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## KH man charged with attempted murder after Gainesville stabbing

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A 21-year-old Keystone Heights man is behind bars on attempted murder charges after allegedly stabbing another man eight times during a downtown Gainesville brawl early Sunday morning.

Gainesville Police arrested Brandon Aaron Elijah Goodin at the scene in the 200 block of South Main Street around 2:30 a.m., moments after the victim collapsed with a punctured lung and severe blood loss.

According to Gainesville Police, the violence erupted when two separate groups, leaving a downtown bar at closing, continued a heated argument on the sidewalk. Goodin, who was not part of either group, inserted himself by taunting the victim.

When the victim shouted back,



Goodin

a multi-person fistfight broke out. As the victim defended himself against two of Goodin's friends, Goodin allegedly circled to the victim's blind side and plunged a

knife into his torso eight times.

A responding officer arrived just as the victim hit the ground. Bleeding heavily, the victim pointed at Goodin and yelled, "He just stabbed me!" A friend who never lost sight of Goodin corroborated the account.

The officer ordered Goodin to the ground at gunpoint. As backup arrived, a bystander showed police cell phone video of Goodin tossing the knife to a woman, later identified as his sister, who initially refused to cooperate but eventually surrendered the weapon.

Witnesses told investigators the victim was unarmed and not facing Goodin when the stabbing occurred.

The victim was later reported to be in stable condition.

Goodin, who has two prior felony convictions and seven

misdemeanors, all non-violent, in Clay County, remains held without bond.

In one felony case, Goodin pleaded to stealing the ATM card of his father's girlfriend from her car and withdrawing \$900 from an ATM inside a Circle K near Twin Lakes Park.

In a second case, he pleaded to stealing a credit card from a vehicle parked near Keystone Heights Elementary School and attempting a \$6.33 purchase at the same Circle K. The purchase was declined, and based on the store video, the school resource officer at Keystone Heights Junior-Senior High School identified Goodin as the defendant, adding that she knew him because he had attended the school.

Goodin's sister has not been charged.

## Seven miles from Bradford County, 11,000 new homes

Three-county project could balloon population by 24,000

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A joint venture between Lake Butler and Ponte Vedra developers could break ground next year on a real estate project approved for 11,000 single-family homes, 3,750 multi-family units, 750,000 square feet of commercial space, 300,000 square feet of office space, 340 hotel rooms, and 375,000 square feet of hospital or medical space.

Companies led by Avery Roberts and Jim Hissam purchased the 11,366-acre development, formerly known as ICI Villages and now 301 Villages, in 2017 for \$27.5 million.

In 2021, the joint venture, 301 Capital Partners, signed an agreement with JEA, in which the

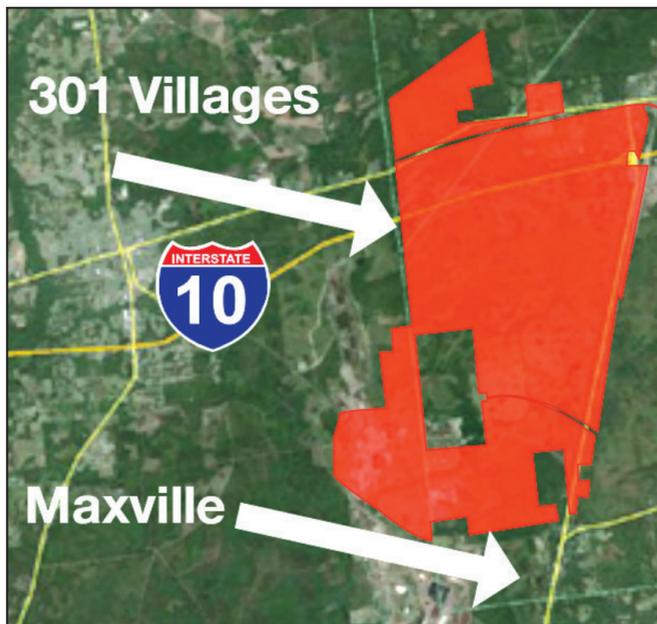
Jacksonville-based utility would provide power to the mixed-use site.

Last week, the Jacksonville City Council approved a \$172 million revenue bond issue that would finance water and sewer infrastructure for the project.

According to a conceptual master plan submitted to the City of Jacksonville in 2022, the development is on the western side of U.S. 301, mainly in Duval County, with smaller portions in Baker and Nassau.

The master plan outlines a first phase that includes 2,500 single-family units and 1,000 multi-family, along with commercial and medical space.

The plan envisions a collection of mixed-use villages linked by roads. Each village would feature a village center with commercial space and multiple neighborhoods.



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## Union officials pitch local needs to lawmaker

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In his final legislative delegation meeting before he is termed out, State Rep. Chuck Brannan heard pleas from Union County officials for a \$1.5 million water storage tank, a revived farmer's market, and protection from looming property tax cuts that could gut local services.

The annual hearing, hosted at Lake Butler City Hall, drew county commissioners, city leaders, the school superintendent, clerk of courts, tax collector, and court officials, all united in gratitude for past funding and in expressing urgency about new priorities.

With Sen. Jennifer Bradley absent due to Tallahassee commitments, Brannan carried the load solo, a first in his tenure.

"I've never had to carry it by myself," he laughed. "But Senator Bradley sends her regrets."

"Last year we had 41 projects and got 31 funded," he said.

Union County Board Chair Channing Dobbs and County Coordinator Jimmy Williams thanked Brannan for previously funded projects and gave the lawmaker an update on each.

Commissioner Melissa McNeal pitched a new farmer's market

structure.

"In the 1950s, semis lined the roads for our market," she said. "We want to bring that back, not just for sales, but community space, food trucks, and local artisans."

Lake Butler Mayor Melissa Hendrix delivered an update on the city's 80-year-old ground storage tank. She said the original plan was to replace the tank, but limited by an \$870,000 grant, officials instead elected to refurbish the old one.

She added that the project has uncovered a critical gap in the city's water utility: the need for a backup tank.

She said a \$1.5 million backup would protect the municipality from a main tank failure.

Schools Superintendent Mike Ripplinger thanked Brannan for the district's first \$29.5 million draw for a new Lake Butler Elementary School.

However, he also noted that the state's new Family Empowerment Scholarships have drained \$1.6 million from district revenues, forcing the district to make staff cuts.

Clerk of Courts Kellie Hendricks Rhoades called for a cost-of-living adjustment in the amount of



Union County officials (l-r) County Coordinator Jimmy Williams, Chair Channing Dobbs, and Commissioners Donna Jackson and Melissa McNeal thank State Rep. Chuck Brannan for past funding.

revenues clerks receive from the state. She said the amount has not been adjusted since 2008.

"No business operates on 2008 prices," she told Brannan, "Especially after COVID inflation. Counties are subsidizing a state responsibility."

Tax Collector Lisa B. Johnson repeated several local officials'

concerns about property tax reform and its potential impact on local revenues.

"For small counties, this is huge," she told Brannan. "We don't have beaches or industry. If you take it away, how do you replace it?"



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**WORTH NOTING**

### Kingsley Lake Fall Festival

Kingsley Lake Baptist Church's Fall Festival will take place Sunday, Nov. 2, from 3:30 to 6 p.m.; 6289 Mary Dot Lane. Features a chili contest, cake walk, bounce houses and family activities.

### Providence Village Fall Festival

Providence Village Baptist Church's Fall Festival will take place Wednesday, Nov. 5, from 6-7 p.m. with costumes, candy and carnival games. The church is located at 4504 W. S.R. 238 in Lake Butler.

### Bayless Highway Fall Festival

Bayless Highway Baptist Church's Fall Festival will take place Saturday, Nov. 8, from 4 to 7 p.m.; 11798 NW County Road 225.

### Dance downtown and ride with witches

Help raise funds for The Arc of Bradford County this spooky season. For a \$20 donation, take part in a wine tasting at The Downtown Grill at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 30, then join the annual Witches Ride through downtown. Walk, bike or ride in your witchy finest through the streets of downtown to this year's new event — The Spooky Silent Disco, open from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. under the Church Street overpass. "Lease" your earbuds at the Downtown Grill in exchange for something of value you want returned (car keys, driver's license), so you can join the dance party. Turn in your earbuds to retrieve your valuable.

### Community yard sale Saturday

There will be a big community yard sale on Saturday, Nov. 1, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 15043 U.S. 301 South, the former Jay's Mini Mart, just south of Holiday Inn Express. Many people will be setting up to sell, and spaces are still available. If you would like to set up, call or text 904-612-3942. The cost is \$20, and bring your own table.

### Masons holding open house

Masonic Lodge 52 in Lake Butler plans an open house for prospective members to learn about Free Masonry on Saturday, Nov. 1, from 10 a.m. to noon. The lodge is located at 325 W. Main St. in Lake Butler.



### Church of God food distribution

Starke Church of God by Faith and Farm Share's upcoming food distributions will take place on Thursday, Nov. 6 and 20 and Dec. 4, from 9 to 11 a.m.

This is a drive-thru distribution. The church is located at 730 Old Lawtey Road in Starke. (Distribution could start early depending on delivery.)

Distributions are typically the first and third Thursday of the month, but there will be a single distribution in December.

### Community Prayer at Grace

Grace Community Fellowship will host Community Prayer on Thursday, Nov. 6, at 6:30 p.m. The address is 2446 NE S.R. 16, Starke.

### Revival at Heilbronn Baptist

Heilbronn Baptist Church will hold revival Nov. 2-5, beginning Sunday at 9:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Weeknight services begin at 6 p.m. Guest evangelist Michael

Todd of The Bible in Pictures Ministries will preach. The church is located at 21345 S.R. 16.

### Veterans appreciation

Church of God by Faith's

Gainesville District Women's Ministry will present Community Veterans Appreciation Day on Friday, Nov. 7, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The theme is Women in National Service. Lunch will be served. Location is 721 Old Lawtey Road in Starke.



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Bradford Arc CEO John Williams and Sen. Jennifer Bradley with other Arc reps Jacksonville Arc CEO Kari Bates, Florida Arc CEO Summer Piper and Alachua County Arc CEO Mark Swain. Not pictured: Chrissy Thompson and Patricia Evans, Bradford Arc board members.

## Bradley awarded for Arc support

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD  
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While there were a number of asks from local government and community groups at last week's legislative delegation meeting, The Arc of Bradford County with members of The Arc of Florida presented Sen. Jennifer Bradley with their 2025 Legislative Champion Award.

Bradley cosponsored a bill that improved transparency at the Agency for Persons with Disability, created greater access to services, and empowered family voices in receiving services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

"I'm proud to say that I live in her district. As the CEO of the Arc of Bradford County, I've had the opportunity to work with her in her office on occasions, and I am increasingly impressed with her character every chance that I get to work with her," said John Williams, who also serves as Florida Council of Executives chair for the Arc of Florida.

With him were Florida Arc Board Chair Kari Bates and

CEO Summer Piper, and past Chair Mark Swain. Swain and Bates are also CEOs for the Arc chapters in Alachua County and Jacksonville, two of the nearly 60 chapters in the state. Local board members Chrissy Thompson and Patricia Evans also participated.

"The Arc's mission is to work with local, state and national partners to advocate for local chapters, public policies and high-quality support for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to be fully included in all aspects of their community," Williams said. The support of legislators is essential to that mission.

"(Bradley) is a strong advocate who uses her voice for those who often do not have one. She is passionate about ensuring that the most vulnerable of our society are taken care of and protected," he said.

"I just want to just take just a second just to thank you all for being here and thank you so much for that. That is so meaningful to me," Bradley said. "Most families have been touched someone with an intellectual or developed intellectual or

developmental disability, and the organizations that look out for them and advocate and present their issues to us are invaluable. You really do just such incredible work. Families that are really vulnerable rely on you, and I just thank you, because it is difficult work that you do. I am grateful to accept this award today, but then I go home and you do the work day in, day out, week in and week out, and it is incredibly important."

Bradley said the bill will provide a new pathway for services for people on an unacceptably long waitlist.

## Wanted: More money for local projects

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Highlighting the successful track record of bringing financial support to the communities they serve, Bradford County's Legislative Delegation held this year's public hearing ahead of the next legislative session, which begins earlier in 2026 because of the election year.

Sen. Jennifer Bradley emphasized the value of strong participation in legislative delegation meetings. Bradley described how recurring issues, especially around property tax reform and fiscally constrained counties, shape legislative priorities and bill ideas. She noted the upcoming session will start on Jan. 13, encouraging ongoing constituent feedback and involvement.

Rep. Chuck Brannan celebrated having secured nearly \$53 million in funding for Bradford County over three years for diverse local projects and discussed the importance of setting aside funds in anticipation of possible future state budget shortfalls, while also advocating for continued state investment in rural and fiscally constrained communities.

