professional malpractice on the part of a qualified patient, caregiver, physician, MMTC, or its agents or employees.

(d) DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT. The Department shall issue reasonable regulations necessary for the implementation and enforcement of this section. The purpose of the regulations is to ensure the availability and safe use of medical marijuana by qualifying patients. It is the duty of the Department to promulgate regulations in a timely fashion.

(1) Implementing Regulations. In order to allow the Department sufficient time after passage of this section, the following regulations shall be promulgated no later than six (6) months after the effective date of this section:

a. Procedures for the issuance and annual renewal of qualifying patient identification cards to people with physician certifications and standards for renewal of such identification cards. Before issuing an identification card to a minor, the Department must receive written consent from the minor's parent or legal guardian, in addition to the physician certification.

b. Procedures establishing qualifications and standards for caregivers, including conducting appropriate background checks, and procedures for the issuance and annual renewal of caregiver identification cards.

c. Procedures for the registration of MMTCs that include procedures for the issuance, renewal, suspension and revocation of registration, and standards to ensure proper security, record keeping, testing, labeling, inspection, and safety.

d. A regulation that defines the amount of marijuana that could reasonably be presumed to be an adequate supply for qualifying patients' medical use, based on the best available evidence. This presumption as to quantity may be overcome with evidence of a particular qualifying patient's appropriate medical use.

(2) Identification cards and registrations. The Department shall begin issuing qualifying patient and caregiver identification cards, and registering MMTCs no later than nine (9) months after the effective date of this section.

(3) If the Department does not issue regulations, or if the Department does not begin issuing identification cards and registering MMTCs within the time limits set in this section, any Florida citizen shall have standing to seek judicial relief to compel compliance with the Department's constitutional duties.

(4) The Department shall protect the confidentiality of all qualifying patients. All records containing the identity of qualifying patients shall be confidential and kept from public disclosure other than for valid medical or law enforcement purposes.

(5) LEGISLATION. Nothing in this section shall limit the legislature from enacting laws consistent with this section. The legislature may, provide for the licensure of entities that are not Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers to acquire, cultivate, possess, process, transfer, transport, sell, and distribute marijuana products and marijuana accessories for personal use by adults.

(f) SEVERABILITY. The provisions of this section are severable and if any clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this measure, or an application thereof, is adjudged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction other provisions shall continue to be in effect to the fullest extent possible.

(g) EFFECTIVE DATE. This amendment shall become effective six (6) months after approval by the voters.

No. 4 Constitutional Amendment

Article 1, New Section

Ballot Title
Amendment to Limit Government Interference with Abortion

Ballot Summary
No law shall prohibit, penalize, delay, or restrict abortion before viability or when necessary to protect the patient's health, as determined by the patient's healthcare provider. This amendment does not change the Legislature's constitutional authority to require notification to a parent or guardian before a minor has an abortion.

Financial and State Budget Impact Statements
The proposed amendment would result in significantly more abortions and fewer live births per year in Florida. The increase in abortions could be even greater if the amendment invalidates laws requiring parental consent before minors undergo abortions and those ensuring only licensed physicians perform abortions. There is also uncertainty about whether the amendment will require the state to subsidize abortions with public funds. Litigation to resolve those and other uncertainties will result in additional costs to the state government and state courts that will negatively impact the state budget. An increase in abortions may negatively affect the growth of state and local revenues over time. Because the fiscal impact of increased abortions on state and local revenues and costs cannot be estimated with precision, the total impact of the proposed amendment is indeterminate. THE FINANCIAL IMPACT OF THIS AMENDMENT CANNOT BE DETERMINED DUE TO AMBIGUITIES AND UNCERTAINTIES SURROUNDING THE AMENDMENT'S IMPACT.

Text

ARTICLE I DECLARATION OF RIGHTS

SECTION 1. Limiting government interference with abortion.— Except as provided in Article X, Section 22, no law shall prohibit, penalize, delay, or restrict abortion before viability or when necessary to protect the patient's health, as determined by the patient's healthcare provider.

(1) Nothing in this section allows for a violation of any law other than for conduct in compliance with the provisions of this section.

(2) Nothing in this section shall affect or repeal laws relating to non-medical use, possession, production, or sale of marijuana.

(2) Nothing in this amendment prohibits the Legislature from enacting laws that are consistent with this amendment.

(3) Nothing in this section authorizes the use of medical marijuana by anyone other than a qualifying patient.

(4) Nothing in this section shall permit the operation of any vehicle, aircraft, train or boat while under the influence of marijuana.

(5) Nothing in this section changes federal law or requires the violation of federal law or purports to give immunity under federal law.

(6) Nothing in this section shall require any accommodation of any on-site medical use of marijuana in any correctional institution or detention facility or place of education or employment, or of smoking medical marijuana in any public place.

(7) Nothing in this section shall require any health insurance provider or any government agency or authority to reimburse any person for expenses related to the medical use of marijuana.

(8) Nothing in this section shall affect or repeal laws relating to negligence or professional malpractice on the part of a qualified patient, caregiver, physician, MMTC, or its agents or employees.

(d) DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT. The Department shall issue reasonable regulations necessary for the implementation and enforcement of this section. The purpose of the regulations is to ensure the availability and safe use of medical marijuana by qualifying patients. It is the duty of the Department to promulgate regulations in a timely fashion.

(1) Implementing Regulations. In order to allow the Department sufficient time after passage of this section, the following regulations shall be promulgated no later than six (6) months after the effective date of this section:

a. Procedures for the issuance and annual renewal of qualifying patient identification cards to people with physician certifications and standards for renewal of such identification cards. Before issuing an identification card to a minor, the Department must receive written consent from the minor's parent or legal guardian, in addition to the physician certification.

b. Procedures establishing qualifications and standards for caregivers, including conducting appropriate background checks, and procedures for the issuance and annual renewal of caregiver identification cards.

c. Procedures for the registration of MMTCs that include procedures for the issuance, renewal, suspension and revocation of registration, and standards to ensure proper security, record keeping, testing, labeling, inspection, and safety.

d. A regulation that defines the amount of marijuana that could reasonably be presumed to be an adequate supply for qualifying patients' medical use, based on the best available evidence. This presumption as to quantity may be overcome with evidence of a particular qualifying patient's appropriate medical use.

(2) Identification cards and registrations. The Department shall begin issuing qualifying patient and caregiver identification cards, and registering MMTCs no later than nine (9) months after the effective date of this section.

(3) If the Department does not issue regulations, or if the Department does not begin issuing identification cards and registering MMTCs within the time limits set in this section, any Florida citizen shall have standing to seek judicial relief to compel compliance with the Department's constitutional duties.

(4) The Department shall protect the confidentiality of all qualifying patients. All records containing the identity of qualifying patients shall be confidential and kept from public disclosure other than for valid medical or law enforcement purposes.

(5) LEGISLATION. Nothing in this section shall limit the legislature from enacting laws consistent with this section. The legislature may, provide for the licensure of entities that are not Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers to acquire, cultivate, possess, process, transfer, transport, sell, and distribute marijuana products and marijuana accessories for personal use by adults.

(f) SEVERABILITY. The provisions of this section are severable and if any clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this measure, or an application thereof, is adjudged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction other provisions shall continue to be in effect to the fullest extent possible.

(g) EFFECTIVE DATE. This amendment shall become effective six (6) months after approval by the voters.

thousand dollars; and;

b. For all levies other than school district levies, on the assessed valuation greater than fifty thousand dollars and up to seventy-five thousand dollars.

upon establishment of right thereto in the manner prescribed by law. The real estate may be held by legal or equitable title, by the entires, jointly, in common, as a condominium, or indirectly by stock ownership or membership representing the owner's or member's proprietary interest in a corporation owning a fee or a leasehold initially in excess of ninety-eight years. The exemption shall not apply with respect to any assessment roll until such roll is first determined to be in compliance with the provisions of section 4 by a state agency designated by general law. This exemption is repealed on the effective date of any amendment to this Article which provides for the assessment of homestead property at less than just value.

(2) The twenty-five thousand dollar amount of assessed valuation exempt from taxation provided in subparagraph (a)(1), shall be adjusted annually on January 1 of each year for inflation using the percent change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, U.S. City Average, all items 1967=100, or successor reports for the preceding calendar year as initially reported by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, if such percent change is positive.

(3) The amount of assessed valuation exempt from taxation for which every person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner or another person legally or naturally dependent upon the owner, is eligible, and which applies solely to levies other than school district levies, that is owed in this constitution after January 1, 2025, shall be adjusted annually on January 1 of each year for inflation using the percent change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, U.S. City Average, all items 1967=100, or successor reports for the preceding calendar year as initially reported by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, if such percent change is positive, beginning the year following the effective date of such exemption.

(b) Not more than one exemption shall be allowed any individual or family unit or with respect to any residential unit. No exemption shall exceed the value of the real estate assessable to the owner or, in case of ownership through stock or membership in a corporation, the value of the proportion which the interest in the corporation bears to the assessed value of the property.

(c) By general law and subject to conditions specified therein, the Legislature may provide to renters, who are permanent residents, ad valorem tax relief on all ad valorem tax levies. Such ad valorem tax relief shall be in the form and amount established by general law.

(d) The legislature may, by general law, allow counties or municipalities, for the purpose of their respective tax levies and subject to the provisions of general law, to grant either or both of the following additional homestead tax exemptions:

(1) An exemption not exceeding fifty thousand dollars to a person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner, who has attained age sixty-five, and whose household income, as defined by general law, does not exceed twenty thousand dollars;

(2) An exemption equal to the assessed value of the property to a person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate with a just value less than two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, as determined in the first tax year that the owner applies and is eligible for the exemption, and who has maintained thereon the permanent residence of the owner for not less than twenty-five years, who has attained age sixty-five, and whose household income does not exceed the income limitation prescribed in paragraph (1).

The general law must allow counties and municipalities to grant these additional exemptions, within the limits prescribed in this subsection, by ordinance adopted in the manner prescribed by general law, and must provide for the periodic adjustment of the income limitation prescribed in this subsection for changes in the cost of living.

(e)(1) Each veteran who is age 65 or older who is partially or totally permanently disabled shall receive a discount from the amount of the ad valorem tax otherwise owed on homestead property the veteran owns and resides in if the disability was combat related and the veteran was honorably discharged upon separation from military service. The discount shall be in a percentage equal to the percentage of the veteran's permanent, service-connected disability as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. To qualify for the discount granted by this paragraph, an applicant must submit to the county property appraiser, by March 1, an official letter from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs stating the percentage of the veteran's service-connected disability and such evidence that reasonably identifies the disability as combat related and a copy of the veteran's honorable discharge. If the property appraiser denies the request for a discount, the appraiser must notify the applicant in writing of the reasons for the denial, and the veteran may reapply. The Legislature may, by general law, waive the annual application requirement in subsequent years.

(2) If a veteran who receives the discount described in paragraph (1) predeceases his or her spouse, and if, upon the death of the veteran, the surviving spouse holds the legal or beneficial title to the homesteaded property and permanently resides thereon, the discount carries over to the surviving spouse until he or she remarries or sells or otherwise disposes of the homesteaded property. If the surviving spouse sells or otherwise disposes of the property, a discount not to exceed the dollar amount granted from the most recent ad valorem tax roll may be transferred to the surviving spouse's new homesteaded property, if used as his or her permanent residence and he or she has not remarried.

(3) This subsection is self-executing and does not require implementing legislation.

(f) By general law and subject to conditions and limitations specified therein, the Legislature may provide ad valorem tax relief equal to the total amount or a portion of the ad valorem tax otherwise owed on homesteaded property to:

(1) The surviving spouse of a veteran who died from service-connected causes while on active duty as a member of the United States Armed Forces.

(2) The surviving spouse of a first responder who died in the line of duty.

(3) A first responder who is totally and permanently disabled as a result of an injury or injuries sustained in the line of duty. Causal connection between a disability and service in the line of duty shall not be presumed but must be determined as provided by general law. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "disability" does not include a chronic condition or chronic disease, unless the injury sustained in the line of duty was the sole cause of the chronic condition or chronic disease.

As used in this subsection and as further defined by general law, the term "first responder" means a law enforcement officer, a correctional officer, a firefighter, an emergency medical technician, or a paramedic, and the term "in the line of duty" means arising out of and in the actual performance of duty required by employment as a first responder.

ARTICLE VII FINANCE AND TAXATION

SECTION 6. Homestead exemptions.—

(a)(1) Every person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner, or another legally or naturally dependent upon the owner, shall be exempt from taxation thereon, except assessments for special benefits, as follows:

a. Up to the assessed valuation of twenty-five thousand dollars; and;

b. For all levies other than school district levies, on the assessed valuation greater than fifty thousand dollars and up to seventy-five thousand dollars.

upon establishment of right thereto in the manner prescribed by law. The real estate may be held by legal or equitable title, by the entires, jointly, in common, as a condominium, or indirectly by stock ownership or membership representing the owner's or member's proprietary interest in a corporation owning a fee or a leasehold initially in excess of ninety-eight years. The exemption shall not apply with respect to any assessment roll until such roll is first determined to be in compliance with the provisions of section 4 by a state agency designated by general law. This exemption is repealed on the effective date of any amendment to this Article which provides for the assessment of homestead property at less than just value.

(2) The twenty-five thousand dollar amount of assessed valuation exempt from taxation provided in subparagraph (a)(1), shall be adjusted annually on January 1 of each year for inflation using the percent change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, U.S. City Average, all items 1967=100, or successor reports for the preceding calendar year as initially reported by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, if such percent change is positive.

(3) The amount of assessed valuation exempt from taxation for which every person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner or another person legally or naturally dependent upon the owner, is eligible, and which applies solely to levies other than school district levies, that is owed in this constitution after January 1, 2025, shall be adjusted annually on January 1 of each year for inflation using the percent change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, U.S. City Average, all items 1967=100, or successor reports for the preceding calendar year as initially reported by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, if such percent change is positive, beginning the year following the effective date of such exemption.

(b) Not more than one exemption shall be allowed any individual or family unit or with respect to any residential unit. No exemption shall exceed the value of the real estate assessable to the owner or, in case of ownership through stock or membership in a corporation, the value of the proportion which the interest in the corporation bears to the assessed value of the property.

(c) By general law and subject to conditions specified therein, the Legislature may provide to renters, who are permanent residents, ad valorem tax relief on all ad valorem tax levies. Such ad valorem tax relief shall be in the form and amount established by general law.

(d) The legislature may, by general law, allow counties or municipalities, for the purpose of their respective tax levies and subject to the provisions of general law, to grant either or both of the following additional homestead tax exemptions:

(1) An exemption not exceeding fifty thousand dollars to a person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner, who has attained age sixty-five, and whose household income, as defined by general law, does not exceed twenty thousand dollars;

(2) An exemption equal to the assessed value of the property to a person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate with a just value less than two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, as determined in the first tax year that the owner applies and is eligible for the exemption, and who has maintained thereon the permanent residence of the owner for not less than twenty-five years, who has attained age sixty-five, and whose household income does not exceed the income limitation prescribed in paragraph (1).

The general law must allow counties and municipalities to grant these additional exemptions, within the limits prescribed in this subsection, by ordinance adopted in the manner prescribed by general law, and must provide for the periodic adjustment of the income limitation prescribed in this subsection for changes in the cost of living.

(e)(1) Each veteran who is age 65 or older who is partially or totally permanently disabled shall receive a discount from the amount of the ad valorem tax otherwise owed on homestead property the veteran owns and resides in if the disability was combat related and the veteran was honorably discharged upon separation from military service. The discount shall be in a percentage equal to the percentage of the veteran's permanent, service-connected disability as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. To qualify for the discount granted by this paragraph, an applicant must submit to the county property appraiser, by March 1, an official letter from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs stating the percentage of the veteran's service-connected disability and such evidence that reasonably identifies the disability as combat related and a copy of the veteran's honorable discharge. If the property appraiser denies the request for a discount, the appraiser must notify the applicant in writing of the reasons for the denial, and the veteran may reapply. The Legislature may, by general law, waive the annual application requirement in subsequent years.

(2) If a veteran who receives the discount described in paragraph (1) predeceases his or her spouse, and if, upon the death of the veteran, the surviving spouse holds the legal or beneficial title to the homesteaded property and permanently resides thereon, the discount carries over to the surviving spouse until he or she remarries or sells or otherwise disposes of the homesteaded property. If the surviving spouse sells or otherwise disposes of the property, a discount not to exceed the dollar amount granted from the most recent ad valorem tax roll may be transferred to the surviving spouse's new homesteaded property, if used as his or her permanent residence and he or she has not remarried.

(3) This subsection is self-executing and does not require implementing legislation.

(f) By general law and subject to conditions and limitations specified therein, the Legislature may provide ad valorem tax relief equal to the total amount or a portion of the ad valorem tax otherwise owed on homesteaded property to:

(1) The surviving spouse of a veteran who died from service-connected causes while on active duty as a member of the United States Armed Forces.

(2) The surviving spouse of a first responder who died in the line of duty.

(3) A first responder who is totally and permanently disabled as a result of an injury or injuries sustained in the line of duty. Causal connection between a disability and service in the line of duty shall not be presumed but must be determined as provided by general law. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "disability" does not include a chronic condition or chronic disease, unless the injury sustained in the line of duty was the sole cause of the chronic condition or chronic disease.

As used in this subsection and as further defined by general law, the term "first responder" means a law enforcement officer, a correctional officer, a firefighter, an emergency medical technician, or a paramedic, and the term "in the line of duty" means arising out of and in the actual performance of duty required by employment as a first responder.

SCHEDULE

Annual adjustment to homestead exemption value.— This section and the amendment to Section 6 of Article VII requiring an annual adjustment for inflation of specified homestead exemptions shall take effect January 1, 2025.

No. 6 Constitutional Amendment

Legal Notices

LEGALS

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después de que el médico haya realizado un examen físico y una evaluación completa del historial médico del paciente. Para que se emita una certificación médica a un menor, uno de los padres, o tutor legal del menor debe dar su consentimiento por escrito.

(10) "Paciente calificado" significa una persona a la que se le ha diagnosticado una condición médica debilitante, que tiene una certificación médica y una tarjeta de identificación de paciente calificado válida. Si el Departamento no comienza a emitir tarjetas de identificación dentro de los nueve (9) meses posteriores a la fecha de vigencia de esta sección, entonces una certificación médica válida servirá como tarjeta de identificación del paciente para permitir que una persona se convierta en un "paciente calificado" hasta que el departamento comience a emitir tarjetas de identificación.

(11) "Accesorios de marihuana" significa cualquier equipo, producto o material de cualquier tipo que se utilice para inhalar, ingerir, aplicar tópicamente o introducir de otro modo productos de marihuana en el cuerpo humano para uso personal.

(12) "Productos de marihuana" significa marihuana o productos que contienen marihuana.

(13) "Uso personal" significa la posesión, compra o uso de productos de marihuana o accesorios de marihuana por parte de un adulto de 21 años de edad o más para consumo personal no médico mediante fumar, ingerir o de otra manera. No es necesario que un adulto sea un paciente calificado para comprar productos o accesorios de marihuana para uso personal en un Centro de tratamiento de marihuana medicinal. La posesión de marihuana para uso personal por parte de un individuo no excederá las 3.0 onzas de marihuana, excepto que no más de cinco gramos de marihuana pueden estar en forma de concentrado.

(c) LIMITACIONES.

(1) Nada en esta sección permite una violación de cualquier ley que no sea una conducta de conformidad con las disposiciones de esta sección.

(2) Nada en esta sección afectará o derogará las leyes relacionadas con el uso, posesión, producción o venta de marihuana con fines no médicos.

(3) Nada en esta sección prohíbe a la Legislatura promulgar leyes que sean consistentes con esta enmienda.

(4) Nada en esta sección autoriza el uso de marihuana medicinal por parte de nadie que no sea un paciente calificado.

(5) Nada en esta sección permitirá la operación de ningún vehículo, avión, tren o barco bajo la influencia de la marihuana.

(6) Nada en esta sección cambia la ley federal ni requiere la violación de la ley federal ni pretende otorgar inmunidad bajo la ley federal.

(7) Nada en esta sección requerirá ninguna adaptación de cualquier uso médico de marihuana en el sitio en cualquier institución correccional o centro de detención o lugar de educación o empleo, o de fumar marihuana medicinal en cualquier lugar público.

(8) Nada en esta sección requerirá que ningún proveedor de seguro médico ni ninguna agencia o autoridad gubernamental reembolse a ninguna persona los gastos relacionados con el uso médico de la marihuana.

(9) Nada en esta sección afectará o derogará las leyes relacionadas con negligencia o mala práctica profesional por parte de un paciente calificado, cuidador, médico, MMTC o sus agentes o empleados.

(10) FUNCIONES DEL DEPARTAMENTO. El Departamento emitirá las regulaciones razonables necesarias para la implementación y cumplimiento de esta sección. El propósito de las regulaciones es garantizar la disponibilidad y el uso seguro de la marihuana medicinal por parte de los pacientes que califican. Es deber del Departamento promulgar reglamentos en forma oportuna.

(11) Reglamento de aplicación. Para permitir al Departamento tiempo suficiente después de la aprobación de esta sección, las siguientes regulaciones se promulgarán a más tardar seis (6) meses después de la fecha de vigencia de esta sección: a. Procedimientos para la emisión y renovación anual de tarjetas de identificación de pacientes calificados para personas con certificaciones médicas y estándares para la renovación de dichas tarjetas de identificación. Antes de emitir una tarjeta de identificación a un menor, el Departamento debe recibir el consentimiento por escrito de uno de los padres o tutor legal del menor, además de la certificación médica.

b. Procedimientos que establecen calificaciones y estándares para los cuidadores, incluida la realización de verificaciones de antecedentes, apropiadas, y procedimientos para la emisión y renovación anual de tarjetas de identificación de cuidadores. c. Procedimientos para el registro de MMTC que incluyen procedimientos para la emisión, renovación, suspensión y revocación del registro, y estándares para garantizar la seguridad, el mantenimiento de registros, las pruebas, el etiquetado, la inspección y la seguridad adecuados. d. Una regulación que define la cantidad de marihuana que razonablemente podría presumirse como un suministro adecuado para el uso médico de los pacientes calificados, basándose en la mejor evidencia disponible. Esta presunción de cantidad puede superarse con evidencia del uso médico apropiado de un paciente en particular que califica.