Speaking of those communities, proposed property tax reforms remain a concern for local leaders. While popular with voters, eliminating property taxes could severely hamper small counties' ability to fund



Rep. Chuck Brannan and Sen. Jennifer Bradley

essential services. Bradford County Commissioner Chris Dougherty likened the proposals to "free ice cream" — popular but lacking a plan to replace lost government revenue.

Bradley said if voters decide on a constitutional change on taxation, they could not guarantee permanent funding safeguards. Legislators could implement the changes through bills that initially hold fiscally constrained harmless, but there is no mechanism binding future legislatures to do the same.

### County requests

Most funding requests involved new or continuing

infrastructure projects. Bradford County, which received \$500,000 of last year's \$2 million request for courthouse improvements this year asked for the remaining \$1.5 million next year. Modernization addresses accessibility as well as security.

The county also requested \$150,000 for park upgrades on behalf of Bradford Sports United as well as a new fire engine for the fire department. The county also needs funding to replace the one-lane bridge on Southwest 106th Avenue, which leads to the Bradford Sportsmen's Farm. The projected cost is \$3.75 million.

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**1** John 3:1-2 says, "Behold, what manner of love the Father has bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God. Beloved, now are we the sons of God". Most Christians talk defeat and failure or about the test or trial they are going through. Instead of talking defeat and whining we should be talking about the victory we have in Christ our Lord. I am not talking about proclaiming something we will have one day in the sweet bye and bye but what we have now "in Christ" in the rough here and now. We should be proclaiming to the world and the devil our sonship. We should be acknowledging and confessing our relationship with the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We need to rise up and take our place as sons of God in the earth. Now I am not talking about who are what we are in the flesh. I am talking about who and what we are now that we are born again. A spiritual principle we find in the Bible is believing with the heart and confessing with the mouth, Romans 10:10. We need to find scriptures concerning who we are and what we have in Christ and begin to think on them and speak them out of our mouth. As we begin to think on and speak the Word of God out of our mouths our lives will totally change. What God has confessed about us will eventually come to fruition because what He says about us is true.

**N**ext week we will look at more scriptures concerning who we are and what we have "in Christ". We will experience the victory bought and paid for by Jesus our Lord when we accept, believe, say, and act on what God's Word says about us. Until next week, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of the Father God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you. Blessings! -**Pastor Rick**

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<p><b>Tuff Vanallen</b> <b>2nd grade</b> <b>Lawtey Elementary</b></p> <p>Tuff is a truly helpful and kind student who always goes out of his way to support both his teachers and his classmates. Tuff sets a wonderful example for others. He treats everyone with respect. His positive attitude, helpful spirit, and gentle kindness make him a shining star in the classroom and a friend to all.</p>	<p><b>Zuri Arzu</b> <b>Kindergarten</b> <b>Hope Christian Academy</b></p> <p>Zuri has the best manners and gives amazing weather reports!!</p>
<p><b>Bella Stubbs</b> <b>4th grade</b> <b>Bradford Elementary</b></p> <p>Bella is a hardworking student who comes to school everyday with a positive attitude. When concepts are hard to grasp, she pushes herself without giving up. Bella is always the first one to offer support to her classmates when they are struggling. Inside and outside of the classroom, she encourages those around her to be better each and every day.</p>	<p><b>Bruce Ritter</b> <b>4th grade</b> <b>Providence Christian Academy</b></p> <p>This is Bruce's first year at PCA. Bruce gets along well with his classmates and is a huge help in the classroom. He is kind and quick to do for others. His teacher has seen much growth in Bruce this first quarter of school and is excited to watch him continue to grow and excel.</p>

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# Hampton community celebrates centennial

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Hampton residents gathered at Bobby Shepherd Park to mark the city's 100th anniversary on Saturday, Oct. 25.

City Clerk Mary Lou Hildreth said Hampton-area businesses contributed over \$5,000 for the celebration, which included free meals from a food truck, face painting, balloon art, bounce houses and other activities.

Hildreth said that during her 10 years as city clerk, she has

noticed a growing community spirit in the town.

She also pointed out new and planned businesses in the city, including Dollar General, Thermacell, the ARC of Bradford County, and a proposed convenience store on the northeast corner of County Road 18 and U.S. 301.

"And there have been some new houses built in Fox Hollow," she added, highlighting the neighborhood behind Dollar General.



Volunteers for Hampton's 100 anniversary celebration, (l-r) front, Mary Lou Hildreth and Merri Lee Hornick. Back: Jeff Antonacci, Luke Hutchinson and Dale Wiseman.



Hillary "The Magic Man" Cowart gives away balloon art during the celebration while his wife Ginnie looks on.

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Finally, County Manager Scott Kornegay requested \$175,000 to study placing a water and wastewater plant to serve development at the Keystone Heights Airport.

Prior appropriations have been used to construct a new access road to open land at the airport for development and design new turn lanes into the airport. An additional \$3.4 million is sought to widen State Road 100 and construct the turn lanes.

### Big news at the airport

Kornegay said the airport received \$1 million for the planned "economic development corridor" inside the airport, which will connect the two access roads and create highway frontage for businesses.

"That project sets up the airport perfectly for the light industrial economic development that we expect," Airport Chair James Eifert said. Amber Shepherd with the Northeast Florida Economic Development Corporation said a potential project at the airport has arisen out of many discussions and could involve a \$400 million capital investment from a group from India and the United Arab Emirates and create 600 jobs in the first phase alone.

"With the existing tariff and administration challenges, they're looking to bring manufacturing into the U.S., and looking to get their products into the U.S., and have had significant roadblock and obstacles. And so, by bringing manufacturing here, combined with the incentives offered by Florida Commerce and grant opportunities that are available, it looks like this could be a real project, coming to the community," she said.

## Municipal infrastructure

Brooker is getting started with the partial funding received for its fire station and apparatus. Mayor Gene Melvin illustrated the need to reduce response times in his request for \$1.5 million to complete construction of the station and acquire a fire engine to go with its tanker. He said the nearly 30-minute wait for rescue after a fall was enough to convince on citizen to support a county fire assessment to help fund the operation of a new Brooker station.

Starke Mayor Andy Redding discussed the continued need for funding for the water and wastewater extension down State Road 16, saying they have been working with Union County businessman Avery Roberts on development there. Redding said Starke doesn't want to be forced into growth like other areas but wants to be prepared, partnering with Bradford County and the state.

"We want to get ahead of that growth and to be able to manage it and provide opportunities to not only our citizens, but future citizens here," he said. In addition to another \$1.5 million request for that project, Starke is seeking \$875,000 for water meter replacement and \$325,000 for a stormwater master plan.

Lawtey wants to keep its 50-year-old water system up and running. Mayor Jimmie Scott described the deteriorating system, which serves the city as well as Lawtey Correctional Institution. While the city has requested \$7 million from the State Revolving Fund for the first phase of the project, the city would have to repay a significant portion of that award. Scott requested a \$1.2 million appropriation to do so, saying it's difficult to ask the town's

declining population to "dig deeper."

Alica McMillian, president of Concerned Citizens of Bradford County, said they are grateful for county, city and state support on prior phases of the RJE rehabilitation project. Rising costs and the cost of hazardous material removal ate into prior awards. The organization is requesting \$1.5 million for a fourth phase to finish work on the gymnasium, building and campus, including addressing stormwater infiltration.

### Other appeals

Guardian ad Litem requested legislative support for salary increases to retain passionate child welfare professionals and attorneys, highlighting turnover due to low pay compared to other agencies. They aim to maintain effective advocacy for children in dependency and foster care cases and expand mentoring for teens in the system.

Bradford Soil and Water Conservation District requested continued funding and legislative backing for local conservation projects, such as invasive species removal and water quality monitoring. They also voiced opposition to proposals threatening the autonomy of elected soil and water boards, underscoring the importance of local, community-driven conservation work.

Citizen John Mercier also requested that a state audit requested by the city of Lawtey, but which the city cannot afford, be funded by the state. The amount was \$75,000 to \$85,000. The administration has been in place for years without modernization, he said.

"We need some help in getting this city to be more proficient and to save money in what we do, because I think we're losing money where we shouldn't be," he said.

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## Starke celebrates 29th Great Pumpkin Escape

BY JENN SAMSEL  
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Goblins, ghosts, witches, and pumpkins came alive as children and adults decked out in the most creative Halloween costumes filled the streets.

Everyone was excited to collect candy, trinkets, popcorn, and food, turning the festival into the one everyone looked forward to all year long.

The 29th annual Starke Great Pumpkin Escape, held on Saturday, Oct. 25, in Starke, attracted a large crowd and was a smashing success.

This year's entertainment included the North Florida Elite Cheer and Tumbling group performing tumbling moves,

a cupcake walk sponsored by Walmart, a pet parade, pony rides, bounce houses, and a smash-and-bash, all taking place at the event.

"This is an annual event we have for Halloween to bring the community together and do something special for them. It's not just about the candy; it's about community involvement and having everybody come together to enjoy themselves," said Andy Redding, Starke mayor. "Thank you, and we appreciate them coming out, and we hope we have a wonderful environment for them, and that they come back next year."

All downtown businesses, the city, the Starke Chamber of Commerce, and the Bradford County Sheriff's Office contributed their time, food, and candy to make this event possible. The proceeds from the festival are donated back to the community to support two scholarships for individuals in



Adam Edens, Jeff Minigh and Nolan Gets



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vocational programs or high school. The scholarship drawing is held in May.



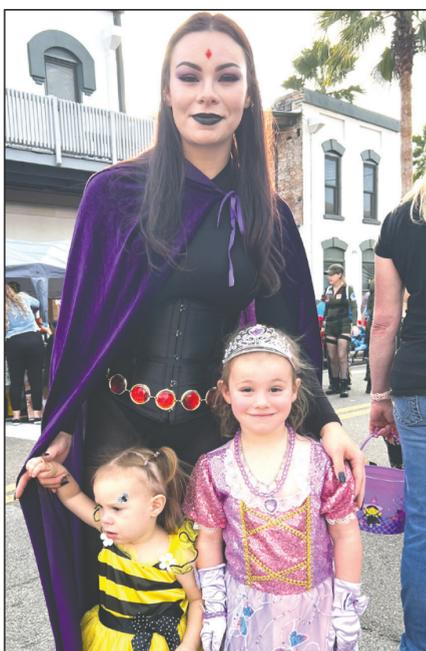
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## RV park decision postponed

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD  
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At a Oct. 16 meeting, Bradford County commissioners sitting as the Board of Adjustment considered a special exception request involving the development of a new recreational vehicle park and campground, postponing any action.

The application, brought by Karavan Starke LLC, proposed the construction of 80 to 88 RV spaces on property north of Starke and east of U.S. 301, covering roughly 34 acres, with approximately 13 acres designated for upland development. The land has already been cleared for the purpose.

Eric Evans, a civil engineer with Emerio Design, presented the site plan and responded to questions from commissioners. The proposal includes a stormwater pond, a domestic well and a septic system currently in the design phase.

Commissioners expressed several concerns related to the project. Chief among them were potential traffic hazards due to the lack of a deceleration and turn lane into the property. They also pointed out that traffic traveling south would have to make a U-turn to arrive at the park.

According to Evans, the Florida Department of Transportation required a traffic study, but the study determined no turn lane was needed.

"They're going to require us to turn in a turning template to show that designed vehicles

could get in there safely. And so, the U-turn would be something that we'd be concerned about as well," he said. We initially approached them about doing an aligned cross intersection across 182nd Street, and they flatly said, no, you're not going to place it there."

Further questions from the board addressed the adequacy of flood control and drainage measures near the Water Road Creek, as well as the water and septic systems.

The board also sought clarification on whether the RV park would host long-term tenants or permanent structures, although Evans said this was not the case.

Because they needed more information, the board decided not to render a final decision at this meeting. Instead, members deferred action on the proposal until the applicant could provide further documentation, including written confirmation of compliance with Florida Department of Transportation guidelines and more detailed plans regarding the site's utilities and long-term use.

## November sobriety checkpoints announced

During the month of November, the Bradford County Sheriff's Office will be conducting sobriety checkpoints in one or more of the following locations: U.S. Highway 301 and Market Road, S.R. 100 West, S.R. 100 East and Southeast 109th Street, Southeast S.R. 21, S.R. 16 and Southwest S.R. 231.

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# Lake Region

## Anglican cathedral hosts car show *Beekeeper battles bears, parasites and mystery migration*

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
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Immanuel Anglican Cathedral held its third annual car show on Saturday, October 25.

Pastor Rev. Paul R. Toro Jr., who is also the presiding bishop of the Anglican Free Communion, said his former church in Middleburg held car shows as part of its community outreach.