(12) Tarjetas de identificación y registros. El Departamento comenzará a emitir tarjetas de identificación de pacientes y cuidadores calificados y a registrar los MMTC a más tardar nueve (9) meses después de la fecha de entrada en vigor de esta sección.

(13) Si el Departamento no emite regulaciones, o si el Departamento no comienza a emitir tarjetas de identificación y a registrar MMTC dentro de los límites de tiempo establecidos en esta sección, cualquier ciudadano de Florida tendrá legitimación activa para buscar reparación judicial para obligar al cumplimiento de las disposiciones constitucionales del Departamento.

(14) El Departamento protegerá la confidencialidad de todos los pacientes que califiquen. Todos los registros que contengan la identidad de los pacientes calificados serán confidenciales y no se divulgarán al público excepto para fines médicos o policiales válidos.

(15) LEGISLACIÓN. Nada en esta sección limitará a la legislatura a la hora de promulgar leyes consistentes con esta sección. La Legislatura puede disponer la concesión de licencias a entidades que no sean Centros de Tratamiento de Marihuana Medicinal para adquirir, cultivar, poseer, procesar, transferir, transportar, vender, y distribuir productos de marihuana y accesorios de marihuana para uso personal de adultos.

(16) DIVISIBILIDAD. Las disposiciones de esta sección son divisibles y si cualquier cláusula, frase, párrafo o sección de esta medida, o una aplicación de la misma, es declarada inválida por un tribunal de jurisdicción competente, otras disposiciones seguirán estando vigentes en la mayor medida posible.

(17) FECHA DE VIGENCIA. Esta enmienda entrará en vigor seis (6) meses posteriores a la aprobación de los volantes.

Título de la boleta

Enmienda Para Limitar La Interferencia Gubernamental en El Aborto. —

Resumen de la boleta

Ninguna ley prohibirá, penalizará, retrasará o restringirá el aborto antes de su viabilidad o cuando sea necesario para proteger la salud de la paciente, según lo determine el proveedor de servicios de salud de la paciente. Esta enmienda no cambia la autoridad constitucional de la Legislatura para exigir notificación a uno de los padres o tutor del menor antes de que una menor tenga un aborto.

Declaraciones del impacto del presupuesto financiero y estatal

La enmienda propuesta daría como resultado un número significativamente mayor de abortos y un número menor de niños nacidos vivos anualmente en Florida. El aumento de los abortos podría ser aún mayor si la enmienda invalida las leyes que requieren el consentimiento parental antes de que las menores se sometan a abortos y aquellas leyes que garantizan que únicamente los médicos autorizados practiquen abortos. También existe incertidumbre sobre la cuestión que suscitará la enmienda sobre el requerimiento del estado de subsidiar los abortos con fondos públicos. Los litigios para resolver esas y otras incertidumbres generarán costos adicionales para el gobierno y los tribunales estatales que impactarán negativamente el presupuesto estatal. Un aumento de los abortos puede afectar negativamente, a lo largo del tiempo, el crecimiento de los ingresos estatales y locales. Debido a que no se puede estimar precisamente el impacto fiscal del aumento de los abortos en los ingresos y los costos estatales y locales, el impacto total de la enmienda propuesta es impredecible. EL IMPACTO FINANCIERO DE ESTA ENMIENDA NO PUEDE DETERMINARSE DEBIDO A LAS AMBIGÜEDADES E INCERTIDUMBRES QUE RODEAN EL IMPACTO DE LA ENMIENDA.

Texto

ARTÍCULO I DECLARACIÓN DE DERECHOS

Nueva sección, enmienda para limitar la interferencia del gobierno con el aborto.

SECCIÓN 1. Limitar la interferencia gubernamental con el aborto. — Excepto lo dispuesto en el Artículo X, Sección 22, ninguna ley prohibirá, penalizará, retrasará o restringirá el aborto antes de su viabilidad o cuando sea necesario para proteger la salud de la paciente, según lo determine el proveedor de atención médica de la paciente.

N.º 5 Enmienda Constitucional

Artículo VII, Sección 6 y Artículo XII

Título de la boleta

Ajustes Anuales al Valor de Determinadas Exenciones Impositivas Para Viviendas Familiares. —

Resumen de la boleta

Se propone una enmienda a la Constitución del Estado para exigir un ajuste anual por inflación al valor de las exenciones de propiedad actuales o futuras que se aplican únicamente a gravámenes distintos de los impuestos del distrito escolar y para los cuales toda persona que tenga un título legal o equitativo sobre bienes inmuebles y los mantenga es elegible la residencia permanente del propietario, o de otra persona que dependa legal o naturalmente del propietario. Esta enmienda entra en vigencia el 1 de enero de 2025.

Texto

ARTÍCULO VII FINANZAS Y TRIBUTACIÓN

SECCIÓN 6. Exenciones impositivas para viviendas familiares. —

(a) (1) Toda persona que tenga título legal o equitativo sobre bienes raíces y los mantenga como residencia permanente del propietario, u otra persona que dependa legal o naturalmente del propietario, estará exenta de tributación sobre los mismos, excepto las evaluaciones por beneficios especiales, como sigue:

a. Hasta el valor tasado de veinticinco mil dólares; y

b. Para todos los gravámenes que no sean los del distrito escolar, sobre el valor tasado superior a cincuenta mil dólares y hasta setenta y cinco mil dólares, al establecerse el derecho sobre ello en la forma prescrita por la ley. La titularidad sobre los bienes raíces podrá ser legal o en equidad, mancomunada, solidaria, en común, como condominio, o indirectamente mediante la tenencia de acciones o participaciones que representen el derecho de propiedad del propietario o socio en una sociedad que tenga el dominio o los derechos de arrendamiento que inicialmente superen noventa y ocho años. La exención no se aplicará respecto a ningún registro fiscal hasta que primero un organismo estatal designado de conformidad con la ley general determine que dicho registro cumple con las disposiciones de la sección 4. Esta exención se revocará en la fecha de entrada en vigencia de cualquier enmienda a este Artículo que disponga la tasación de la vivienda familiar a un valor inferior al justo valor.

(2) La cantidad de veinticinco mil dólares de valuación tasada exenta de impuestos dispuesta en el subpárrafo (a)(1) b. se ajustará anualmente el 1 de enero de cada año por inflación utilizando el cambio porcentual en el índice de Precios al Consumidor para Todos los Consumidores Urbanos, Promedio de Ciudades de EE. UU., todos los elementos 1967=100, o informes posteriores para el año calendario anterior según lo informado inicialmente por los Estados Unidos, Departamento de Trabajo de los estados, Oficina de Estadísticas Laborales, si dicho cambio porcentual es positivo.

(3) El monto del avalúo exento de impuestos al que tiene derecho toda persona que tenga el título legal o equitativo de un bien inmueble y mantenga sobre él la residencia permanente del propietario, o de otra persona que dependa legal o naturalmente del propietario, y que se aplica únicamente a impuestos distintos de los impuestos del distrito escolar, que se agrega a esta constitución después del 1 de enero de 2025, se ajustará anualmente el 1 de enero de cada año por inflación utilizando el cambio porcentual en el Índice de Precios al Consumidor para todos los consumidores urbanos, ciudad de EE. UU. Promedio, todos los artículos 1967=100, o informes sucesores para el año calendario anterior según lo informado inicialmente por la Oficina de Estadísticas Laborales del Departamento de Trabajo de los Estados Unidos, si dicho cambio porcentual es positivo, comenzando el año siguiente a la fecha de vigencia de dicha exención.

(b) No se le permitirá más de una exención a ninguna persona o unidad familiar respecto a ninguna unidad residencial. Ninguna exención superará el valor de los bienes raíces tasables al propietario o, en caso de dominio mediante acciones o participación en una sociedad, el valor de la proporción que devengue la participación en la sociedad sobre la tasación del inmueble.

(c) De conformidad con la ley general y con sujeción a las condiciones que se especifican en la misma, la Legislatura podrá entregarles a los arrendatarios que sean residentes permanentes una desgravación fiscal ad valorem sobre todos los gravámenes fiscales ad valorem. Dicha desgravación fiscal ad valorem se establecerá de la forma y en el monto que disponga la ley

general.

(d) La Legislatura podrá, de conformidad con la ley general, permitirles a los condados o municipios, para efectos de sus gravámenes fiscales respectivos y con sujeción a las disposiciones de la ley general, conceder cualquiera de las siguientes exenciones impositivas adicionales para viviendas familiares o ambas:

(1) Una exención que no supere cincuenta mil dólares para una persona que tenga la titularidad legal o en equidad sobre bienes raíces y mantenga allí la residencia permanente del propietario, que haya cumplido la edad de sesenta y cinco años, y cuyos ingresos familiares, según lo define la ley general, no superen veinticinco mil dólares; o

(2) Una exención equivalente al valor tasado del inmueble para una persona que tenga titularidad legal o equitativa sobre los bienes raíces con un valor justo inferior a doscientos cincuenta mil dólares, según se determine en el primer ejercicio fiscal que aplique el propietario y que cumpla los requisitos para la exención, y que haya mantenido en los mismos la residencia permanente del propietario durante al menos veinticinco años, que haya cumplido la edad de sesenta y cinco años, y cuyos ingresos del hogar no superen la limitación sobre ingresos que se prescribe en el apartado (1).

La ley general debe permitirles a los condados y municipios conceder dichas exenciones adicionales, dentro de los límites que se prescriben en este inciso, mediante una ordenanza que se adopte de la manera que lo prescribe la ley general, y debe disponer el ajuste periódico de la limitación sobre ingresos que se prescribe en este inciso respecto a los cambios en el costo de vida.

(e) (1) Cada veterano que tenga 65 años o más y que sufra una discapacidad parcial o total recibirá un descuento del monto del impuesto ad valorem que se adeude sobre la vivienda familiar que posee el veterano y donde el mismo resida si la discapacidad hubiera sido causada por el combate y el veterano hubiera sido dado de baja con honor tras retirarse del servicio militar. El descuento se expresará en un porcentaje equivalente al porcentaje de la discapacidad permanente vinculada al servicio del veterano, según lo determine el Departamento de Asuntos de los Veteranos de los Estados Unidos. Para optar al descuento que se concede en este apartado, el solicitante debe presentarle al tasador inmobiliario del condado, a más tardar el 1 de marzo, una carta oficial del Departamento de Asuntos de los Veteranos de los Estados Unidos mediante la que se indique el porcentaje de la discapacidad vinculada al servicio del veterano y las pruebas que demuestran de manera razonable que la discapacidad fue causada por el combate, así como también una copia de la baja con honor del veterano. Si el tasador inmobiliario rechaza la solicitud de descuento, el tasador debe notificarle al solicitante por escrito los motivos del rechazo, y el veterano podrá volver a realizar la solicitud. La Legislatura podrá, de conformidad con la ley general, desistir del requerimiento anual de solicitudes en los años posteriores.