He added that Immanuel member Roger Rothwell, Jr. started the event in Keystone Heights and used the Middleburg



Volunteer Fred Pittman and Rev. Paul R. Toro Jr.

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BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
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The director of maintenance at the Montgomery Center is in his third year of beekeeping and has rebuilt three hives after having one destroyed by a black bear, a second invaded by a parasitic mite, and a third in which his bees unexplainably swarmed away.

John Raimer said he had always wanted to be a beekeeper, especially since he is a backyard gardener and wanted the social insects to pollinate his crops.

"Bees and gardens go hand in hand," he said. "Gardens need pollinators."

Bees play such a critical role in pollination that some Florida-based beekeepers take their hives to California every year to pollinate that state's almond crop.

"And then on the way back," he added, "I think they'll go through Nebraska and then some of them go through Michigan and then they'll come back. They don't make a lot of money per hive by doing this, but because they do it in volumes, they'll make a lot of money."

### Going to UF's Bee College

Raimer said that when he came to Montgomery, he discovered a hive on the property, but no one was caring for it.

"So, I joined the Clay County Beekeepers Association, and they assigned a mentor to me to help teach me how to care for the bees," he recalled.

Raimer also attended an association Saturday course featuring a professor from the University of Florida's College



Beekeeper John Raimer inspecting a frame from one of his three hives.

of Entomology.

The university's Institute of Food and Agricultural Services, popularly known as IFIS, has a honeybee research and extension lab that hosts a weekend bee college. Raimer has attended the college once and has registered for the 2026 session in March.

He said he was surprised at the extent of knowledge required to care for the honey producers.

"I'm not an expert," he said. "I mean, this is just my third year of being in it, but I have learned so much. I'm going back to bee college in March just because I think I need to learn more."

### Bees south of Orlando may be Africanized

This past winter, Raimer lost all three of his hives. A black bear got into one and ate all the honey. A second hive was infested with a parasitic mite:

Varroa destructor, which hosts at least five debilitating bee viruses.

Raimer said he is not sure what happened to the third hive.

"They just left," he said of the colony.

Raimer said that after erecting an electric fence to protect his hives from bears, he restocked his three hives from bees bought at Santa Fe Beekeepers in High Springs.

"There's a place in the Ocala National Forest that sells them," he said, "and then there's one in Jacksonville, but I usually do business with the one in High Springs because it's closer."

Raimer said beekeepers in northern Florida do not get bees from sources south of Orlando.

"The bees there are more of an African heritage, and they're more aggressive," he said. "The bees that we have are European, and they're a little more docile."

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# Crime

## Recent arrests in Bradford, Union and Clay

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

### Bradford

Marie Evette Black, 44, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 21 for failure to appear.

Brian Sean Copeland, 51, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 21 for a probation violation.

Tommy Lee Covington, 46, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 24 for DUI.

Mitchell Daughtry, 25, of Jacksonville, was arrested by FHP troopers on October 19 for possession of a weapon by a convicted felon.

Nicholas Davis, 30, of Jacksonville, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 19 for smuggling contraband into a prison and cocaine trafficking.

Cole Barry Dennis, 25, of Bunnell, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 22 for battery.

Raymond Scott-Ashton Drawdy, 28, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 19 for burglary and larceny.

Reid Davidson Ford, 34, of Hampton, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 24 for an out-of-county warrant.

Clayton Maurice Glosion, 48, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 18 for an out-of-county warrant.

### Convicted felon hits man with shotgun, fires round toward him

Mack Harold Hunter, 55, of Lawtey, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 18 for aggravated assault, aggravated battery, and possession of a weapon by a convicted felon.

According to an arrest report, deputies were dispatched at 4:33 a.m. to a stabbing report, only to discover the victim—bleeding heavily from a deep slash across his left palm—had fled to a relative's home and called 911 himself.

The injured man told deputies he and another person had argued verbally, then physically, inside the Lake Street residence they shared with the defendant. Awakened by the commotion, Hunter burst into the bedroom, shotgun in hand, and smashed the butt into the younger man's head.

A fight ensued, and the victim broke free, fled west on foot, and sought help. Hunter followed to the porch and fired one blast from the steps in the direction the man had run, according to a witness, who had also left the home and witnessed the shot.

Both men were transported by ambulance to an area hospital.

A records check confirmed Hunter is a convicted felon, barred from possessing firearms

or ammunition. Deputies obtained a search warrant for the Lake Street address and recovered a shotgun with one spent shell from Hunter's bedroom.

Carl James, 45, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 22 for obscene communication.

Brandon Lavaughn Johnson, 30, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 22 for a moving traffic violation.

Christopher John Kalogiros, 41, of Melrose, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 20 for an out-of-county warrant.

Dannielle Allyssa Marie Knapp, 40, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 18 for an out-of-county warrant.

Debra Taylor McDonald, 66, of Old Town, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 20 for DUI.

### Woman steals \$12,000 from ex-boyfriend

Stacy Rhoden Montgomery, 53, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 22 for fraud-swindling.

According to a May 24, 2024, sworn complaint, the scam unfolded between April 26 and May 24, 2024, at DLP Bank on Walnut Street in Starke.

The victim reported that \$12,047.87 vanished from his personal account in multiple unauthorized transfers. Bank employees told deputies a man repeatedly called pretending to be the victim, reciting his Social Security number and date of birth, to approve transfers into Montgomery's account.

Minutes later, Montgomery and a man identified as Jason Gillespie would arrive together to withdraw the cash.

One teller noted the authorizing phone number did not match the victim's on-file contact. Further checks revealed the same number was linked to Gillespie's Cash App profile, complete with his photo. Law enforcement databases confirmed the number is registered to Gillespie.

When contacted by phone, Gillespie admitted driving Montgomery to the bank "multiple times" to collect transferred funds but denied making the calls or impersonating the victim. Efforts to interview him in person were unsuccessful.

Montgomery denied any knowledge of the impersonation and claimed Gillespie never accompanied her to the bank, contradicting multiple employee statements.

### Hampton woman out \$4,320 after plumber abandons job

Christopher Lee Pollard, 36, of Orlando, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 23 for fraud, swindling, larceny, and public order crimes.

According to a May 11, 2025, complaint, the victim hired Pollard, owner of Orlando-based Pollard's Ultimate Plumbing LLC, after a department store employee recommended him in late 2024.

Pollard provided an invoice dated December 30, 2024, for \$5,500. The victim paid a \$2,200 down payment via Cash App, followed by additional electronic transfers, bringing the total paid to \$4,320. Work began January

14, 2025, but Pollard stopped showing up by February 14, citing delays, then claiming he needed a loan to issue a refund.

When pressed, Pollard allegedly told the victim to "stop harassing" him and to "sue" for her money. He abandoned pipes, wiring, and other materials on the property.

The victim's certified letter demanding repayment, sent to Pollard's registered business address in Orlando, was returned as undeliverable.

Deputies documented the unfinished job in July, photographing unused supplies scattered in the yard and inside the home.

Kaleb Aaron Robbins, 33, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 21 for a parole violation.

Angela Anita Robinson, 48, of Worthington Springs, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 22 for drug equipment possession and drug possession.

Stephen Thomas Rugg, 51, of St. Augustine, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 21 for a probation violation.

Sharon Elizabeth Standifer, 57, of Wildwood, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 22 for disturbing the peace.

Gregory Lamar Williams, 48, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 23 for an out-of-county warrant.

Willie Christopher Williams, 34, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 18 for DUI.

### Union

#### Transgender inmate tries "shock factor" on officers

Diana Elizabeth Guevara, 36, of Homosassa, was arrested by Union deputies on October 23 for committing a sex act in the presence of a correctional facility employee and resisting an officer with violence.

According to an affidavit by a Florida Department of Corrections Office of the Inspector General detective, two correctional officers entered Guevara's cell around 4:30 p.m. on April 6 to address excess property and bed-placement violations. Guevara became belligerent when counseled on conduct.

Guevara, handcuffed behind her back, screamed to the female officer: "I will (expletive deleted) you up bitch. I'll bash your face in and kill you... I'm gonna make you bleed. I'll show you my male DNA."

The defendant lunged toward the female officer but was restrained by the male officer. The female officer later told investigators she feared for her safety, citing Guevara's prior head-butting of another officer.

When an FDC captain arrived at 6:20 p.m. to de-escalate the situation, Guevara maneuvered her cuffed hands to the front, pulled down her pants, and made lewd gestures toward the captain.

As the senior officer departed, Guevara lifted her shirt and exposed her breasts to the male officer first involved in the incident, who described the act as an intentional "shock factor."

In a post-Miranda interview, Guevara admitted lowering her pants to "show" staff but denied making lewd gestures or lifting her shirt. She claimed frustration over being reprimanded for "catcalling" male inmates.

## CARS

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event as a template.

Toro said attendance for Sunday services has grown from eight, when he first arrived seven years ago, to between 40 and 50.

Volunteer Fred Pittman said the car show had 59 entries. Jim Ranieri, who ran the show while Rothwell was out of town on a family trip, said Gary Bennett won the show and John Wiggins placed second.

Among the 59 entrants were Jeff and Diane Jenkins, who displayed their 1956 Willys 6226 Jeep Station Wagon.

The couple moved to the Indian Trails area near McRae from Eustis about a year ago.

"Too many people in Central Florida," Jeff said of the move. "What used to be orange groves are now subdivisions."

Jeff has the vehicle's original invoice, which shows the Jeep was first bought in 1956 in West Palm Beach for \$2,875.

"I bought it when I was in my 20s and I'm 64 now," he added.

The Central Florida transplant recalled that on a trip to South Florida with his sister and mother, he located the former site of McCoy's Garage on North Dixie Highway, where the Willys was first bought.

"It's an empty lot now with some concrete out there," he remembered. "It was raining. I pulled over and started taking pictures of this empty lot. My mother and sister thought I was crazy as hell, and I said, 'This is where the Jeep was born, Mom.'"

Keystone Heights City Council member Dan Lewandowski entered his 1941 Series 6019S Cadillac.

The retired Air Force colonel bought the car from his brother, who has an extensive collection and is a past president of the Southern California Cadillac and LaSalle Club.

"He lives in Los Angeles," Lewandowski said, "and before that, the car was in Portland, Oregon, so it has spent its entire life on the West Coast."

The brothers named the car "The Goddess" after the iconic hood ornament Cadillac put on its models from 1930 to 1956 and reintroduced in 2022 as

a front fender badge on the CELESTIQ.

Cadillac produced 1,400 Series 6019S cars in 1941. The model came with two options: an automatic transmission, which Lewandowski's car has, and air conditioning, which it

does not. "But there's no power steering or power brakes," the city council member said. "In 1941, automatic transmissions were cutting-edge technology."



Jeff and Diane Jenkins with their 1956 Willys 6226 Jeep Station Wagon.



Keystone Heights City Council member Dan Lewandowski with his 1941 Series 6019S Cadillac.

John Ellis Nettles, 42, of Tallahassee, was arrested by Union deputies on October 22 for a probation violation.

### Claimed son crashed, caught with drugs

Angela Anita Robinson, 48, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Union deputies on October 22 for drug possession and possession of controlled substances without a prescription.

According to an arrest report, Deputy Austin C. Kazmierski spotted Robinson's blue Toyota 4Runner around 10:30 p.m. on State Road 121. The Toyota was

parked facing a tree line on the northbound side of the highway, just outside Lake Butler.

Robinson told the deputy she was searching for her son, whom she believed had been in a crash, though no accident had been reported. She appeared disoriented, pointing north when describing her route home to Bell and south, toward Worthington Springs when identifying her location as Lake Butler.

During the stop, Robinson admitted to taking prescribed Xanax earlier in the day, drinking one Budweiser, and using "a little meth." She directed the deputy to a syringe in the center console.

A search of the vehicle uncovered a capped syringe and a glass pipe with residue consistent with crack cocaine

use. Field testing confirmed methamphetamine in the syringe.

### Clay

Noah Jefferson Davis, 43, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Clay deputies on October 23 for trafficking in amphetamines and possession or use of drug equipment.

William Lee Garabrandt, 54, of Melrose, was arrested by Clay deputies on October 24 for simple battery.

Joshua Adam Pennington, 26, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Clay deputies on October 20 for simple battery.

## NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

**Notice is hereby given that the Union County 2025 Certified Tax Rolls have been delivered by the Property Appraiser to the Tax Collector. Tax rolls are open for collection for all Real Estate, Special Assessment and Personal Property taxes as of November 1, 2025. Taxes may be paid by mail, on-line at [www.unioncountyc.com](http://www.unioncountyc.com) or in the Office of the Tax Collector, Union County Courthouse, 55 West Main Street, Room 108, Lake Butler, FL.**

**Notices were mailed October 28, 2025 to all property owners or their agents at last known addresses. If you have NOT received your notice by November 7, 2025, please contact our office at 386-496-3331.**

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# UNION COUNTY

## 12U Pop Warner team claims division championship

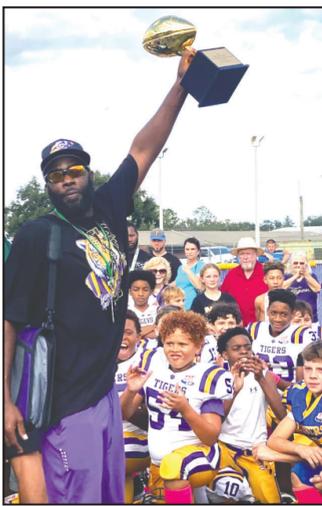
BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
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Union County Pop Warner's 12U team won the Division II title of the Putnam Athletic Pop Warner Football League.

The Andrews Site Prep 12U Tigers will next face Springfield of Greater Jacksonville on November 8 in Palatka.

Union County Pop Warner League President Mac Johns credited coach Kelvin Simmons for the team's success.

"He's one of the 'Best' coaches I've seen in a while," Johns said in a social media post.



Andrews Site Prep 12U Tigers Coach Kelvin Simmons celebrates his team's Putnam Athletic League Division II championship with his players.

## Complaints pile up for stinking Lake Butler water

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
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Lake Butler officials said they are continuing to field complaints about the sulfur odor in city water while a contractor refurbishes the municipality's water tank.

Lead Water Operator Jason Furman explained that the odor is caused by excess chlorine the city must put into the water while the tank repairs are underway.

"We're using," he told city commissioners during their October 21 meeting, "compared to previous, almost three times the amount of chlorine."

Furman added that since the COVID-19 Pandemic, chlorine prices have skyrocketed, adding a significant financial cost to the city in addition to the citizen complaints.

Furman said he adjusted the chlorine levels down last month in response to citizen complaints.

The lead water operator said Lake Butler water customers will likely have to tolerate the odor through December, when repairs are expected to be complete.

Tim Norman and John Petrovich from CPH Consulting told commissioners they have been pushing the contractor, who has blamed delays on subcontractors.

"We did not anticipate being in bypass mode this long," one of the consultants said. "He's promised me he's going to see what he can do to make that happen, but he's relying on other subcontractors to get in there and do their work."

The two consultants also asked commissioners to approve a \$61,740 change order.

The CPH representatives blamed the change order on insufficient information during the bid process.

"When they submitted their bid initially, they could not see the inside of the tank as the

tank was in service," one of the consultants said. "It was full of water."

The consultants said the contractor discovered damage

to the inner wall that supports the tank's roof. The change order would bring the inner wall to a standard that will support the roof.

Commissioners approved the change order, which still leaves the project \$15,000 under budget.

## BEES

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He also said he gets his supplies locally, mainly from Ace Hardware.

"If something breaks on Sunday afternoon, I need a store," he said. "I don't need Amazon to tell me it will be here in three days. I need it in three minutes. Not three days."

Raimer said some area beekeepers order their queen bees from Hawaii.

"When the queen's getting old and she's not producing, they'll create a new queen to help take over," he said. "Sometimes it happens, but occasionally it doesn't. So, we will end up at times buying a queen to put into the hive."

The Aloha State's climate allows bees to mate year-round, and its isolation from the mainland keeps the Africanized bees away. The price for Hawaiian queens can approach \$100. They are shipped in special containers through the U.S. Postal Service.

## 70,000 bees per hive, 300 eggs a day

Raimer said he inspects his three 16-by-20-by-10-inch hives once a week.

"Sometimes it's just a quick inspection," he said. "Sometimes it's where we pull out all the frames and inspect everything."

Each hive has 10 frames, and an average of 70,000 bees inhabit it.

Raimer said that while attending bee college, he asked the professor how they knew the population of each hive.

"I asked, 'Do you have someone count them as they're coming and going?' which would be impossible to do."

"The professor goes, 'No. We just froze a hive and then counted all the dead bees.'"

Raimer said some beekeepers locate the queen during inspections, but he does not.

"I can tell by looking at what's on those frames if she's doing her job," he said. "Her job is to lay eggs."

He added that a queen can lay around 300 eggs a day.

Worker bees specialize in caring for the queen by feeding her, watering her, cleaning up after her, and keeping her cool.

## Stung 40 times in the head

Raimer doesn't suit up in protective gear, nor use smoke when handling the hives.

"When they know that you are there and they know what you are doing, there's no problem," he said.

However, on one occasion, Raimer broke one rule for approaching a hive and paid the price.

"My mentor told me not to work the hive from the front, which is where they come and go," Raimer recalled. "And so, I just was brain dead one day, and I was working from the front, and I got stung in the head about 40 times."

He said that since he is not allergic to bee venom, he did not get treated for the stings and regrets only that the bees stung him in the head instead of his knees.

"Bee stings are good for arthritis," he said.

"They were doing what they were supposed to do," he said of

his attackers. "They're supposed to protect the hive. So, from that point on, I worked the hives from the back."

"And I've done really well," he added. "I think this summer, and this fall, I've gotten stung like five or six times, and that's it."

In addition to honey and venom, which some research has confirmed reduce inflammation, swelling, and pain associated with arthritis, the colonies also produce propolis, which has purported antimicrobial, anti-inflammatory, and antioxidant properties.

Raimer said his bees also bring him psychological benefits: relaxation, peace, and stoking his curiosity.

"I live close to the lake," he said, "but I also put bird baths out over by my chicken coops, and it's fun just to watch the bees in flight. You can actually watch them flying from the hive to the water and then back to the hive again."

"Once you get your eyes trained," he added, "you can get over by the side of the hive during pollen season, and watch the bees fly back to the hive. They have pollen pouches on their rear legs, and you can see the pollen in the pouches."

Raimer added that observing the organization and operation of the hive is fascinating.

"The other thing that's really cool about a beehive," he said, "it is like an organism. That colony works together. They keep that hive at a constant temperature during the winter and the summer. During the summer, they cool it, and during the winter, they warm it."

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**GOOD LUCK AT PLAYOFFS!**

# Tornadoes defeat Santa Fe 21-7, win District 5-2A title

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
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Bradford High School's football team turned two early turnovers into points in defeating visiting Santa Fe 21-7 and winning the District 5-2A championship on Oct. 24.

The Tornadoes have now won their district in three of the four years under Head Coach Jamie Rodgers.

"The seniors from last year — they get harassed a little bit about being the only group I've had that didn't win the district championship," Rodgers said. "This (year's) group wanted to

do it. They were super happy to do it."

Though they were going to qualify for the postseason anyway, the Tornadoes earned an automatic berth in the Region 2 playoffs by virtue of winning the district. The playoffs begin Friday, Nov. 14. Seedings and matchups will be announced by the Florida High School Athletic Association on Thursday, Nov. 6.

Santa Fe (7-2, 2-2) was looking to create a three-way tie atop the district standings, but the Raiders got off to a disastrous start against Bradford. Their first two offensive plays —

including a sack by Bradford's Danny Torres — resulted in a net loss of 4 yards. The Tornadoes' Nate Raymond then had a sack-fumble, with the loose ball being scooped up by Jy'Quez Cason.

The turnover set the Bradford offense up at Santa Fe's 8-yard line. After an offsideline penalty assessed against the Raiders, Bradford quarterback Cy Cubbedge found Kemontae Nixon in the corner of the end zone for a 4-yard touchdown pass at the 10:04 mark of the first quarter. Tyler Sapp kicked the extra point to make it 7-0.

Santa Fe responded with an impressive drive that saw the Raiders move from their own 20 to the Bradford 33. Running back Jasiah Powell was a big part of that, with six carries for 30 yards.

The drive consumed more than eight minutes before ending with the Raiders' second turnover — an interception by Jordan Cason, whose return set the Bradford offense up at the Santa Fe 45.

Cubbedge and Iyen Addison had carries of 6 and 7 yards, respectively, before Addison broke free for a 32-yard touchdown run. Sapp added the PAT as the Tornadoes built a 14-0 lead with 1:19 remaining in the first quarter.

Addison gained 54 total yards on six carries before exiting the game in the first half with an ankle injury. It was the same ankle he injured earlier in the season.

"He'll be OK," Rodgers said, adding, "The good thing is now

we don't play again for three weeks."

Santa Fe's Dantre Little returned the kickoff following Addison's touchdown 65 yards to the Bradford 29-yard line. After an offsideline penalty against the Tornadoes, Powell ripped off an 11-yard run to the 13. Powell was tackled for a 1-yard loss on the next play, but then had carries of 6 and 7 yards to set up first-and-goal at the 1. Quarterback Tyler Gentry went over center for a touchdown approximately two minutes into the second quarter. Mayer Steen kicked the extra point as the Raiders cut Bradford's lead in half at 14-7.

The Tornadoes threatened to increase their lead when Nixon turned a short pass into a 34-yard gain to the Santa Fe 27. Bradford, however, was held to a net gain of 4 yards on its next three plays. The Tornadoes went for it on fourth-and-6, turning the ball over on downs after an incomplete pass.

It was a quick first half, with Santa Fe controlling the clock with its run game. The Raiders had a huge advantage in time of possession, holding onto the ball for more than 19 minutes.

Santa Fe rushed for 73 yards in the first half, with Powell gaining 69 yards on 15 carries.

The second half was a different story, as the Bradford defense held Powell to 17 yards. Bradford made five tackles behind the line of scrimmage as the Raiders had minus-8 yards rushing as a team and 32 total yards.

"We made some really good



Kemontae Nixon (right) catches his second touchdown against Santa Fe's Malcolm Merriex.



Santa Fe quarterback Tyler Gentry (far left) rolls away from pressure brought by J.J. Hall (center) and Johnathan Andrews.

adjustments," Rodgers said. "Our defensive staff got on the board in there in a hurry and fixed some things that were giving us problems. We went to a little bit of a different front — some See BHS, page 13

## BHS still on top in region, 3rd in 2A overall

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
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Bradford High School's football team maintained the top spot in the Florida High School Athletic Association/MaxPreps power rankings for Region 2-2A and moved up in the rankings for Class 2A overall.

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

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

This is the second week in a row that Bradford (9-1) was number one in Region 2. In fact, the top six remained unchanged from the previous week, with The Villages (8-1) in second, Clearwater Calvary Christian (6-3) in third, Cocoa (4-4) in fourth, Tampa Berkeley Prep (3-4) in

fifth and Santa Fe (6-3) in sixth.

Titusville Astronaut (5-4) and Newberry (4-5) were seventh and eighth, respectively, but have now swapped places.

If the season ended today, Bradford would host a first-round playoff game against Astronaut. However, two more rankings will be released, with the final rankings and playoff seedings/matchups to be revealed on Thursday, Nov. 6.

The Tornadoes were ranked

fourth in Class 2A overall, but made a jump over St. Petersburg Lakewood (8-1) to now claim the third spot behind top-ranked Sarasota Cardinal Mooney (8-1) and second-ranked Jacksonville Bolles (8-1).

When combining all classifications (1A-7A and Rural), Bradford is ranked 30th in the state.

Complete rankings can be viewed at fhsaa.com.

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**FROM STEVE & CINDY FUTCH**

## KHHS boys golf team is 7th in 1A Public School Championship

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
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Keystone Heights High School got the chance to defend its title, but couldn't make it two in a row, finishing seventh out of

the eight-team field at the second annual Florida 1A Public School Golf Championship, which was held at Lake City's Quail Heights Country Club on Oct. 24.

The Indians, who won the inaugural championship in 2024, had an 18-hole score of 349, putting them six strokes ahead of Marianna.

Frostproof, the top seed going in, won with a score of 349, followed by Lafayette with a second-place score of 308, Walton, with a third-place score of 323, Northview, with a fourth-

place score of 326, Holmes County, with a fifth-place score of 327, and Freeport, with a sixth-place score of 344.

Keystone, the tournament's seventh seed, was led by Sammy Wach, who shot an 85 to finish in a three-way tie for 27th in the 46-player field. Wach made par on six holes.

Will Begue had three birdies and made par on three holes in, finishing in a two-way tie for 30th with a score of 86. Teammate Nate Bardier, who had a birdie and made par on five holes,

finished two strokes behind and in a two-way tie for 32nd.

Landon Spence, who had two birdies and made par on three holes, had a score of 90 to finish in a two-way tie for 35th. Baylor Ford, who made par on five holes, finished in a two-way tie for 37th with a score of 91.

Frostproof's Jordan Castillo and Northview's Luke Godwin were the individual leaders, with each shooting a one-under par score of 70. Castillo earned medalist honors after a sudden-death playoff.