(2) Si un veterano que recibe el descuento descrito en el apartado (1) fallece antes de su cónyuge, y si, al fallecer el veterano, el(la) cónyuge sobreviviente posee la titularidad legal o el usufructo de la vivienda familiar y reside permanentemente allí, el descuento se transferirá al(la) cónyuge sobreviviente hasta que se vuelva a casar, venda o de otra manera disponga de la vivienda familiar. Si el(la) cónyuge sobreviviente vende o de otra manera dispone de la vivienda, se podrá transferir a la nueva vivienda familiar del(la) cónyuge sobreviviente un descuento que no exceda el monto en dólares otorgado según el registro fiscal ad valorem más reciente, si la utiliza como su residencia permanente y si no se ha vuelto a casar.

(3) Este inciso tiene efecto inmediato y no necesita legislación de implementación.

(f) De conformidad con la ley general y con sujeción a las condiciones y limitaciones que se especifican en la misma, la Legislatura podrá concederle una desgravación fiscal ad valorem equivalente al monto total o una parte del impuesto ad valorem que se adeude sobre la vivienda familiar a:

(1) El(la) cónyuge sobreviviente de un veterano que haya fallecido durante su servicio activo en calidad de miembro de las Fuerzas Armadas de los Estados Unidos.

(2) El(la) cónyuge sobreviviente de un socorrista que haya fallecido en acto de servicio.

(3) Un socorrista que tenga una discapacidad total y permanente a causa de una lesión o lesiones que haya sufrido en acto de servicio. La conexión causal entre una discapacidad y el acto de servicio no debe presumirse, sino que determinarse según lo dispone la ley general.

Para efectos de este apartado, el término "discapacidad" no incluye una afección crónica o enfermedad crónica, a menos que la lesión que se haya sufrido en acto de servicio hubiera sido la única causa de la afección crónica y la enfermedad crónica.

Según se usa en este inciso y según lo define más extensamente la ley general, el término "socorrista" hace referencia a un policía, un funcionario penitenciario, un bombero, un técnico médico de emergencia o un paramédico, y el término "en acto de servicio" significa que surge a raíz del desempeño real del servicio que sea necesario en virtud del trabajo como socorrista.

ARTÍCULO XII ANEXO

N.º 6 Enmienda Constitucional

Artículo VI, Sección 7

Título de la boleta

Derogación del Requerimiento de Financiamiento de Campañas Públicas. —

Resumen de la boleta

Se propone el rechazo de la disposición de la Constitución del Estado que requiere el financiamiento público de las campañas de los candidatos que busquen oficios estatales electivos y que se adhieran a los límites de gastos de campaña.

ARTÍCULO VI SUFFRAGIO Y ELECCIONES

SECCIÓN 7.—Límites de gastos de campaña y financiamiento de campañas para

oficios estatales electivos. Es política del estado establecer elecciones en todo estado en las que puedan competir efectivamente todos los candidatos idóneos. Se establecerá por ley un método para el financiamiento público de campañas para la ocupación de cargos estatales. Se establecerán límites de gastos se establecerán para tales campañas a los candidatos que utilicen fondos públicos en ellas. La legislatura proporcionará los fondos para esta disposición. La ley general que implemente este párrafo deberá ofrecer como mínimo la misma protección a la competencia efectiva de candidatos que utilicen fondos públicos que la ley general vigente el 1 de enero de 1998.

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BRADFORD

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: 716
Year of Issuance: 2017 :
Parcel Number: 02527-0-00000
Case Number: 04-2024-TD-15
Description of Property: Lot 3, Block 20, NORTH RENO SUBDIVISION, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 39, current public records of Bradford County, Florida.
Name in Which Assessed: KEYON BAKER

Name on last tax roll, if different: All of said property being in the County of Bradford, State of Florida. Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the BRADFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, STARKE, FL on 11/13/2024, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.

Denny Thompson, Clerk Of The Circuit Court Bradford County, Florida
BY: KANETRA JENKINS Deputy Clerk
Contact the Tax Deed Office at 904-966-6280 to obtain the amount necessary to redeem.
DATED: September 3, 2024
DATE OF PUBLICATION: SEPTEMBER 12, 2024; SEPTEMBER 19, 2024; SEPTEMBER 26, 2024; OCTOBER 3, 2024

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Certificate Number: 1275
Year of Issuance: 2018 :
Parcel Number: 06053-0-01000
Case Number: 04-2024-TD-14
Description of Property: PARCEL NO. 7:
Beginning at a concrete monument marking the Southwest corner of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 26, Township 8 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida. Thence North 188.57 feet to a concrete monument. Thence East 495 feet to a concrete monument. Thence South 188.57 feet to a concrete monument. Thence West 495 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 2.14 acres more or less.

ALSO :
The right of ingress and egress across the East 20 feet of the West 495 feet and the North 20 feet of the East 825 feet of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 26, Township 8 South, Range 22 East. Name in Which Assessed: CATHERINE SLOAN
Name on last tax roll, if different: All of said property being in the County of Bradford, State of Florida. Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the BRADFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, STARKE, FL on 11/13/2024, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.

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Certificate Number: 1027
Year of issuance: 2018
Parcel Number; 04716-0-00201
Case Number: 2024-TD-16
Description of Property: A parcel of land lying in the Southeast 1/4 of Southwest 1/4 of Section 5, Township 7 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida; said parcel being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the Northwest corner of said Southeast 1/4 of Southwest 1/4 and run South 88° 49' 33" East, along the Northerly boundary thereof, 404.70 feet to a set iron rod for the Point of Beginning. From the Point of Beginning thus described continue South 88° 49' 33" East, along said Northerly boundary, 581.14 feet to a found iron rod; thence South 00° 13' 19" West, 205.63 feet to a set iron rod; thence North 57° 32' 33" West, 124.67 feet to a set iron rod; thence North 73° 29' 35" West, 166.06 feet to a set iron rod; thence

South 87° 24' 23" West, 74.94 feet; thence South 00° 15' 11" West, 30.00 feet to a set iron rod; thence North 88° 49' 33" West, 231.52 feet to a set iron rod; thence North 00° 15' 11" East, 151.38 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Above described parcel being conveyed with an easement for ingress and egress more particularly described as follows: Commence at an iron rod set at the Southeast corner of above described parcel for the point of beginning and run South 69° 28' 56" East, 549.39 feet to an iron rod set on the Westerly boundary of the right of way of Lincoln City Road; thence South 22° 07" and 54" West, along said Westerly boundary, 25.01 feet to a set iron rod; thence North 69° 28' and 56" West, 549.11 feet; thence North 67° 32' and 33" West, 123.79 feet; thence North 73° 29' and 36" West, 160.55 feet; thence South 87° 24' and 23" West, 71.98 feet; thence North 00° 15' and 11" East, 25.03 feet to a set iron rod; thence North 87° 24' and 23" East, 74.94 feet to a set iron rod; thence South 73° 29' and 36" East, 166.05 feet to a set iron rod; thence South 57° 32' and 33" East, 124.67 feet to the point of beginning.

Above described parcel being subject to an easement for ingress and egress more particularly described as follows: Commence at an iron rod set at the Southwest corner of above described parcel for the point of beginning and run North 00° 15' and 11" East, 30.00 feet; thence South 88° 49' 33" East, 231.52 feet to a set iron rod; thence South 00° 15' and 11" West, 30.00 feet to a set iron rod; thence North 88° 49' and 33" West, 231.52 feet to the point of beginning.

Note: Prior Deeds and PA show 67° 32' 33" West (Line 4 of legal). Current Deed shows 57 degrees. Name in Which Assessed: DALE E HASTINGS SR
Name on last tax roll, if different: All said property being in the County of Bradford, State of Florida. Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the BRADFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, STARKE, FL on 11/20/2024, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.

Denny Thompson, Clerk Of The Circuit Court Bradford County, Florida
BY: Kyrah Smith Deputy Clerk
Contact the Tax Deed Office at 904-966-6280 to obtain the amount necessary to redeem.
DATED: September 10, 2024
DATE OF PUBLICATION: September 19, 2024, September 26, 2024, October 3, 2024, October 10, 2024

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Certificate Number: 778
Year of Issuance: 2018
Parcel Number: 02843-0-01500
Case Number: 2024-TD-17
Description of Property: IA parcel of land containing 0.86 of an acre, more or less, and lying in the NW 1/2 of NW1/4 of Section 27, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, in the City of Starke, Bradford County Florida; said parcel being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northwest corner of said Section 27 and run South 89 degrees, 40 minutes and 32 seconds East, along the Northerly boundary thereof, 39.06 feet to the Easterly boundary of the right of way of Old Lawley Road; thence South 0 degrees, 00 minutes and 15 seconds East, along said Easterly boundary, 590.74 feet to the Point of Beginning. From Point of Beginning thus described continue South 0 degrees, 00 minutes and 15 seconds East, along said Easterly boundary, 100.0 feet; thence North 89 degrees, 23 minutes and 55 seconds East, 374.21 feet; thence North 0 degrees, 00 minutes and 15 seconds West, parallel with said Easterly boundary, 100.0 feet; thence South 59 degrees, 23 minutes and 55 seconds West, 374.21 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Name in Which Assessed: MARTHA J WHITLEY
Name on last tax roll, if different: All said property being in the County of Bradford, State of Florida. Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the BRADFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, STARKE, FL on 11/13/2024, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.

Denny Thompson, Clerk Of The Circuit Court Bradford County, Florida
BY: Kyrah Smith, Deputy Clerk
Contact the Tax Deed Office at 904-966-6280 to obtain the amount necessary to redeem.
DATED: September 9, 2024
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Case Number: 2024-TD-16
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Commence at the Northwest corner of said Southeast 1/4 of Southwest 1/4 and run South 88° 49' 33" East, along the Northerly boundary thereof, 404.70 feet to a set iron rod for the Point of Beginning. From the Point of Beginning thus described continue South 88° 49' 33" East, along said Northerly boundary, 581.14 feet to a found iron rod; thence South 00° 13' 19" West, 205.63 feet to a set iron rod; thence North 57° 32' 33" West, 124.67 feet to a set iron rod; thence North 73° 29' 35" West, 166.06 feet to a set iron rod; thence

South 87° 24' 23" West, 74.94 feet; thence South 00° 15' 11" West, 30.00 feet to a set iron rod; thence North 88° 49' 33" West, 231.52 feet to a set iron rod; thence North 00° 15' 11" East, 151.38 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Above described parcel being conveyed with an easement for ingress and egress more particularly described as follows: Commence at an iron rod set at the Southeast corner of above described parcel for the point of beginning and run South 69° 28' 56" East, 549.39 feet to an iron rod set on the Westerly boundary of the right of way of Lincoln City Road; thence South 22° 07" and 54" West, along said Westerly boundary, 25.01 feet to a set iron rod; thence North 69° 28' and 56" West, 549.11 feet; thence North 67° 32' and 33" West, 123.79 feet; thence North 73° 29' and 36" West, 160.55 feet; thence South 87° 24' and 23" West, 71.98 feet; thence North 00° 15' and 11" East, 25.03 feet to a set iron rod; thence North 87° 24' and 23" East, 74.94 feet to a set iron rod; thence South 73° 29' and 36" East, 166.05 feet to a set

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LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OF NATASHA BORREGO, DECEASED, DAVID CAPPLIURE BORREGO, AS KNOWN HEIR OF NATASHA BORREGO, ROMAN SYLIS BORREGO, AS KNOWN HEIR OF NATASHA BORREGO, ANALISE NICOLE FLORES, AS KNOWN HEIR OF NATASHA BORREGO, MISTY C. FLORES, AS KNOWN HEIR OF NATASHA BORREGO, MISTY C. FLORES, AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF NATASHA BORREGO, et al.

Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVEISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OF NATASHA BORREGO, DECEASED CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN

You are notified that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Bradford County, Florida:

PARCEL 1
ALL THE PORTION OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER, SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, THAT LIES ON THE EASTERLY SIDE OF STATE ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY OF STATE ROAD 100.

PARCEL 2
COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST AND RUN SOUTH, ALONG SAID QUARTER SECTION LINE A DISTANCE OF 1156.82 FEET TO A POINT ON SAID QUARTER SECTION LINE; RUN THENCE EAST A DISTANCE OF 20 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN NORTH AND PARALLEL TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER OF NORTHEAST QUARTER A DISTANCE OF 1156.82 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE NORTH LINE OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST; THENCE RUN WEST ALONG SAID SECTION LINE A DISTANCE OF 20 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING.

commonly known as 4409 SE STAT RD 100, STARKE, FL 32091 has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Jennifer M. Scott of Kass Shuler, P.A., plaintiff's attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 800, Tampa, Florida 33601, (813) 229-0900, on or before _____, (or 30 days from the first date of publication, whichever is later) and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on the Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Dated: September 17, 2024.
CLERK OF THE COURT
Honorable Denny Thompson
945 N. Temple Avenue
Starke, Florida 32091
By: KANETRA JENKINS
Deputy Clerk
(PLEASE PUBLISH IN Bradford County Telegraph)
AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at (352) 337-6237, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance. If you are hearing or voice impaired, please call 711. If you are deaf or hard of hearing and require an ASL interpreter or an assisted listening device to participate in a proceeding, please contact Court Interpreting at interpreter@circuit8.org.

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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: 84
Year of Issuance: 2018
Parcel Number: 00551-0-03400
Case Number: 04-2024-TD-19
Description of Property: A Parcel of land situated in the South One Half of the Northeast One Quarter of Section 34, Township 5 South, Range 21 East, Bradford County, Florida, said Parcel being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at a concrete monument at the Southeast corner of said Northeast 1/4 and run South 89 degrees 39 minutes 07 seconds West, along the South line of said Northeast 1/4 a distance of 1429.18 feet to an iron pipe; thence run North 14 degrees 18 minutes 20 seconds East, along the center-line of a 60 foot easement for Utilities and general road purposes 945.71 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence run North 82 degrees 11 minutes 40 seconds West, along said center-line 118.88 feet; thence run North 00 degrees 17 minutes 40 seconds West, 391.75 feet to an iron pipe on the North line of said South 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4; thence run North 88 degrees 52 minutes 40 seconds East, along

said North line, 471.85 feet to an iron pipe; thence run South 00 degrees 17 minutes 40 seconds East, 50.50 feet to the center-line of a cul-de-sac and the center-line of an easement for Utilities and general road purposes; thence run South 55 degrees 18 minutes 20 seconds West, along said center line 255.00 feet; thence run Southwesterly along said center-line with a curve concave Southeasterly, said curve having a central angle of 41 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds, a radius of 340.00 feet, an arc length of 243.30 feet and a chord of 238.14 feet; thence run South 14 degrees 18 minutes 20 seconds West, along said center-line 26.77 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Subject to an easement for Utilities and general road purposes across the Southerly and Southeasterly 30 feet thereof.

Subject to an easement for Utilities and general road purposes across a cul-de-sac having a radius of 50 feet and having as its radius point the above described center-line point of a cul-de-sac.

Please note - per the Property Appraiser Records, this legal has been split into 2 separate parcels. No conveyance found with the new legal description to show.

Less and except (per survey provided by owner)

Parcel B:
A parcel of land situated in the South One Half of the Northeast One Quarter of Section 34, Township 5 South, Range 21 East, Bradford County, Florida; said parcel being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at concrete monument at the Southeast corner of said NE 1/4 and run S 89 deg 39 min 07 sec W, along the South line of said NE 1/4 a distance of 1429.18 feet to an iron pipe; thence run N 14 deg 18 min 20 sec E, along the center-line of a 60 foot easement for utilities and general road purposes 945.71 feet; thence run N 82 deg 11 min 40 sec W, along said center-line 118.88 feet; thence run N 00 deg 17 min 40 sec W, 391.75 feet to an iron pipe on the North line of said S 1/2 of the NE 1/4 and the Point of Beginning; thence N 88 deg 52 min 40 sec E along said North line a distance of 471.85 feet to an iron pipe; thence run S 00 deg 17 min 40 sec E, 50.50 feet to the center-line of a cul-de-sac and the center-line of an easement for Utilities and general road purposes; thence run S 55 deg 18 min 20 sec W, along said center-line 255.00 feet; thence run Southwesterly along said center-line with a curve concave Southeasterly, said curve having a central angle of 5 deg 40 min 47 sec, a radius of 340.00 feet, an arc length of 33.70 feet and a chord bearing and distance of S 52 deg 28 min 14 sec W, 33.69 feet; thence run N 48 deg 42 min 43 sec W, 313.60 feet to the Point of Beginning and to close.

Subject to an easement for Utilities and general road purposes across the Southeasterly 30 feet thereof.

Subject to an easement for Utilities and general road purposes across a cul-de-sac having a radius of 50 feet and having its radius point the above described center-line point of a cul-de-sac.

Name in Which Assessed: JULIE L EVERITT
Name on last tax roll, if different:
All of said property being in the County of Bradford, State of Florida. Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the BRADFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, STARKE, FL on 11/20/2024, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.

Denny Thompson,
Clerk Of The Circuit Court
Bradford County, Florida
BY: KANETRA JENKINS,
Deputy Clerk
Contact the Tax Deed Office at 904-966-6280 to obtain the amount necessary to redeem.

DATED: September 11, 2024
DATE OF PUBLICATION:
SEPTEMBER 26, 2024; OCTOBER 3, 2024; OCTOBER 10, 2024; OCTOBER 17, 2024

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

CASE NO: 04-2023-CP-0071
In Re: The Estate of:
LOUIS FELIPE DONATO,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of LOUIS FELIPE DONATO, deceased, File Number 04-2023-CP-0071, is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 945 North Temple Ave., (P.O. Drawer B), Starke, Florida 32091. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
The date of first publication of this Notice is October 3, 2024.
HARVEY E. BAXTER
Personal Representative
HARVEY E. BAXTER
Attorney for Personal Representative
2222 NW 21st Place
Gainesville, FL 32605
352) 339-3813
Florida Bar No.: 278475
hb79esq@gmail.com

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ordinance, which title hereinafter appears, will be considered for enactment by the City Commission of the City of Starke, Florida, hereinafter referred to as the City Commission, at a public hearing on October 15, 2024 at 5:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the City Commission Meeting Room, City Hall located at 209 North Thompson Street, Starke, Florida. A copy of said ordinance may be inspected by any member of the public at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, located at 209 North Thompson Street, Starke, Florida, during regular business hours. On the date, time and place first above mentioned, all interested parties may appear and be heard with respect to the ordinance. The title of said ordinance reads, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-23
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF STARKE, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF STARKE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, AS AMENDED; RELATING TO THE REZONING OF LESS THAN TEN CONTIGUOUS ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, Z 24-01, BY THE PROPERTY OWNERS OF SAID ACREAGE; PROVIDING FOR REZONING FROM MULTI-FAMILY, RESIDENTIAL-DISTRICT (R-2B) AND SINGLE-FAMILY, MEDIUM DENSITY DISTRICT (R-1C) TO PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PUD) IN ACCORDANCE WITH A PRELIMINARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN DATED JULY 19, 2024, REVISED ON AUGUST 15, 2024, AND REVISED ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2024, OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF STARKE, FLORIDA; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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

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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS CONCERNING AMENDMENTS TO THE BRADFORD COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, SERVING AS THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THE LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Sections 163.3161 through 163.3248, Florida Statutes, as amended, and the Bradford County Land Development Regulations, as amended, objections, recommendations and comments concerning the amendments, as described below, will be heard by the Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida, serving as the Planning and Zoning Board of Bradford County, Florida, and the Local Planning Agency of Bradford County, Florida, at public hearings on October 17, 2024 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matters can be heard, in the in the County Commission Meeting Room, North Wing, County Courthouse located at 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida.

(1) S240820A, an application by Keystone Heights RV Resort, LLC, to amend the Future Land Use Plan Map of the Comprehensive Plan by changing the land use classification from AGRICULTURE-2 (less than or equal to 1 dwelling unit per 5 acre, except as provided for in Policy I.2.2) to RESIDENTIAL MEDIUM (less than or equal to 8 dwelling units per acre) on property described, as follows:

A parcel of land lying in Section 11, Township 8 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida. Being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Southwest corner of said Section 11; thence North 00°34'50" West 2,696.34 feet, along the Westerly boundary of said Section 11; thence North 88°09'52" East 357.33 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continue North 88°09'52" East 1,494.61 feet; thence South 00°00'00" East 427.02 feet; thence

South 66°08'22" West 650.69 feet; thence South 71°16'28" West 858.95 feet; thence North 05°18'25" West 922.06 feet to the Point of Beginning. Containing 23.27 acres, more or less. (2) S240828A, an application by Lizeth Hernandez, to amend the Future Land Use Plan Map of the Comprehensive Plan by changing the land use classification from RESIDENTIAL, LOW DENSITY (less than or equal to 2 dwelling units per acre) to COMMERCIAL on property described, as follows:

A parcel of land lying in Section 26, Township 5 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida. Being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the intersection of the Southerly boundary of the North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 26 with the Westerly right-of-way line of the CSX Railroad; thence North 16°33'25" East 344.78 feet, along Westerly right-of-way line of the CSX Railroad to the Northerly boundary of the North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Southwest 1/4 of said Section 26 for the Point of Beginning; thence North 60°51'47" West 352.89 feet to the Easterly right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 301 (State Road 200); thence North 31°08'40" East 100.00 feet, along the Easterly right-of-way line of said U.S. Highway 301 (State Road 200) to the beginning of a curve concave to the Northwest and having a radius of 11,514.16 feet; thence Northeasterly, along said Easterly boundary and along the arc of said curve, 526.72 feet as measured along a chord having a bearing of North 29°48'53" East; thence South 63°07'18" East 201.70 feet to the Westerly right-of-way line of the CSX Railroad; thence South 16°33'25" West 650.18 feet, along the Westerly right-of-way line of the CSX Railroad to the Point of Beginning.

Containing 4.02 acres, more or less. (3) S240913A, an application by Hassane Boubacar, to amend the Future Land Use Plan Map of the Comprehensive Plan by changing the land use classification from AGRICULTURE-2 (less than or equal to 1 dwelling unit per 5 acre, except as provided for in Policy I.2.2) to COMMERCIAL on property described, as follows:

A parcel of land lying in Section 3, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida. Being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northwest corner of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 3; thence South 38°52'00" East 350.10 feet for the Point of Beginning; thence South 77°57'06" East 309.55 feet to the Westerly right-of-way of U.S. Highway 301 (State Road 200); thence South 16°05'08" West 144.18 feet, along the Westerly right-of-way of said U.S. Highway 301 (State Road 200); thence North 77°57'06" West 296.19 feet; thence North 10°46'13" East 143.86 feet to the Point of Beginning. Containing 1.00 acre, more or less.

At the aforementioned public hearings, all interested parties may appear and be heard with respect to the amendments.

Copies of the amendments are available for public inspection at the Office of the Director of Zoning, County Courthouse located at 945 North Temple Avenue, North Wing, Starke, Florida, during regular business hours.

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

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NOTICE OF ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCES BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ordinances, which titles hereinafter appear, will be considered for enactment by the Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida, at public hearings on October 17, 2024 at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matters can be heard, in the in the County Commission Meeting Room, North Wing, County Courthouse located at 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida. A copy of the ordinances may be inspected by any member of the public at the Office of the County Clerk located at 945 North Temple Avenue, Courthouse North Wing, Starke, Florida, during regular business hours. On the date, time and place first above mentioned, all interested persons may appear and be heard with respect to the ordinances. The titles of said ordinances read, as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN MAP OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, AS AMENDED; RELATING TO AN AMENDMENT OF 50 OR LESS ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, S240820A, BY THE PROPERTY OWNER OF SAID ACREAGE, UNDER THE AMENDMENT PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN SECTIONS 163.3161 THROUGH 163.3248, FLORIDASTATUTES, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR CHANGING THE LAND USE CLASSIFICATION FROM AGRICULTURE-2 (LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 1 DWELLING UNIT PER 5 ACRE, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED FOR IN POLICY I.2.2) TO RESIDENTIAL, MEDIUM (LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 8 DWELLING UNITS PER ACRE) OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE
AN ORDINANCE OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN MAP OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, AS AMENDED; RELATING TO AN AMENDMENT OF 50 OR LESS

ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, S240828A, BY THE PROPERTY OWNER OF SAID ACREAGE, UNDER THE AMENDMENT PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN SECTIONS 163.3161 THROUGH 163.3248, FLORIDASTATUTES, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR CHANGING THE LAND USE CLASSIFICATION FROM RESIDENTIAL, LOW DENSITY (LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 2 DWELLING UNITS PER ACRE) TO COMMERCIAL OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE
AN ORDINANCE OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN MAP OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, AS AMENDED; RELATING TO AN AMENDMENT OF 50 OR LESS ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, S240913A, BY THE PROPERTY OWNER OF SAID ACREAGE, UNDER THE AMENDMENT PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN SECTIONS 163.3161 THROUGH 163.3248, FLORIDASTATUTES, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR CHANGING THE LAND USE CLASSIFICATION FROM AGRICULTURE-2 (LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 1 DWELLING UNIT PER 5 ACRES, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN POLICY I.2.2) TO COMMERCIAL OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS CONCERNING AMENDMENTS TO THE BRADFORD COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, SERVING AS THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THE LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Sections 163.3161 through 163.3248, Florida Statutes, as amended, and the Bradford County Land Development Regulations, as amended, objections, recommendations and comments concerning the amendments, as described below, will be heard by the Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida, serving as the Planning and Zoning Board of Bradford County, Florida, and the Local Planning Agency of Bradford County, Florida, at public hearings on October 17, 2024 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard in the County Commission Meeting Room, North Wing, County Courthouse located at 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida.

(1) Z 24-07, an application by Keystone Heights RV Resort, LLC, to amend the Official Zoning Atlas of the Land Development Regulations by changing the zoning district from AGRICULTURE-2 (A-2) TO RESIDENTIAL, MOBILE HOME-PARK (RMH-P) on property described, as follows:

A parcel of land lying in Section 11, Township 8 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida. Being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Southwest corner of said Section 11; thence North 00°34'50" West 2,696.34 feet, along the Westerly boundary of said Section 11; thence North 88°09'52" East 357.33 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continue North 88°09'52" East 1,494.61 feet; thence South 00°00'00" East 427.02 feet; thence South 66°08'22" West 650.69 feet; thence North 05°18'25" West 922.06 feet to the Point of Beginning. Containing 23.27 acres, more or less. (2) Z 24-08, an application by Lizeth Hernandez, to amend the Official Zoning Atlas of the Land Development Regulations by changing the zoning district from RURAL RESIDENTIAL (RR) TO COMMERCIAL, INTENSIVE (CI) on property described, as follows:

A parcel of land lying in Section 26, Township 5 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida. Being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the intersection of the Southerly boundary of the North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 26 with the Westerly right-of-way line of the CSX Railroad; thence North 16°33'25" East 344.78 feet, along Westerly right-of-way line of the CSX Railroad to the Northerly boundary of the North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Southwest 1/4 of said Section 26 for the Point of Beginning; thence North 60°51'47" West 352.89 feet to the Easterly right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 301 (State Road 200); thence North 31°08'40" East 100.00 feet, along the Easterly right-of-way line of said U.S. Highway 301 (State Road 200) to the beginning of a curve concave to the Northwest and having a radius of 11,514.16 feet; thence Northeasterly, along said Easterly boundary and along the arc of said curve, 526.72 feet as measured along a chord having a bearing of North 29°48'53" East; thence South 63°07'18" East 201.70 feet to the Westerly right-of-way line of the CSX Railroad; thence South 16°33'25" West 650.18 feet, along the Westerly right-of-way line of the CSX Railroad to the Point of Beginning.

Containing 4.02 acres, more or less. (3) Z 24-09, an application by Hassane Boubacar, to amend the Official

Zoning Atlas of the Land Development Regulations by changing the zoning district from AGRICULTURE-2 (A-2) to COMMERCIAL, INTENSIVE (CI) on property described, as follows: A parcel of land lying in Section 3, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida. Being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northwest corner of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 3; thence South 38°52'00" East 350.10 feet for the Point of Beginning; thence South 77°57'06" East 309.55 feet to the Westerly right-of-way of U.S. Highway 301 (State Road 200); thence South 16°05'08" West 144.18 feet, along the Westerly right-of-way of said U.S. Highway 301 (State Road 200); thence North 77°57'06" West 296.19 feet; thence North 10°46'13" East 143.86 feet to the Point of Beginning. Containing 1.00 acre, more or less.

At the aforementioned public hearings, all interested parties may appear and be heard with respect to the amendments.

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NOTICE OF ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCES BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ordinances, which titles hereinafter appear, will be considered for enactment by the Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida, at public hearings on October 17, 2024 at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matters can be heard, in the in the County Commission Meeting Room, North Wing, County Courthouse located at 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida. A copy of the ordinances may be inspected by any member of the public at the Office of the County Clerk located at 945 North Temple Avenue, Courthouse North Wing, Starke, Florida, during regular business hours. On the date, time and place first above mentioned, all interested persons may appear and be heard with respect to the ordinances. The titles of said ordinances read, as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING ATLAS OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, AS AMENDED; RELATING TO THE REZONING OF MORE THAN TEN CONTIGUOUS ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, Z 24-07, BY THE PROPERTY OWNER OF SAID ACREAGE; PROVIDING FOR CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT FROM AGRICULTURE-2 (A-2) TO RESIDENTIAL, MOBILE HOME-PARK (RMH-P) OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

AN ORDINANCE OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING ATLAS OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, AS AMENDED; RELATING TO THE REZONING OF TEN OR LESS CONTIGUOUS ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, Z 24-08, BY THE PROPERTY OWNER OF SAID ACREAGE; PROVIDING FOR CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT FROM RURAL RESIDENTIAL (RR) TO COMMERCIAL, INTENSIVE (CI) OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

AN ORDINANCE OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING ATLAS OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, AS AMENDED; RELATING TO THE REZONING OF TEN OR LESS CONTIGUOUS ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, Z 24-09, BY THE PROPERTY OWNER OF SAID ACREAGE; PROVIDING FOR CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT FROM AGRICULTURE-2 (A-2) TO COMMERCIAL, INTENSIVE (CI) OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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

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Legal Notices

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REGISTER FICTITIOUS NAME
Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes, notice is hereby given that the undersigned: SHAUNNA FUSINATO, 5254 NW 181ST WAY, Starke, FL 32091, sole owners, doing business under the firm name of: SOUTHERN ROOTS SALON OF STARKE, 129 W. Call St., Starke, FL 32091, intends to register fictitious name under the aforesaid statute. Dated this 30 day of September A.D., 2024, in BRADFORD County.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING A VARIANCE AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE BRADFORD COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS
BY THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to the Bradford County Land Development Regulations, as amended, hereinafter referred to as the Land Development Regulations, objections, recommendations and comments concerning a variance, as described below, will be heard by the Board of Adjustment of Bradford County, Florida, at a public hearing on October 17th, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the County Commission Meeting Room, North Wing, County Courthouse located at 945 N. Temple Avenue in Starke, Florida.

V 24-08 an application by D.R. Baker Construction to request a Variance be granted as provided for in Section 4.8 "RSF", 4.8.7 Minimum Yard setbacks from a required 30' to a requested 20' along Front/Road of the property being described as follows; Lots 21, FOX HOLLOW, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 76, of the public records of Bradford County, Fla. and being Bradford County Parcel Number 00972-A-02100.

The public hearing may be continued to one or more future dates. Any interested party shall be advised that the date, time and place of any continuation of the public hearing shall be announced during the public hearing and that no further notice concerning the matter will be published, unless said continuation exceeds six calendar weeks from the date of the above referenced public hearing. Aforementioned public hearing, all interested parties may appear to be heard with respect to the appeal.

Copies of the material are available for public inspection at the Office of the Director of Zoning, Planning, and Building, County Courthouse located at 945 North Temple Avenue, North Wing, Starke, Florida, during regular business hours. All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decision made at the above referenced public hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING A SPECIAL EXCEPTION AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE BRADFORD COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS
BY THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to the Bradford County Land Development Regulations, as amended, hereinafter referred to as the Land Development Regulations, objections, recommendations and comments concerning a special exception, as described below, will be heard by the Board of Adjustment of Bradford County, Florida, at a public hearing on October 17th, 2024 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the County Commission Meeting Room, North Wing, County Courthouse located at 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida.

SE 24-02, a petition by Morrow Enterprises, Inc., to request a Special Exception be granted as provided for in Section 4.5.5, Agricultural-2 District # 11 of the Bradford County Land Development Regulations to allow for an Off Site sign to be located at the property being described as follows; A parcel of land lying in the East ½ of the Southwest ¼ of Northwest ¼ of Section 10, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida; said parcel being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the Southwest corner of said East ½ of Southwest ¼ of Northwest ¼ and run North 89 degrees, 06 minutes 42 seconds East, along the Southerly boundary thereof, 534.80 feet to an iron rod found on the Easterly boundary of the right of way of State Road 223 (the U.S. 301 Bypass), said Easterly being on a curve, concave to the West, having a radius of 4352.00 feet; thence Northeasterly, along said Easterly boundary and along the arc of said curve, 350.15 feet as measured along a chord having a bearing of North 32 degrees 54 minutes 29 seconds East to a set ½ inch iron rod (LB 4012); thence South 70 degrees 43 minutes 28 seconds East, 41.36 feet to a set ½ inch iron rod (LB 4012) on the Westerly boundary of the right of way of NE 30th Place (Old U.S. 301); thence South 11 degrees 25 minutes 15 seconds West, along said Westerly boundary, 283.24 feet to an iron rod set on said Southerly boundary of said East ½ of Southwest ¼ of Northwest ¼; thence South 89 degrees 06 minutes 42 seconds West, along the Southerly boundary of said East ½ of Southwest ¼ of Northwest ¼, a distance of 173.21 feet to the Point of Beginning, Less and Except those lands as more particularly described in Official Records Book 1590, Page 528 of the public records of Bradford County, Florida. Being Bradford County Parcel Number 02056-0-00101. The public hearing may be continued to one or more future dates. Any

interested party shall be advised that the date, time and place of any continuation of the public hearing shall be announced during the public hearing and that no further notice concerning the matter will be published, unless said continuation exceeds six calendar weeks from the date of the above referenced public hearing.