## Indians are 3rd at district boys golf tourney

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
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Keystone Heights High School placed third at the Oct. 28 District 5-1A boys golf tournament in Gainesville, missing out on an automatic regional berth by one spot.

The top two teams in each of the four district tournaments

in Region 2 automatically advanced. An additional four teams will receive at-large berths. P.K. Yonge won the District 5 championship with an 18-hole score of 341, while Oak Hall was second with a score of 345.

The Indians had a team score of 359, putting them one stroke ahead of fourth-place Newberry.

Keystone was led by Baylor Ford, who finished in a two-way tie for 12th with a score of 86. He had a birdie and made par on four holes.

See GOLF, page 11

# Legal Notices

Legals for the week of Oct. 30, 2025

## BRADFORD

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Notice is hereby given that TC 23 LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate Number: 259  
Year of Issuance: 2023  
Parcel Number: 00990-0-00300  
Case Number: 04-2025-TD-007  
Description of Property:

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

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

Above described parcel being conveyed with an easement for ingress and egress over a 25.00 foot strip of land described as follows: Commence at the Northwest corner said W 1/2 of NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 for the Point of Beginning and run North 88 degrees 56 minutes 37 seconds East, along the Northernly boundary thereof, 175.59 feet; thence South 01 degree 35 minutes 41 seconds East, parallel with the Westerly boundary of said W 1/2 of NE 1/4 of SE 1/4, a distance of 824.75 feet; thence North 89 degrees 32 minutes 19 seconds East, parallel with the Southerly boundary of said W 1/2 of NE 1/4 of SE 1/4, a distance of 46.42 feet; thence South 01 degree 35 minutes 41 seconds East, 25.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 32 minutes 19 seconds West, parallel with said Southerly Boundary, 71.42 feet; thence North 01 degree 35 minutes 41 seconds West, parallel with said Westerly boundary, 824.50 feet; thence South 88 degrees 39 minutes 46 seconds West, parallel with said Northernly boundary, 150.59 feet to an intersection with the Westerly boundary of said W 1/2 of NE 1/4 of SE 1/4; thence South 88 degrees 39 minutes 46 seconds West, parallel with the Northernly boundary of the NW 1/4 of NE 1/4, a distance of 66.04 feet to an iron rod on the Easterly boundary of the right of way of County Road 221, thence North 37 degrees 42 minutes 03 seconds East, along said Easterly boundary, 32.19 feet to an iron rod set on last said Northernly boundary; thence North 88 degrees 39 minutes 46 seconds East, 45.41 feet to the Point of Beginning.

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

Denny Thompson, Clerk Of The Circuit Court  
By: KANETRA JENKINS, Deputy Clerk  
Contact the Tax Deed Office at 904-966-6280 to obtain the amount necessary to redeem.  
DATED: September 30, 2025  
DATE OF PUBLICATION: OCTOBER 9, 2025; OCTOBER 16, 2025; OCTOBER 23, 2025, OCTOBER 30, 2025

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 8TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

PROBATE DIVISION  
File No. 25000104CPAXMX  
IN RE: ESTATE OF JERRY LEE LEWIS, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
The administration of the estate of JERRY LEE LEWIS, Deceased, whose date of death was July 23, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court for BRADFORD County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 945 N Temple Ave, Starke, FL 32091. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this notice is October 30, 2025.

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COMMISSION MEETING  
THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Bradford County Board of County Commissioners will have a board meeting on November 4, 2025, at 9:30 AM, inside the county commission meeting room, located in the north wing section of the Bradford County Courthouse, 945 N. Temple, Avenue, Starke, FL. A copy of the meeting agenda may be obtained from the Bradford County website: [www.bradfordcountyfl.gov](http://www.bradfordcountyfl.gov). Said meeting location is secured – no firearms or weapons are permitted.  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 8TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

PROBATE DIVISION  
File No. 25000111CPAXMX  
IN RE: ESTATE OF JOYE PENCE BOONE, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
The administration of the estate of JOYE PENCE BOONE, Deceased, whose date of death was April 23, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court for BRADFORD County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 945 N. Temple Ave. 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.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO: 2025-CA-000293  
DIVISION:

MACY C. MCWILLIAMS, Plaintiff, and MARTHA POWELL MCCLANE, deceased, JAMES HUSTON MCCLANE, deceased, and their unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, or any other claimants.

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

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

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

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

0° 18'30" East 174.88 feet; thence South 89°54'20" East, parallel with the Northernly boundary of said SW 1/4 of SE 1/4, 60 feet; thence North 0°18'30" West 174.35 feet to point of beginning LESS AND EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LANDS:

A parcel of land lying in the SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 27, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida; said parcel being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northeast corner of said SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 and run South 0°18'30" East along the Easterly boundary thereof 41.15 feet to the Southerly boundary of the right of way of Bessent Road; thence North 89°24'20" West along said Southerly boundary 329.98 feet to the point of beginning; From point of beginning thus described, continue North 89°24'20" West 60.01 feet; thence South 0°18'30" East parallel with said Easterly boundary, 172.25 feet; thence South 89° 54'20" East parallel with the Northernly boundary of said SW 1/4 of SE 1/4, 60 feet; thence North 0°18'30" West 171.33 feet to the Point of Beginning.

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

Dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2025.  
DENNY THOMPSON  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
BY: D. Jenkins  
Deputy Clerk  
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## UNION

NOTICE

Request for Proposals (RFP) RFP #25-01 Recycling Services  
New River Solid Waste Association (NRSWA) is calling for proposals for the following services: Baker, Bradford, Union County Recycling Collection and Processing.

All proposals must be submitted on the Proposal Form provided. Completed proposals are to be mailed to the New River Solid Waste Association, P.O. Box 647, Raiford, Florida 32083-0647 or delivered to the NRSWA Administration Office at 24276 NE 157<sup>th</sup> Street, Raiford, FL 32083. A copy of the RFP can be requested by emailing [lgreene@nrswa.org](mailto:lgreene@nrswa.org). After the RFP opening, the proposals will be examined for completeness and preserved in the custody of the Executive Director. New River Solid Waste Association reserves the right to reject any or all proposals or a portion thereof for any reason. Any proposals received after the specified time and date will not be considered. For additional information contact NRSWA at 386-431-1000. The DEADLINE for submittal in response to the above RFP is December 15, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. (noon).  
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COMMISSION MEETING  
The Union County Board of County Commissioners will hold their **Regular Business Meeting/Town Hall Meeting** on Monday, November 3, 2025, 6:00 PM at the **Raiford Community Center**, 22848 NE 130<sup>th</sup> Terrace, Raiford, FL 32083.  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND

FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE No. 24000047CAAXMX  
PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF,  
VS.  
REBECCA M. NETTLES, ET AL. DEFENDANT(S).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE #20286

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated February 24, 2025, in the above action, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at Union County, Florida, on November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 11:00 AM, at Foyer of courthouse - 55 W. Main St., Lake Butler, FL 32054 for the following described property: "Part of the South 1/2 of the

Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 15, Township 5 South, Range 20 East, Union County, Florida, containing one-acre, more or less, as defined by four concrete monuments. These monuments are located as follows: Running Southerly along the supposed East boundary of the above 20 acre tract to a monument said to be the Southeast corner thereof, run right through a deflection angle of 86°15'; Thence 163.33 feet to a point, at which turn right through a deflection angle of 48°05'; Thence Northwesterly along, this course a distance of 512.00 feet, to a monument, this monument being the East corner monument of the one-acre tract herein described, thence run left through a deflection angle of 89°59'; Thence along this line, being a boundary of the one-acre tract herein described for a distance of 209.00 feet to a monument, being the Southern corner of the one-acre tract herein described, thence turning right through a deflection angle of 90°03"; Thence along this course being a boundary of the one-acre tract herein described, a distance of 210.00 feet to a monument, being the West corner of the aforesaid one-acre tract, thence turning right through a deflection angle of 89°50'; Thence along this course, being a boundary of the one-acre tract herein described, a distance of 210.00 feet to a monument, being the North corner of the aforesaid one-acre tract, and thence turning right through a deflection angle of 90°07"; Thence along this course, being a boundary of the aforesaid one-acre tract, a distance of 210.00 feet to a monument, being the East corner previously mentioned; It being specifically understood the aforesaid monuments are and remain the boundaries of the parcel herein described. AND Commence at the Northwest corner of the South 1/2 of Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4, Section 15, Township 5 South, Range 20 East, Union County, Florida, and run North 84° 30' 27" East along the North line of said South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4, 146.89 feet, thence South 44° 32' 28" East, 420.69 feet to the point of beginning, thence South 42° 52' 17" West 122.00 feet, thence South 47° 08' 43" East, 210.00 feet, thence North 42° 52' 17" East, 210.00 feet, thence North 47° 08' 43" West 210.00 feet, thence South 42° 52' 17" West, 88.00 feet to the Point of Beginning."

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## LAKE REGION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
FIRST READING  
ORDINANCE 2025- 615

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, FLORIDA AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION OF ±2.72 ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 200 NE COMMERCIAL CIRCLE, IDENTIFIED AS OF A PORTION TAX ID NUMBER 002189-

011-00, FROM COMMERCIAL TO LIGHT INDUSTRIAL; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, SEVERABILITY AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF KEYSTONE HEIGHTS will be holding a PUBLIC HEARING on MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2025, at 6 PM

on ORDINANCE 2025- 615 Ordinance 2025-615 would amend the Keystone Heights Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map (FLUM) for a 2.47 acre parcel located at 200 NE Commercial Circle, Parcel RE# 20-08-23-002189-011-00, from Commercial to Industrial Light The public hearing will be held at the Keystone Heights City Hall, 555 S Lawrence Boulevard, Keystone Heights, Florida. Interested parties may appear at the hearings and be heard with respect to the Ordinance for the FLUM amendment. After the public hearing, the City Council may take immediate action on the proposed FLUM amendment, or may continue its deliberations to a date, time and place then announced without publishing further notice thereof. A copy of the application for the proposed FLUM amendment is available for inspection by the public at the Keystone Heights City Hall, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, a person deciding to appeal any decision made by the City Council with respect to any matter considered at the hearings is advised that such person will need a record of all proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of all proceedings is made, which must include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person needing accommodations to participate in this matter should contact City Hall at (352) 473-4807, no later than three (3) business days prior to the hearing for which this notice has been given. James Booth, Keystone Heights City Manager  
10/30 1tchg-LRM

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
FIRST READING  
ORDINANCE 2025- 616

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, FLORIDA REZONING ±2.72 ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 200 NE COMMERCIAL CIRCLE, IDENTIFIED AS OF TAX ID NUMBER 002189-011-00, FROM GENERAL COMMERCIAL TO INDUSTRIAL; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, SEVERABILITY AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF KEYSTONE HEIGHTS will be holding a PUBLIC HEARING on MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2025, at 6 PM

on ORDINANCE 2025- 616 Ordinance 2025-616 would rezone a 2.47 acre parcel located at 200 NE Commercial Circle, Parcel RE# 20-08-23-002189-011-00, from General Commercial to Industrial.

The public hearing will be held at the Keystone Heights City Hall, 555 S Lawrence Boulevard, Keystone Heights, Florida. Interested parties may appear at the hearings and be heard with respect to the Ordinance for the rezoning. After the public hearing, the City Council may take immediate action on the proposed rezoning, or may continue its deliberations to a date, time and place then announced without publishing further notice thereof. A copy of the application for the proposed Rezone is available for inspection by the public at the Keystone Heights City Hall, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

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**Aubrey Brooks, who placed fifth at the District 5-1A tournament, had a notable final week of the regular season, making an eagle in one match and earning medalist honors in another.**



didn't field a full team. Brooks made par on one hole in recording the match-best score of 50, while Binet, who also made par on one hole, finished in second with a score of 54. Gill took third with a score of 61, while Huntley, Lee and Wagner each shot a 65 to tie for fifth.

### BHS' Carter is 11th at Bronco Senior Race

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
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Bradford High School cross-country runners participated in the Middleburg Bronco Senior Race on Oct. 25, with Steven Carter placing 33rd out of 129 boys and girls runners.

Carter, who ran a time of 20:05, was joined by four BHS boys runners, who had the following results: Kayden Lee 23:21, Liam Reeves 23:52, Kolson Lee 25:39 and Caden Eison 29:23.

Bradford girls runner Mia Olesen also ran, finishing with a time of 27:13.

Prior to the Bronco Race, the Tornados competed in the Oct. 21 Chiefland Invite, with Carter placing 11th out of 68 with a time of 19:53.

Reeves ran a 30th-place time of 22:37, followed by Kayden Lee, who had a time of 25:32, Kolson Lee, who had a time of 25:35, and Eison, who had a time of 29:17.

In the 80-member girls race, Bradford's Anna Adkins placed 11th with a time of 25:17, while Olesen was 31st with a time of 28:38.