At the aforementioned public hearing, all interested parties may appear to be heard with respect to the appeal. Copies of the material are available for public inspection at the Office of the Director of Zoning, Planning, and Building, County Courthouse located at 945 North Temple Avenue, North Wing, Starke, Florida, during regular business hours.

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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2024-CP-110-0
Division: Probate
IN RE: ESTATE OF WILBERT D. SEWELL SR.

Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of WILBERT D. SEWELL SR., deceased, whose date of death was June 29, 2024, is pending in Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Drawer B, 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 ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate 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. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 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 3, 2024.

Jimmie Sewell, Personal Representative, 22334 SE 77th Lane, Hawthorne, FL 32640

Temika L Hampton, Esquire, Florida Bar No. 105217, Attorney for Personal Representative. Email: temika.hampton@thamptonlaw.com, Temika L Hampton Law, PLLC, 581 N. Park Ave, Unit 2234, Apopka, FL, 32704. Telephone: 407-494-1471, Secondary Email: admin@thamptonlaw.com

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UNION

Notice of Application for Tax Deed
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that J. R. Davis, Jr., as Trustee of the J. R. Davis Trust 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 #: 213
YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2017
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: 32-05-20-22-004-0040-0
LEGAL DESCRIPTION:
Lot 4, Block 4, J. W. Townsend's Addition to the City of Lake Butler, Florida, as recorded in Plat Book 1, page 8, public records of Union County, Florida, except parcel 10 feet by 10 feet in the Southeasterly corner thereof.

NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: JUANITA BROWN
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 17th day of October, 2024.

Dated this 10th day of September, 2024.
For 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 FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2024-CP-000033
IN RE: ESTATE OF HARRY JAMES MARSHALL, JR., Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of

HARRY JAMES MARSHALL, JR., deceased, whose date of death was April 27, 2024; File Number 2024-CP-000033, is pending in the Circuit Court for Union County, Florida, PROBATE Division, the address of which is 55 West Main Street, Room 103, Lake Butler, FL 32054. The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served, must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE 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 3, 2024.
Signed on September 24, 2024.
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JANIE CARAWAY
Personal Representative

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NOTICE OF ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKE BUTLER, FLORIDA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the ordinance, which title hereinafter appears, will be considered for enactment by the City Commission of the City of Lake Butler, Florida, at a public hearing on October 15, 2024 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the City Commission Meeting Room, City Hall, located at 200 Southwest First Street, Lake Butler, Florida. A copy of said ordinance may be inspected by any member of the public at the Office of the City Manager in the City Hall, at 200 Southwest First Street, Lake Butler, Florida, during regular business hours. On the date, time and place first above mentioned, all interested persons may appear and be heard with respect to the ordinance. The title of said ordinance reads, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-06
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAKE BUTLER, FLORIDA, RELATING TO AN AMENDMENT OF 50 OR LESS ACRES OF LAND TO THE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN MAP OF THE CITY OF LAKE BUTLER COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, CPA 24-02, BY THE CITY COMMISSION, UNDER THE AMENDMENT PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN SECTIONS 163.3161 THROUGH 163.3248, FLORIDA STATUTES, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR A CHANGE IN LAND USE CLASSIFICATION FROM COUNTY RESIDENTIAL, LOW DENSITY (LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 2 DWELLING UNITS PER ACRE) TO CITY COMMERCIAL 40F CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF LAKE BUTLER, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE
All persons are advised that, if they decide to appeal any decisions made at the public hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings and, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Any person requiring auxiliary aids and services at this meeting may contact the City Manager's Office at 386.496.3401 at least 48 hours prior

to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 800.955.8770 (voice) or 800.955.8771 (TTY).

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NOTICE OF ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKE BUTLER, FLORIDA

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ORDINANCE NO. 2024-07
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAKE BUTLER, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING ATLAS OF THE CITY OF LAKE BUTLER LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, RELATING TO THE REZONING OF TEN OR MORE CONTIGUOUS ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, Z 24-02, BY THE CITY COMMISSION; PROVIDING FOR REZONING FROM COUNTY RESIDENTIAL, (MIXED) SINGLE FAMILY/MOBILE HOME-1 (RSF/MH-1) TO CITY COMMERCIAL, GENERAL (CG) OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF LAKE BUTLER, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

All persons are advised that, if they decide to appeal any decisions made at the public hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings and, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Any person requiring auxiliary aids and services at this meeting may contact the City Manager's Office at 386.496.3401 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 800.955.8770 (voice) or 800.955.8771 (TTY).

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING A SPECIAL EXCEPTION AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE CITY OF LAKE BUTLER LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKE BUTLER, FLORIDA, SERVING AS THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF THE CITY OF LAKE BUTLER, FLORIDA, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to the City of Lake Butler Land Development Regulations, as amended, comments, objections and recommendations concerning the special exception, as described below, will be heard by the City Commission of the City of Lake Butler, Florida, serving as the Board of Adjustment of the City of Lake Butler, Florida, at a public hearing on October 15, 2024 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the City Commission Meeting Room, City Hall, located at 200 Southwest First Street, Lake Butler, Florida.

SE 24-01, a petition by the City Commission, requesting a special exception be granted as provided for in Section 4.5.5 of the Land Development Regulations to permit a water storage facility as a public building and facility within a RESIDENTIAL, SINGLE FAMILY-2 (RSF-2) zoning district, in accordance with a site plan dated September 12, 2024, and submitted as part of a petition dated September 11, 2024, to be located on property described, as follows:
A parcel of land lying in Section 31, Township 5 South, Range 20 East, Union County, Florida. Being more particularly described as follows: Lot 14 of T. E. Dekles Addition, as recorded in the Public Records of Union County, Florida. Containing 1.03 acre, more or less. At the aforementioned public hearing, all interested parties may appear to

be heard with respect to the special exception. Copies of the special exception are available for public inspection at the Office of the City Manager, City Hall located at 200 Southwest First Street, Lake Butler, Florida, during regular business hours.

All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decision made at the above referenced public hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Any person requiring auxiliary aids and services at this meeting may contact the Office of the City Manager at 386.496.3401 at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 1.800.955.8770 (voice) or 1.800.955.8771 (TTY).

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING A VARIANCE AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE CITY OF LAKE BUTLER LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKE BUTLER, FLORIDA, SERVING AS THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF THE CITY OF LAKE BUTLER, FLORIDA, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to the City of Lake Butler Land Development Regulations, hereinafter referred to as the Land Development Regulations, as amended, objections, recommendations and comments concerning the variance, as described below, will be heard by the City Commission of the City of Lake Butler, Florida, serving as the Board of Adjustment of the City of Lake Butler, Florida, at a public hearing on October 15, 2024 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard in the City Commission Meeting Room, City Hall at 200 Southwest First Street, Lake Butler, Florida.

V 24-01, a petition by the City Commission, to request a variance be granted as provided for in Section 3.2.5 of the Land Development Regulations to reduce the North front yard setback from 35.00 feet to 15.00 feet and to reduce the West side yard setback from 25.00 feet to 15.00 feet within a RESIDENTIAL, SINGLE FAMILY-2 (RSF-2) zoning district, in accordance with a petition dated September 30, 2024 and site plan dated September 12, 2024 to be located on property described, as follows:

A parcel of land lying in Section 31, Township 5 South, Range 20 East, Union County, Florida. Being more particularly described as follows: Lot 14 of T. E. Dekles Addition, as recorded in the Public Records of

Union County, Florida. Containing 1.03 acre, more or less. At the aforementioned public hearing, all interested parties may appear to be heard with respect to the variance. Copies of the variance are available for public inspection at the Office of the City Manager, City Hall located at 200 Southwest First Street, Lake Butler, Florida, during regular business hours.

All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decision made at the above referenced public hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Any person requiring auxiliary aids and services at this meeting may contact the Office of the City Manager at 386.496.3401 at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 1.800.955.8770 (voice) or 1.800.955.8771 (TTY).

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LAKE REGION

REQUEST FOR BIDS

Keystone Heights Airport Authority The Airport Authority will receive bids for the aerial application of herbicides to 327 acres of airport land. Bids will be received until 10:00 AM on October 17 in the conference room at the Keystone Heights Airport Terminal Building, 7150 Airport Road, Starke, FL 32091. Bids may be emailed to thall@keystoneairport.com or hand delivered to: Bids can be delivered to:

Keystone Heights Airport Authority
Attn: Terri Hall
7150 Airport Road, Starke, FL 32091
Please mark envelopes or subject lines with "BID 2024 KHA Aerial Herbicide". Bidders must be registered as a state Contractor at MyFloridaMarketplace.com. Bid Documents may be obtained by contacting Terri Hall, Conservation Chairman, Keystone Heights Airport Authority @ thall@keystoneairport.com. No Bid submitted after the time and date of receipt of Bid will be accepted. The Keystone Heights Airport Authority reserves the right to waive any informality in or to reject any or all Bids. The Authority also reserves the right to award or refrain from awarding the Contract for the Work if deemed to be in its best interest.

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS AIRPORT AUTHORITY
October 1, 2024

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Tornadoes get big night from QB Paulk, defeat Indians 40-0

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Zack Paulk threw three touchdown passes in the first half as the Bradford High School football team had no trouble in winning its first District 5-2A game, defeating visiting Keystone Heights 40-0 for homecoming on Sept. 25.

Coaches will tell you they dread homecoming week, which brings distractions, but last week brought an extra distraction in the form of Hurricane Helene, which caused a change to Bradford's schedule of homecoming events and moved the game up from Sept. 27.

Bradford Head Coach Jamie Rodgers was proud of the effort, noting that the week also consisted of a middle-school game on Sept. 23 and a junior varsity game on Sept. 24.

"Our team's based on preparation," Rodgers said. "We take a lot of pride in that — making sure we're ready. They did as good of a job as they could have."

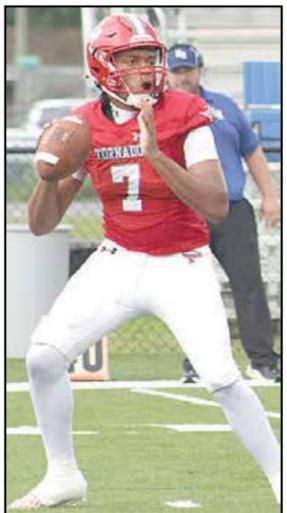
Indeed, Bradford (5-0) led 33-0 at halftime after rolling up 323 yards of offense, while its defense held the Indians (2-3) to 10 yards.

When the game was over, the Tornadoes, who are number one in the Florida High School Athletic Association/MaxPreps Class 2A power rankings, had 431 yards to Keystone's 42.

Being able to still play the game during the week it was scheduled gave Bradford and Keystone extra time to prepare for their Friday, Oct. 4, games. The Tornadoes will host Palatka at 7:30 p.m., while the Indians will host West Nassau for homecoming at 7:30 p.m.

"(Keystone) Coach (Steve) Reynolds and I talked," Rodgers said. "It was important for us to try to get this game in sooner rather than later."

Palatka (4-2) lost 32-0 to District 5-2A opponent Newberry on Sept. 30, while West Nassau (5-1), which defeated Yulee 22-21 on Sept. 20, is on a five-game winning streak.



Bradford quarterback Zack Paulk sets up to pass in the first quarter.



Bradford's Elijah Lawrence (left) gains big yardage on a pass play before being brought down by Keystone's Jackson Parmeter.



Bradford's Marlin Haywood (second from left) heads upfield after making a catch in the midst of Keystone players (far left) Kyle Perkins and Tyler Brinson. Bradford's Gino Addison (background) is also pictured.

Bradford received the opening kickoff against Keystone and put together a 62-yard scoring drive on which every play before the touchdown resulted in a first down. Paulk was able to draw Keystone offsidies to start with before completing an 8-yard pass to Jy'Quez Cason for a first down at the Keystone 49. After another offsidies call against the Indians, Paulk and Branden Williams hooked up for a 15-yard gain. A 10-yard reception by Elijah Lawrence moved the Tornadoes to the 19.

The Tornadoes then turned to running back Gino Addison, whose 16-yard run set up his own 3-yard touchdown at the 10:13 mark of the first quarter. Cy Cubbedge kicked the extra point to put Bradford up 7-0.

Keystone, which fell to 0-2 in the district and has now been shut out in three of its last four games, lost 3 yards on its first play from scrimmage because of a fumble. Jackson Parmeter did complete two passes to Tallon Campbell, but the Indians punted on fourth-and-4 from their own 38.

Paulk completed consecutive passes of 12 yards each to Williams and Marlin Haywood before Addison gained 24 yards on a run play to the Keystone

30. Haywood, who finished with three receptions for 42 yards, caught an 11-yard pass and was Paulk's target again on what was a 19-yard touchdown with 5:35 remaining in the first quarter. Bradford, after Cubbedge's PAT, led 14-0.

The Tornadoes' defense forced Keystone into another three-and-out series, with Bradford's offense taking over at its own 31-yard line following the punt.

Lawrence, who finished with two receptions for 49 yards, gained 39 yards on a pass play to the Keystone 30. Bradford was then backed up 10 yards on a holding penalty and eventually turned the ball over when the Indians' Campbell made a diving interception on a tipped ball.

Bradford's defense again made things difficult for the Keystone offense, with Trente Jenkins and Barron Walden teaming up to drop running back Colton Hollingsworth for a 1-yard loss on the first play following the turnover. After two straight incomplete passes, with Jenkins bringing pressure against Parmeter, the Indians punted.

One play later, the Tornadoes had increased their lead, with Cason scoring on a 48-yard catch and run with 1:30 left in the first

quarter. Cubbedge kicked the extra point, making the score 21-0.

Jenkins, Walden, Jeremiah Hill and Reese Wainwright were all in on tackles for no gain or loss of yardage on Keystone's ensuing offensive series, forcing the Indians to again punt after running just three plays. The Tornadoes muffed the punt, but Haywood was able to scoop up the loose ball and return it approximately 20 yards to the Keystone 21.

Again, one play was all Bradford needed to add to its point total. This time, it was Williams turning a pass into a big play — a 21-yard touchdown less than one minute into the second quarter that made the score 27-0 and gave Williams three catches for the game for a total of 48 yards. The PAT was no good.

Paulk dropped back to pass on 14 of the Tornadoes' first 17 plays, finishing 10 of 15 for 195 yards.

Rodgers said working on the passing game was a point of emphasis.

"We thought (Keystone was) going to line up in certain situations that would allow us to do that," Rodgers said. "Zack did a good job of getting them the ball. We simplified things. One read, maybe two, get the ball out."

"That's exactly what our game plan was. That's what we want to work on moving forward going, hopefully, into the playoffs and into playoff-type games with Palatka and Newberry."

Keystone picked up its first first down on the following series, with Parmeter able to draw the Tornadoes offsidies on fourth-and-3. Bradford's Hunter Cochran then tackled Hollingsworth for a 2-yard loss on the next play. Hollingsworth was held to no gain on second down before an incomplete pass on third down forced another Keystone punt.

The first play of Bradford's ensuing drive was a 38-yard run by Iyen Addison to the Keystone 19. A Brian Clifflin touchdown run was then nullified by a holding penalty. A blindside-block penalty backed the Tornadoes up another 15 yards, resulting in first-and-32. A 19-yard run by Clifflin set up a manageable third-and-10 play. The Indians' Trase Wooden held Clifflin to a 4-yard gain, resulting in fourth-and-6. Bradford went for it, with Paulk picking up the first down on a 7-yard run to the 8-yard line.

Paulk eventually scored on a 6-yard run that put Bradford up 33-0 with 3:43 remaining in the first half. Parmeter blocked the extra point.

Most of the Indians' offensive yardage came on the first drive of the second half, with Hunter Crumpton carrying the ball nine times 31 yards. Keystone drove from its own 21 to the Bradford 34 before the Tornadoes stuffed a quarterback sneak on fourth-and-1 for no gain.

Crumpton finished with 38 yards on 12 carries.

Bradford's last scoring drive was all Iyen Addison, who had five carries for 76 yards. Addison scored on a 49-yard run and finished as the game's leading rusher with 114 yards on six carries.

Cubbedge was good on the PAT for the game's final point.

If homecoming and the approaching hurricane were distractions for Bradford, you couldn't tell. Rodgers said he and his coaches don't have to remind the players to keep their focus.

"The success we've been able to have the last couple of years — we've talked to them about that a lot and about what can keep it going," Rodgers said, adding, "There are so many distractions for young people. It's not like it was 20 years ago. Everybody's got cell phones. Everybody's got social-media platforms. It's just hard. It's hard to keep a group focused all the time."

"We're not perfect at it, but our guys do a good job."



Zoe Elixson, Kerissa Seay, Katelyn Seay and Madison Starling made history on Sept. 24, giving Union County High School its first-ever team win in golf.

UCHS girls earn school's first-ever win in golf

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Union County High School recorded its first-ever team win in golf, with the girls team defeating Chiefland on Sept. 24 at The County Club at Lake City.

The Tigers (1-3) had a team score of 238 to Chiefland's 241 and were led by Zoe Elixson, who was the medalist with a score of 46, which tied her personal record. Elixson made par on three holes and finished

eight strokes ahead of Chiefland's Savannah Wade.

It was the fourth time this season Elixson has earned medalist honors.

Union's Kerissa Seay shot a fourth-place score of 60, while Katelyn Seay finished in a two-way tie for fifth with a score of 63.

The Tigers' Madison Starling shot a 69 and finished in a two-way tie for seventh.

Varsity Tigers return to football field Oct. 4

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Union County High School's varsity football team, which didn't get to play its Sept. 27 game against Paxon because of Hurricane Helene, will return to the field on Friday, Oct. 4, for its homecoming game against Jacksonville's Zarephath Academy. Kickoff is 7:30 p.m.

It's a battle between undefeated teams. Union, the top team in the Florida High School Athletic Association/MaxPreps Rural Classification power rankings, which were released Oct. 1. The Tigers moved up from second in the inaugural rankings that were released Sept. 24.

Athletic Association, is 7-0 after defeating West Oaks Academy 36-0 on Sept. 27.

Union is currently number one in the latest Florida High School Athletic Association/MaxPreps Rural Classification power rankings, which were released Oct. 1. The Tigers moved up from second in the inaugural rankings that were released Sept. 24.

Rankings, which factor in record and schedule difficulty, are updated weekly, with the final rankings determining playoff qualifiers.

The top 16 teams in the final Rural rankings advance to the postseason.



Bradford's Iyen Addison (center) scores the first of his two touchdowns.

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starting its first second-half series at its own 44. The Tigers lost 5 yards on a fumble, but runs by Boykin and Elixson set up fourth-and-4. Colt Thomas drew the Tornadoes offsidies for a first down at the Bradford 45. Elixson and Lawton had runs of 5 and 7 yards, respectively, to pick up another first down, but Union was held to 3 yards over the next three plays. On fourth-and-7, Bradford's Travis Reed tackled Elixson for a 3-yard loss.

The Tornadoes' offense covered 67 yards in just two plays — both runs by Harris. He had a 9-yard carry before breaking free for a 58-yard touchdown run that ended his night with four total carries for 74 yards. Cubbedge kicked the extra point to put Bradford. Up 34-0.

Union drove 80 yards to avoid the shutout. The Tigers picked up two first downs on runs by Lawton and Elixson before Colt Thomas threw a 28-yard pass to Llanes, moving Union to the Bradford 25. Elixson and Llanes had runs of 6 and 11 yards, respectively, with Llanes' run giving the Tigers first-and-goal at the 8. Elixson scored on a run from there, with Llanes successful on his two-point conversion run.

Elixson finished with 73 yards on 15 carries.

It was the third double-digit win for Bradford, which was coming off a 46-22 win over visiting Newberry on Sept. 19.

The Tornadoes opened the season with a 34-18 win over visiting Baker County on Aug. 22. Bradford then traveled to play Jacksonville's Trinity Christian, winning 20-13 on Sept. 5.

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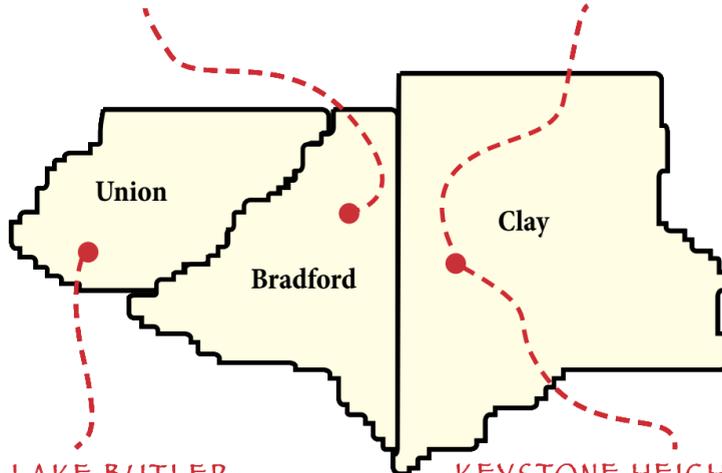
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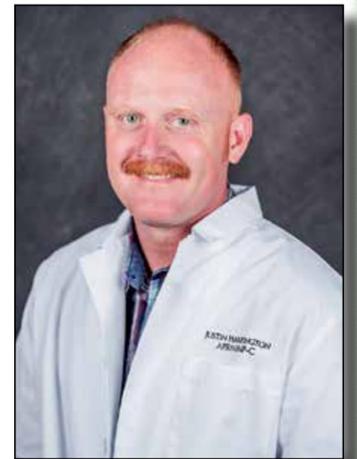
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