Kayleigh Dyal also competed, running a time of 33:15.

### BHS, UCHS girls compete in district golf tournament

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
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Bradford and Union County high schools had a total of five players participate in the Oct. 28 District 3-1A girls golf tournament in Lake City, with Union's Katelyn Seay earning the highest finish.

Seay made par on one hole and placed 15th with an 18-hole score of 107.

Bradford's Alexis Fuhrman and Sarah Rantz each shot a 110 to tie for 17th in the 28-player field. Fuhrman made par on three holes.

Kerissa Seay placed 21st for Union with a score of 119, while the Tigers' Sophia Elixson was 25th with a score of 130.



Coach Brad Whitehead (far left) is pictured with the athletes who competed in swimming for Union County High School this year (l-r): Madison Adams, Eva Whitehead and Courtney Manning. Whitehead is the reigning state champ in the 200 IM.

### Whitehead swims to top-5 finishes for UCHS at districts

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
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Union County High School senior swimmer Eva Whitehead took her first official step in defending her state championship, qualifying for regional competition with her performance at the District 2-1A meet, which was hosted Oct. 21 by Jacksonville's Episcopal School.

Whitehead, who won the 200-yard individual medley state title last season, placed third in the event at the district meet with

a time of 2:06.98. She finished behind a pair of Bolles swimmers in Ella Gotham (2:03.81) and Grace Higdon (2:06.79).

It was the same as last year's district meet, with Gotham placing first and Whitehead placing third.

Gotham would finish second to Whitehead in the 2024 regional and state meets.

Whitehead qualified for the Region 1 meet in two events after placing fifth at the district meet

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### KHHS girls golf team is 3rd at district match

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
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Keystone Heights High School fell one spot shy of earning an automatic berth to regionals with a third-place finish at the District 5-1A girls golf tournament, which was held Oct. 27 in Chiefland.

The top two teams in each district earn the right to advance, while an additional four teams in each region will receive at-large bids.

Oak Hall won the District 5 championship, topping seven teams with an 18-hole score of 371, while Chiefland was runner-up with a score of 433.

The Indians finished at 450, which was 29 strokes better than fourth-place finisher St. Joseph of St. Augustine.

Keystone's Aubrey Brooks earned a top-five finish in a field that consisted of 40 individuals. She and Oak Hall's Jana Oosthuizen each had a score of 94 to tie for fifth. Brooks made par on two holes.

Rebecca Binet shot a 112

to finish in a two-way tie for 15th, while Amber Wagner and Zoey Gill were 22nd and 23rd, respectively, with scores of 121 and 123. Wagner and Gill each made par on one hole.

Jillian Huntley had a 26th-place score of 128.

Danielle Dailey of St. Joseph was the individual district champ. She had two birdies and made par on 12 holes to finish with a score of 75 (three over par).

Brooks had a couple of impressive outings for Keystone in the final week of the regular season, including making an eagle in an Oct. 21 match against Columbia in Lake City. She made par on two holes in finishing with a fourth-place score of 44.

Wagner shot a sixth-place score of 60, while Binet finished in a two-way tie for seventh with a score of 61.

Huntley had a 10th-place score of 67, while Gill and Bryley Lee each shot a 68 to tie for 11th.

Columbia won the match with a team score of 171 to Keystone's 232.

Brooks earned medalist honors in an Oct. 23 match against Newberry in Alachua.

Keystone finished with a team score of 230, while Newberry

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Bid documents are anticipated to be issued October 17th, 2025 and will be found on the project page on BuildingConnected under 'Files'. Link is included below. All bids in excess of \$35,000 should be submitted to the Parrish McCall main office in sealed envelopes. All other bids should be submitted via BuildingConnected. Please ensure all bids are submitted on Parrish McCall bid form. Public bid opening is anticipated to be held on November 18th, 2025. The time and a virtual meeting link to the bid opening will be provided on the BuildingConnected project page.

<https://app.buildingconnected.com/public/5b1eafc8a11cdd0010a863a7>

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# Tigers sweep Hornets to reach Region 3 title match

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
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Union County High School's volleyball team swept Lafayette for the second straight time, defeating the host Hornets 3-0 (25-19, 25-22, 25-22) in an Oct. 25 Region 3-Rural semifinal match.

Third seed Union (21-8) played top seed Branford (21-4) for the Region 3 championship this past Tuesday. If the Tigers won, they'll play a state semifinal

match on Tuesday, Nov. 4, at either 10 a.m. or 1 p.m. at Polk State College's Winter Haven Health Center. A win there would put Union in the state championship match, which will be played at the same venue on Wednesday, Nov. 5, at 4 p.m.

Union, which defeated Lafayette in the District 6 tournament semifinals, got off to a quick start against the second seed Hornets in the Region 3 match, scoring five of the first

seven points in the first set. Jailyn Simmons and Morgan Smith each had a kill for the Tigers, who also got a service ace from Indi Knox.

The Tigers later built an eight-point lead, with a kill and two aces by Mallory Waugh helping Union go up 15-7.

Lafayette (15-7) would cut Union's lead to four. Sophia Kendrick recorded the first of three consecutive kills as the Hornets made the score 15-11.

It was 17-12 in favor of the Tigers when they scored four points with Simmons serving. Simmons and Lydia Waugh each had a kill during that span, while Mallory Waugh had a block that helped Union earn an eventual point.

The Tigers were one point away from winning the set with Lafayette's Ella McAdams serving. The Hornets got one point off a Brooke Lamb kill, but Mallory Waugh ended the set by blocking an attack by Kayley Johnson.

Union led 9-8 in the second set before a 4-0 run with Bayley Staier serving. Knox and Mallory Waugh each had a kill, while Waugh added a block in helping the Tigers go up 13-8.

The Hornets scored five straight with Lamb serving, getting two points off Johnson tips and another point off a Havyn Richardson block. Mallory Waugh forced side-out with a kill to even the score at 14-14.

McAdams had two straight aces to help Lafayette take a 17-16 lead, but another kill by Mallory Waugh forced side-out and tied the score again.

Union scored four straight points — including two aces — with Mallory Waugh serving as the Tigers took a 21-17 lead.

Simmons had two side-out-forcing kills, with the second putting the Tigers ahead 23-22 and giving the serve to Abby Williams. Union scored points off two Smith kills to win the set.

Mallory Waugh had a kill during a 3-0 span with Staier serving that gave the Tigers a 9-4 lead in the third set.

It was 12-7 in favor of the Tigers when Lafayette scored three points with McAdams serving. The Hornets got an ace from McAdams, a kill from Johnson and a dump from Richardson before Mallory Waugh recorded a kill, forcing side-out and putting Union up 13-10.

Union built a 20-15 lead before Lafayette got two kills from Johnson and one kill from Lamb in pulling to within 20-18. Mallory Waugh blocked an attack by Copelyn Johnson to force side-out and make the score 21-18.

The Tigers scored two points with Waugh serving, getting a kill from Simmons in taking a 24-20 lead.

Lafayette would score a couple of points before the Tigers closed the match out with the 25-22 win.



ABOVE: Mallory Waugh (left) and Lafayette's Havyn Richardson are involved in a play at the net. RIGHT: Indi Knox (left) attempts to put the ball past Lafayette's Havyn Richardson. The Tigers played Branford for the Region 3 championship this past Tuesday. Results weren't known by deadline.



Jailyn Simmons (left) sends the ball over the net in the Region 3-Rural semifinal against Lafayette.



Bella Johns gets low in an attempt to keep the ball in play.



Lydia Waugh (right) goes up for a block attempt against Lafayette's Kayley Johnson.

## SWIM

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in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:05.93.

At last year's regional meet, Whitehead won the 200 IM and placed fourth in the 100 breaststroke.

The Region 1 meet was held this past Tuesday at Bolles. Results weren't known by deadline.

Union was also represented at this year's district meet by

second-year swimmer Courtney Manning and first-year swimmer Madison Adams. Manning had a 26th-place time of 36.17 in the 50-yard free and a 31st-place time of 1:25.35 in the 100-yard free, while Adams had a 36th-place time of 39.58 in the 50 free and a 36th-place time of 1:33.59 in the 100 free.

Whitehead will go into the Region 1 meet as the third seed in the 200 IM and the sixth seed in the 100 breaststroke. She is the reigning Region 1 champ in the 200 IM.

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Wyatt Elixson (far left) and Edward Durant (far right) prepare to bring down Hudson quarterback Christian Garrett.

## Hudson hands UC 2nd straight loss

BY LISA HOLTZENDORF  
Special to the Telegraph-Times-Monitor

Union County High School's football team lost its third straight game as the Tigers lost 35-0 to visiting Hudson on Oct. 24.

The Tigers (2-6) are riddled with injuries and were without several starters as the Cobras (3-6) dominated on both sides of the ball.

Hudson struck early, with

its first score coming after recovering a fumble deep in Union territory. Antony Doston punched the football into the end zone with 8:46 remaining in the first quarter. Christian Garrett's extra point was good, making the score 7-0.

Despite getting good runs from Wyatt Elixson, C.J. Ivey and Alec McClellon in the first quarter, the Tigers were unable to put points on the board.

The Tigers were strong

defensively to start the second quarter, with Kiptyn Shuler recording a sack for a big loss.

Hudson's defense made its own big play, with Evan Vencevich returning an interception for a touchdown. Garrett added the PAT as the Cobras went up 14-0 at the 9:37 mark of the second quarter.

Caleb Hall had an impressive touchdown run for the Tigers

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## Crumpton shines in KH loss to Palatka

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
Dan@BcTelegraph.com

Keystone Heights High School (0-9) quarterback Hunter Crumpton rushed for 106 yards and completed 7 of 12 passes for 75 yards against two interceptions in the Indians' 46-3 loss to Palatka at the Panthers' Bennett-Cooper Field.

Palatka quarterback Tommy Offord also had a big night, breaking John L. Williams' 44-year-old single-season touchdown record of 66 with an 82-yard scoring sprint in the first quarter.

Williams, who starred at the University of Florida and played 10 seasons in the NFL for the Steelers and Seahawks, was on hand to give Offord the ball that the Palatka senior carried into the



Hunter Crumpton had 181 yards rushing and passing in the Indians' loss to Palatka.

end zone for the record-breaking score.

The Panthers (3-6) rushed for 501 yards and passed for 49 against an outmanned Keystone squad, which dressed out only two seniors.

Offord's record breaker came on the Panthers' second possession. He broke through his offensive line from the Palatka 18 and ran untouched to the opposite end zone.

But the Indians (0-9) bounced back with a 31-yard field goal by Ryder Thomas, halving Palatka's lead to 6-3 in the first quarter.

However, on Palatka's next possession, Offord struck for the second time, breaking free for a 55-yard run.

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stuff we hadn't shown this year. It ended up working out for us."

The third quarter began with the Bradford offense putting together an impressive drive that included 35 rushing yards from Keshawn Kennedy on five carries. Bradford covered 54 yards on 11 plays, moving from its own 14 to the Santa Fe 32 before turning the ball over on downs when Cubbedge was sacked on a fourth-and-six play.

Bradford's Raymond and J.J. Hall combined to tackle Powell for a 4-yard loss on Santa Fe's first offensive play of the half. After a penalty for delay of game, the Tornadoes then held the Raiders to a 3-yard gain on a pass play. Santa Fe was penalized for illegal procedure, setting up third-and-21. Little picked up 10 yards on a pass play before being stopped on a vicious hit by Jy'Quez Cason, forcing a punt.

The Tornadoes overcame a holding penalty on their second possession of the half when Santa Fe was penalized for a personal foul. Kennedy had an 11-yard run to give Bradford a first down at its own 47 before Chase Phillips gained 41 yards on a pass reception, giving the Tornadoes a first down at the Santa Fe 12. Kennedy was dropped for a 1-yard loss on the next play, but Cubbedge then hooked up with Nixon in the corner of the end zone for the second time in the game for a 13-yard touchdown with 1:07 remaining in the third quarter. Sapp's PAT ended the scoring at 21-7.

"Our kids feel pretty good with a two-touchdown lead," Rodgers said. "Then, we can kind of tee off (on defense)."

Santa Fe had three possessions after Bradford's touchdown, gaining a total of 24 yards, with the Tornadoes getting sacks of 6 yards by Cohen Cioffi, 9 yards by Raymond and 10 yards by Hall.

Thanks to the defensive effort, Bradford wasn't hurt by the two turnovers its offense had in the fourth quarter.

Kennedy finished as the Tornadoes' second-leading rusher behind Addison with 59 yards on 10 carries. Cubbedge completed 9 of 17 passes for 131

RIGHT: Nate Raymond (left) chases down Santa Fe quarterback Tyler Gentry. Raymond would cause a fumble on the play, which led to Bradford's first touchdown. BELOW: Jordan Cason (left) heads upfield after catching a pass from Cy Cubbedge.



yards, with Nixon catching five passes for 69 yards. Phillips had 46 yards on two receptions.

The Tornadoes finished with 270 yards in all to Santa Fe's 113.

Bradford has now gone 9-1 or better in each of Rodgers' four seasons as head coach.

"That's a testament to the continuity," Rodgers said. "I've had the same exact coaching staff except for a couple of additions. I've had the same guys here with me the whole time. I haven't lost but maybe one guy over the four years."

"I think it speaks to that and a bunch of players who really like to get after it."

Rodgers (including the postseason) now has a 45-6 record at BHS.



Kemontae Nixon (right) comes down with a touchdown pass following Santa Fe's first turnover.

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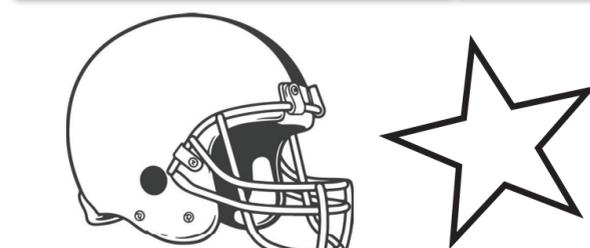
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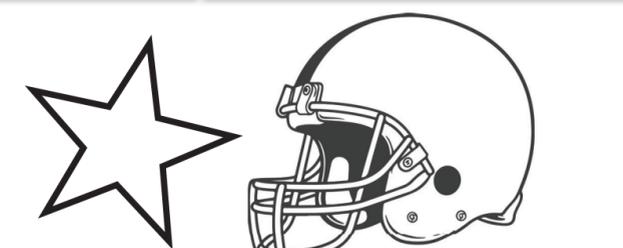
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# Obituaries

## Shirley Drawdy

Shirley Faye Drawdy, 75, of Lake Butler passed away Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2025, at her residence. She was born in Orlando on Aug. 3, 1950, to the late Earl J. Griffis and Edgle Green Griffis. She was one of nine children and was raised in Apopka, Lake Okechobee, and Orange Lake. She spent the majority of her adult life in Union County, where she built a beautiful life centered around family, her Baptist-rooted faith, and a love for the outdoors. After completing school, she married her best friend and forever companion, Thomas Jerrell Drawdy, on Sept. 6, 1966. Together, they were beyond blessed with five children, seven grandchildren, one great-granddaughter, and a great-grandson on the way. From an early age, she developed a deep love and passion for fishing. She found great joy in being outdoors, whether casting a line or simply enjoying nature's peace. She felt most at home surrounded by the beauty of God's creations. She also had a remarkable green thumb, took great pride in her flower gardens, and loved to manicure her lawn. Mowing and fresh-cut grass were a great pair. Her yard was always a vibrant display of color and life, a true reflection of her nurturing spirit and love for growing things. When she wasn't in the yard or on the lake, she was at yard sales yard selling, searching for the best deal she could find. She enjoyed a long and successful career with Publix Supermarkets in Gainesville. She began in the bakery and eventually served as a receiving clerk in the receiving department. After more than 30 years of dedicated service, she retired, leaving behind a legacy of hard work, reliability, and kindness. More than anything, Shirley cherished her family and treasured every precious moment spent with them. Her love and support will continue to guide and inspire those who knew and loved her. She was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Shelia Drawdy; son, James "Jimmy" Ray Drawdy; three brothers; and five sisters.

She is survived by her loving husband of 59 years, Thomas "Tom" Jerrell Drawdy Sr. of Lake Butler; sons, Thomas Jerrell Drawdy Jr. and Steven Quay (Jessica) Drawdy, both of Worthington Springs, and Justin Dean Drawdy of Lake Butler; seven grandchildren, Kayla Drawdy, Quay A. Drawdy, Gavin Thomas (Jessica) Drawdy, Avery Drawdy, Ally Drawdy, Olivia Drawdy, and Abigail Drawdy; great-granddaughter, Lila Kimble; great-grandson on the way, Griffin Drawdy; along with several extended family and friends.

A Celebration of Life was held Thursday, Oct. 23, at Ferreira Funeral Services Lake Butler Chapel with Pastor Terry Elixson Sr. officiating.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services Lake Butler Chapel, 435 Main St., Lake Butler 32054. 386-496-1400. Visit [www.ferreirafuneralservices.com](http://www.ferreirafuneralservices.com) to sign the family's guest book.

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## Richard James

Mr. Richard "Rick" Edwin James, 57, of Starke passed Thursday, Oct. 16, 2025, in Gainesville following a brief illness. He was born Dec. 15, 1967, in Callahan to the late George William and Lorraine (Blalock) James. He lived a full life dedicated to his family and work. Rick proudly and honorably served in the United States Army as a M1-A1 Abrams gunner and driver and was recognized for being top in their platoon. Known for his warm spirit, he spent many years as a maintenance worker for Darling Enterprises, where he was appreciated by colleagues and friends alike. He loved being outdoors hunting, fishing, and just spending time with his family.

Rick was a devoted father to his sons, Michael and Marshall, and a proud grandfather to Talan Hunter James, Brooklyn Jessie James, Dayton William James, and Maddison Kathleen Brown. He recently faced the loss of his wife, Angela "Angie" Michelle James, just two months prior, after 31 wonderful years of marriage. He will be deeply missed by his father-in-law, William "Pop-pop" Thomas Stickel Jr., and his siblings, Barbara (David) Terrell, Lori (Bryan) King, and George (Elaine) James. He leaves behind a cherished circle of extended family and friends who will carry his memory with them.

There are no scheduled funeral services at this time.

Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 620 E. Nona St., Starke, 32091. For more information, feel free to call 904-964-6200 or visit [www.jonesgallagherfh.com](http://www.jonesgallagherfh.com).



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## Billy Jarvis

Mr. Billy Jerry Jarvis, 72 of Starke, passed away peacefully in Middleburg following an extended illness. He was born June 8, 1953, in Fries, Virginia to the late Bruce and Marie (Crouse) Jarvis. He proudly served as a Colonel at Florida State Prison, dedicating many years to his career. He was a man of many passions, with woodworking and fishing taking up much of his time outside of work. He was also a member at Bethel Baptist Church on 230A, where he found a strong sense of community and faith. Married to his loving wife, Janie (Pearson) Jarvis, since 1972, their love story was an inspiration to all who knew them. Together, they raised two wonderful daughters, Cassandra Olson (Mike Mitchell), Heather Jarvis (Shaun In). Billy cherished his role as "Papaw" to his grandchildren, pouring love and wisdom into their lives.

He is survived by his sister, June (Jarvis) Lee and her husband Ricky; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be at a later date.

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## Michael Lee

Mr. Thomas "Michael" Lee, 74 of Keystone Heights passed away Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2025, at St. Vincent's Hospital in Middleburg. He was born Sept. 12, 1951, in Jacksonville to the late Amos Thomas and Louise (Peterson) Lee. He honorably served in the National Guard and was a Baptist. He enjoyed Florida Gator football, riding motorcycles, and owned his own race car as a young man. He dedicated his career to the railroad industry, where he was proud to serve as an employee of CSX. He held his work in high regard and often spoke fondly of his experiences on the rails. A graduate of Baldwin High School in 1969, he embodied the spirit of hard work and commitment, values he instilled in his family.

He is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Becky (Fouraker) Lee of Keystone Heights, children: Misty Lee of Zebulon, North Carolina, Thomas (Shelly) Lee II of Jacksonville, and Sheila Lynn of Baldwin. Also left behind are his siblings, Susan (Tom) McIntyre of Melrose and Jackie (Douglas) Carter of McAlpin. He was lovingly called "Papa" by grandchildren, Brandon (Sarah) Lynn of Glen St. Mary, Joshua (Jojo) Lynn of Bryceville, Bailee (Dalton) Paris of Clarksville, Tennessee, Autumn (Dorian) Williamson of Honolulu, Hawaii and Brooke Lee and Brynne Lee, both of Jacksonville. He was also a proud great-grandfather to Ansley Lynn, Addison Lynn, Jaxon Lynn, Ally Kat Lynn, and Delilah Paris.

The family received friends Monday, Oct. 20, at DeWitt C. Jones. Memorial services to honor his life were held Tuesday, Oct. 21, at DeWitt C. Jones Chapel with family and friends officiating.

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## Vernon Dukes

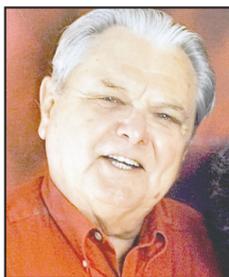
Vernon Dukes, 82, passed away Sunday, Oct. 5, 2025, at North Florida Regional Medical Center, after an extended illness. Born Dec. 23, 1942, in Worthington Springs, Vernon lived a life full of hard work. For 40 years, he dedicated himself to the Department of Corrections, where he took pride in his career and truly enjoyed every day he was there. He was a plainspoken man who took great pride in everything he did. Beyond his career, he had a passion for farming. He loved his cows, spending many hours tending to them. His tinkering came in handy when he would find a good deal, especially if it was an antique tractor. If it was a good bargain, you could count on him to strike while the iron was hot. Vernon was a devoted family man. He shared a beautiful marriage of 63 years with his beloved wife, Beatrice Dukes. Together, they raised two daughters, Susan White, married to Robert, and Tina Gray, married to Ralph. His family brought him immense joy and pride, and he cherished every moment spent with them. His legacy continues through his grandchildren, Shawn White, with Summer, Jared White, with Madison, Trista Agner-Hartranft with Deborah, and Sawyer Agner. He was also a proud great-grandfather to Waylon, Brantley, Case, Walker, Ivey, and Archer, and he adored watching them grow.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jessie Will and Margie Dukes; as well as his siblings, Betty Cole and Jessie Will Dukes.

A visitation was held Wednesday, Oct. 8, at Archer-Milton Funeral Home. Following visitation, the funeral service took place at the same location. He was laid to rest immediately following the service at Dekle Cemetery.

Archer-Milton Funeral Home was honored to serve the Dukes family during this time. [www.archerfuneralhome.com](http://www.archerfuneralhome.com) 386-496-2008

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## Chesley Robertson

Chesley Michael Robertson was born Sept. 18, 1948, in Natchez, Mississippi and departed this world Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2025, at Windsor Manor Health and Rehab in Starke following an extended illness. His journey of life was notably marked by his dedication to the Department of Corrections, where he worked as both an instructor and director. His influence resonated throughout his career, particularly during his time instructing at Lake City Community College from 1977 to 1981 before assuming the role of director of training until his retirement in 2012. Graduation from Florida State University in 1980 with a bachelor's degree solidified his foundation of knowledge, which he generously shared with countless individuals seeking guidance. In addition to his professional life, he proudly served in the United States Navy for four years from 1973 to 1977, showcasing his deep sense of duty and commitment to his country. He also cherished the simple joys of life, enjoying moments spent playing chess and fishing. Ever so health conscious, he was an avid runner and took pleasure in working out. Chesley was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 37 years, Margaret "Ginger" Robertson; son, Chesley Hines Robertson IV; and parents, Chesley Hines II and Dana Steinhoff Robertson.

Family always held a special place in his heart. He is survived by his son, Charles "Chad" Robertson; grandchildren, Kaylin Robertson and Chesley Hines "Ley" Robertson V; great-grandchildren, Liliana and Ava Croker; siblings, Kathy, Hines and Jack Robertson; brother-in-law, Chris (Michelle) Fortner, along with their children, Lexi, Michael, and Cameron Fortner.

A visitation will take place Thursday, Oct. 30, from 2:30 p.m. until 3 p.m., followed by a memorial service to honor his life at 3 p.m., both held at Archer-Milton Funeral Home, Lake Butler.

Chesley had a heart that brought compassion and understanding to all and a legacy that will forever inspire those who had the privilege to know him.

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## Judy Ryder

Judy Bryant Ryder, 64, passed away Friday, Oct. 24, 2025, at Windsor Health and Rehab in Starke after an extended illness. Born Oct. 26, 1960, in Lake Butler, Judy lived a life devoted to her family. After graduating from Union County High School in 1978, she dedicated a good portion of her life to loving and nurturing her family. She took great pride in being a single mother, always working hard to provide for her children. She made a lasting impact during her years working in the cafeteria at Lake Butler Middle School, serving up smiles and meals for 30 years before retiring in 2018. She was well-known for her quiet demeanor, but always had her ears perked up to hear all the town gossip. Those who had the pleasure of knowing her remember her fondness for yard sales and bowling. She had a knack for finding treasures wherever she went. She is now reunited with loved ones who have gone before her: her father, Randolph Bryant; mother, Wilma Ryder; husband, John Ryder Sr.; and siblings, Christine Dyal, Daniel Bryant, Louise Hall, and Joann Bryant.

Judy's family includes her beloved son, John Ryder Jr., and his son, John W. Ryder. She was a dedicated mother to her daughter, Lynn Ryder, and her children: Madison, Daniel "Bubba," and Jonathan Steamer. Her brothers, Jimmy (Debbie) Bryant, Donald (Becky) Bryant, and Frank (Becky) Bryant; along with her sisters, Tammy Suisse and Barbara Ryder, will carry her memory in their hearts, as will her numerous nieces and nephews.

Family and friends were invited to pay their respects to Judy at Archer-Milton Funeral Home in Lake Butler on Wednesday, Oct. 29. The visitation started at 11 a.m., leading into the funeral service at 12 p.m. All family were invited to Donald and Becky's house after the service for a time to fellowship and continue to celebrate Judy's life, 13090 NE 230th Place, Raiford, 32083.

Archer-Milton Funeral Home was honored to serve Judy's family during this time. 386-496-2008 [www.archerfuneralhome.com](http://www.archerfuneralhome.com)

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## KHHS

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The 170-pound senior appeared destined for his third touchdown of the night, but as he reached the 3-yard line, he lateraled the ball to teammate Jaiden Ashley, who took the ball into the end zone.

Offord, who finished with 232 yards on nine carries, tossed a 49-yard touchdown pass to George Taylor just before intermission, giving Palatka a 26-3 halftime lead.

The Panthers, led by former Keystone assistant football and head weightlifting coach Lantz Lowery, opened the second half with two more big plays.

Joune Phillips broke a 94-yard TD in the third quarter, giving Palatka a 26-3 lead. In the final 12 minutes, K.J. Wright broke an 81-yard run. Palatka center Alan Blocker lined up in the backfield for the two-point conversion and punched in the extra points from the 2-yard line.

Palatka's final score came in the fourth quarter on a nine-play, 52-yard drive, which drained almost seven minutes off the game clock.

Offord's backup, Noah McKinley, completed the drive with a 1-yard dive, nailing the final score at 46-3.

The Indians wrap up their 2025 campaign at home against Crescent City (3-6) on Thursday, Oct. 30, at 7:30 p.m.

## UCHS

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on their next possession, but the score was called back by a penalty. The drive eventually ended with a punt.

Union's Edward Durant had a sack, while Elixson made several tackles that held the Cobras to minimal gains. Hudson, though, was able to get another score in the half when Doston broke free on a touchdown run, putting the Cobras up 21-0 after Garrett's PAT.

The teams exchanged

possessions several times to start the second half before the Cobras scored their fourth touchdown with four minutes remaining in the third quarter.

Hudson put its final points on the board in the fourth quarter when Garrett threw a touchdown pass to a wide-open Darrell Howell.

The Tigers play their final game of the season when they host Chiefland on Friday, Oct. 31, at 7:30 p.m. The Indians (8-1) are number three in the Florida High School Athletic Association/MaxPreps Rural Class power rankings.

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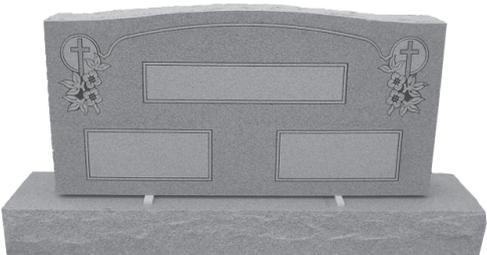
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# Davis wins \$2,500 grand prize at Altrusa of Starke Gala

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A lot of people received nice prizes at the annual Altrusa of Starke Gala, but only one won the best prize of all — Dorene Davis, who was announced as the \$2,500 grand-prize winner at the Oct. 23 event at Starke's Gov. Charley E. Johns Conference Center.

Everyone who bought a ticket to the gala had their name put into a bowl for a reverse drawing, where each name was selected until only one remained for the grand prize.

The drawing consisted of 149 names, with 63 receiving prizes.

Each of the final five remaining in the drawing received a prize. Zack Smith won a Yeti cooler donated by Montford Body Shop, Eugene Blye won a Dooney and Bourke handbag and wallet donated by Teal Tile and Carpet and Katelyn Gallaher won an iPad donated by Tatum Brothers Lumber.

That left two. Kim Roberts' name was drawn to win a \$500 Visa gift card donated by DLP Bank, resulting in Davis winning the \$2,500.

The gala began with a social hour, followed by dinner, which was provided by Blue Water Bay.

Bradford County Sheriff Gordon Smith served as emcee, taking the place of former Bradford County Supervisor of Elections Terry Vaughan, who used to fill the role every year.

"I'm no Terry Vaughan," Smith said. "I'm a little younger and little better looking."

Vaughan was known for his groan-inducing jokes. Smith chose to stick to reading the names that were drawn by Altrusa President Rachel Rhoden, though he did make a few cracks here and there. For example, when his wife's name was drawn as someone who didn't win a prize, he told her, "Well, look. You get to go home with me. Luckiest woman in Bradford County."

Two gifts were donated anonymously. First, a champagne basket, which was won by Leslie Crosby. When the anonymous donor came up again for a gourmet basket, Smith quipped, "Is this in case (the winner) gets sick or something?" The gourmet basket was won by Kennedy Elder.

When Chris Page was selected



Bradford County Sheriff Gordon Smith (right) served as emcee. Altrusa President Rachel Rhoden (left) drew the names of the prize winners and non-prize winners.



Altrusa member Carolyn Carver (right) is pictured with her husband, Warren.

as the winner of an earrings-and-bracelet set, which was donated by Brandi Noegel, Smith said, "He's got to model these for me."

After Shelly Bowen was announced as the winner of Lampe Berger Fragrance donated by Phyllis Rosier, Smith said, "I don't know what it smells like, but it sounds expensive."

Smith also gave shoutouts to some of the prize donors, such as DLP Bank, which began as Community State Bank in 1957. It became DLP Bank in December 2023, with Harry Gunsallas serving as the current president. Smith recognized employees Chris Page, Carolyn Reddish and Tammy Woodard

for providing "the personal service we've come to enjoy and expect."

Before Amy Hoglund was announced as the winner of a \$100 Sonny's gift card donated by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, Smith talked of how the funeral home had been in business for more than 100 years. The current owner, Connor Moloney, who attended the gala, represents the fourth generation of his family to work in the funeral-home business.

Smith cracked that Moloney was in a good business — one in which he could "bury" his mistakes. The sheriff said if he makes a mistake, it appears on

the front page of the Bradford County Telegraph.

In all seriousness, Smith then told Moloney, "I want to welcome your family to our community. Thank you for coming out and supporting Altrusa. It really means a lot. I'm wishing you all the best."

Roberts Insurance donated multiple prizes: a fall floral arrangement, a set of windchimes, and a set consisting of a handcrafted pitcher, bowl and trays.

"For 63 years, it has been doing business here in Starke," Smith said of the insurance company. "It started with George Roberts — who used to be a county commissioner for many years — in 1961 and has continued through the years with its current owner — his son, Scott Roberts."

Smith mentioned Roberts employees Sandra Luke and Lori Thompson, saying, "You all are the ones who keep the shop running."

Tatum Brothers Lumber Company got its start in Mississippi in 1930. Tom Tatum Sr. moved the business to Lawtey in 1952, with brothers Charles and Tom Tatum Jr. partnering in 1963, resulting in the name the company goes by today.

"For more than 73 years, the Tatums have influenced and made a difference in Bradford and surrounding counties," Smith said. "For that, we say thank you."

Smith talked about WEAG 106.3-FM, which donated a dart board that was won by Lucy Montford. The station got its start in 1957 as WRGR. John Sanders bought it in 1964, changing the call letters to WPXE. One year after Ben Dickerson bought the station in 1984, the call letters were changed to WEAG. General Manager Chuck Kramer, his wife, Mary, and his daughter Lyn Veliz bought the station in 2019.

The station is currently waiting for the Federal Communications Commission to approve another sale (to Florida Broadcast Media Group Inc.) as Kramer plans to retire. He's been the WEAG morning personality since 1991.

"Thank you for the difference you've made in our community," Smith said.

A final shout-out was given by Smith to Winn-Dixie, which



Beth Tillman (center) poses with two Altrusa members: Vicki Teal (far left), who's the Foundation Board president, and Brandi Noegel.



Past President Sarah Long (left) helped deliver prizes, while Corresponding Secretary Mary Kramer kept track of what prizes remained.

donated a \$100 gift card to Winn-Dixie that was won by Tiffany Dougherty. The Winn-Dixie chain celebrates 100 years this year. Regarding the Starke store specifically, Manager Tommy Jackson has worked with Winn-Dixie for more than 40 years. Smith said Jackson is a big supporter of his community.

"There have been certain times — not just holidays — I've gone around that store and picked out food for needy families," Smith said. "Thank you to (Jackson) for what he's done at Winn-Dixie."

The annual gala is Altrusa of Starke's major fundraiser, helping support the club's scholarships and the various projects it participates in to make a positive impact.

"Altrusa of Starke is

improving our community through leadership, partnership, service and literacy," Smith said.

Altrusa of Starke's 2025-26 board of directors consists of President Rachel Rhoden, President-Elect Dimple Overstreet, First Vice President Shelly Bowen, Second Vice President Lucy Montford, Corresponding Secretary Mary Kramer, Club Treasurer Amanda Seyfang, Past President Sarah Long and directors Sandra Luke, Teresa Phillips and Julee Tinsler.

The 2025-26 Foundation Board is President Vicki Teal, Vice President/Secretary Amanda Seyfang, Treasurer Kim Hamilton, Club President Rachel Rhoden, Immediate Past President Sara Long and Director Carolyn Reddish.

# Autumn is the ideal time to exclude bats from buildings

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission reminds you that if you have bats roosting in your home or other buildings, the fall season is an ideal time to exclude them.

Florida's native and beneficial bat species typically roost in trees, caves or other natural spaces, but can also be attracted to human-made structures. Bats are protected in Florida and exclusion devices — which allow bats to safely exit structures while preventing reentry — are the only legal and appropriate method to remove them.

Exclusion devices can be used without a permit from Aug. 15 through April 15 each year, which is outside of bat maternity season (when most of Florida's bats give birth and raise their young). Autumn is one of the best times for bat-proofing your home, after maternity season has ended and bat pups are no longer present. It is illegal to harm or kill bats in Florida and illegal to block bats from their roosts during maternity season to prevent flightless young from being trapped inside structures.

Exclusion guidelines were developed to prevent harm to bats while still allowing for safe and effective removal



This Seminole bat represents one of 13 resident bat species in Florida. FWC photo by Kathleen Smith.

from buildings outside of the maternity season. Bat exclusion is a multi-step technique, which begins by identifying potential bat entry and exit points in a building. To legally exclude bats, exclusion devices must be left

up for a minimum of four nights and must be conducted when the overnight temperature is forecast to be 50 degrees Fahrenheit or above.

Visit MyFWC.com/Bats and click "Bats in Buildings" for

more information about how to properly exclude bats as well as other tips to bat-proof your home.

Bats are both ecologically and economically beneficial. They serve critical functions worldwide due to their roles in insect pest control, and as pollinators and seed dispersers. All of Florida's bats are insectivores. A single bat can eat hundreds of insects (including mosquitoes and other garden and agricultural pests) each night.

Florida is home to 13 resident bat species, including imperiled species such as the Florida bonneted bat. While bats benefit people, they need our help. Become part of Florida's Bat Force by supporting bat conservation in several ways.

—Be a bat host by preserving natural roost sites, including

dead fronds left on palm trees and trees with Spanish moss, cavities and peeling bark. Install a bat house on your property as an alternative roosting spot.

—Be a bat champion and get involved in participatory science by counting and reporting numbers of bats emerging from bat houses to the Florida Bat Working Group.

—Be a bat supporter. Join us in sharing why bats are important with your friends, family and neighbors.

Visit MyFWC.com/Bats and click on "How to Help Bats page" for more details.

Report unusual bat behavior, as well as sick or dead bats at MyFWC.com/BatMortality.

Learn more about bats in Florida and ways you can help them thrive by visiting MyFWC.com/Bats.



A tricolored bat. FWC photo by Kathleen Smith.



A Florida bonneted bat. FWC photo by Gary Morse.

## DAR chapter meets Nov. 3

Jane Argo-Romeo will present a program on genealogy at the next meeting of the Col. Samuel Elbert Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, which will be held Monday, Nov. 3, at 10:30 a.m. at the Keystone Heights city hall.

Argo-Romeo will explain how to locate sources of information to prove lineage, such as birth, marriage and death certificates using death indexes, county records, census records and various websites.

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