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Keystone wins inaugural Public School Championship

Bradford, which qualified as an alternate, places ahead of 2 teams

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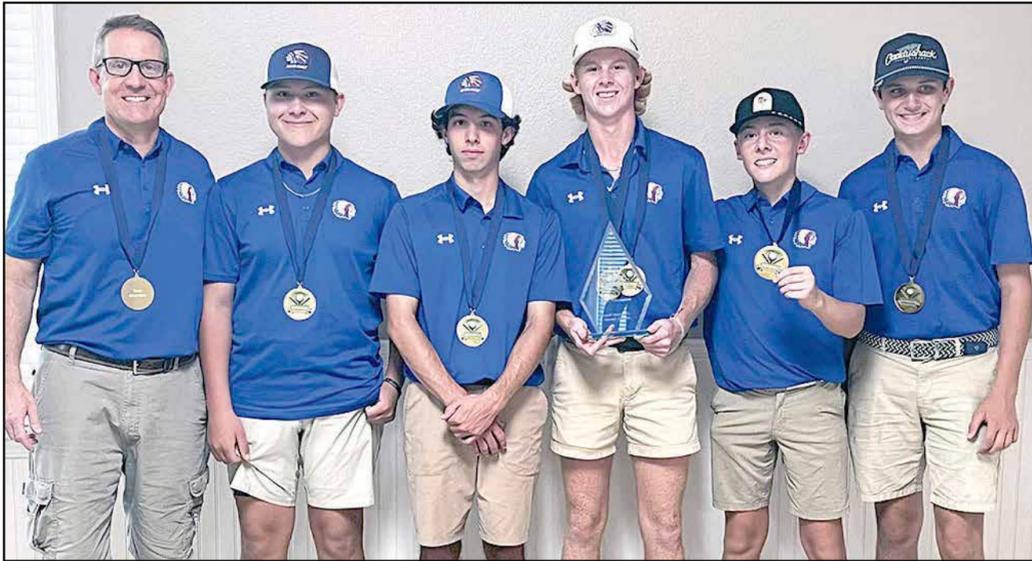
Keystone Heights High School Boys Golf Coach Ryan Begue knew what the statistics said. If his team played to those statistics, it wasn't going to return home with a trophy.

Four of the Indians' five players bettered their season averages, with Hunter Sheppard sinking a putt in the playoff round as Keystone won the inaugural Florida 1A Public School Golf Championship, which was held Oct. 25 at Quail Heights Country Club in Lake City.

"I was blown away," Begue said.

Keystone earned the sixth seed in the eight-team tournament, though fifth seed Northview didn't participate due to a number of its players having FFA commitments that same day.

Still, Begue said his team was a "major underdog" to the top three seeds: Frostproof, Fort Meade and Lafayette. In talking to his players beforehand, he told them placing fifth was a "realistic" goal. If they played "really good," they could be fourth, while placing third would be an "amazing" accomplishment.



Keystone won the inaugural Florida 1A Public School Golf Championship, defeating Frostproof in a playoff round. Pictured (l-r) are Coach Ryan Begue, Jacob Beach, Hunter Sheppard, Ty Mitzel, Will Begue and Nate Bardier.

The Indians surpassed amazing. Keystone finished tied with Frostproof in regulation, with each team having an 18-hole score of 324. That set up the playoff round in which all five of each team's players took turns playing a hole. The Indians

trailed the Bulldogs early, then tied it up before Sheppard came up clutch. Sheppard had to hit around a tree on his second swing, while his third swing had him pitching a shot up out of the rough from 50-60 yards out. He curled a putt into the hole from

approximately 17 feet out to make par and give his team the win.

Fort Meade placed third behind Keystone and Frostproof with a score of 325, while Walton (336) and

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Some teachers leaving over grading changes

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
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Objections to a new test grading policy are causing some to leave their long careers with the Bradford County School District behind.

Administrators have asked Bradford County School Board members to approve a districtwide policy requiring that unit or module tests selected by the district be recorded in gradebooks with the assistance of a "Translation Chart."

According to the policy, the chart "provides a standardized scale for interpreting student performance on these assessments in a manner consistent with statewide achievement levels."

Assistant Superintendent Karen Clarke explained. To better prepare students for state assessments, she said they began looking at the district's own tests given at the completion of a chapter or unit of

study. They increased the difficulty to better reflect the difficulty of the state assessment. They also took advantage of Bradford's small size to use the same tests in each grade and analyze the resulting data.

Clarke said the tests, offered two or three times per grading period in English, math and science, are not traditional 100-point tests. Like the state exams, harder questions are worth more points. The state also groups students into one of five achievement levels based on point scores that don't align with the traditional letter grading scale.

Translating scores

According to Clarke, to achieve Level 3 on a state exam — depending on grade level — a student only needs to score around 50% of the total possible points. On a standard grading scale, that would equate to an F.

"What we're saying is on the

state assessment, or an assessment that mirrors the state assessment in complexity, if a child gets 50% of the points on the state test, that's a Level 3," she said. "What we're trying to do is mesh two different scales together. That's essentially what this is."

That's where the proposed districtwide translation chart comes in. The translation chart links Level 1 through 5 performance with the grades that teachers enter into their gradebooks. Level 5 would be an A, even if only 75% of the points are needed to achieve Level 5.

Why the change?

The policy is based on research performed by Rex Mitchell, a former superintendent, who has studied predicting how students will score on state assessments based on their classroom performance.

The practice is not new to the district. It began at the former

Southside Elementary (now Bradford Elementary) three years ago and progressed to Lawtey Elementary. In both cases, it involved collaboration with the Florida Department of Education on strategies to improve student performance and improve achievement on rigorous state assessments.

"These tests are way more rigorous, and so we've got to push our kids to that level of rigor and push our teachers to that level of rigor in teaching as well. We have to expose our kids to the standards at the level of rigor that they're going to see on those assessments in order for them to even have a chance of doing well," she said.

The grading policy is a piece of the overall work on identifying standards that students are struggling to master, Clarke said. Then they can intervene with targeted instruction and work

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WORTH NOTING

Early voting underway

Election Day is Nov. 5, but early is underway. The election is open to all eligible voters.

In Bradford County, early voting will remain open every day through Nov. 3 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Bradford County Courthouse.

In Union County, early voting will remain open through Nov. 2. Vote at the supervisor of elections office, 175 W. Main St. in Lake Butler. Hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

In Keystone Heights, vote early from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at city hall, 555 S Lawrence Blvd.

To vote in person, go to your polling location on Election Day from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Photo and signature identification are required. You must vote in the precinct of your legal residence.

Note for Bradford County Precinct 8: Precinct 8 voters who normally vote at the Starke Golf and Country Club should note that their polling location has temporarily been moved to Madison Street Baptist Church.

Getting out the vote

All voters are invited to join Bradford Democrats as they mobilize "Souls to the Polls" on Sunday, Nov. 3, at 2 p.m. in front of Mount Zion AME Church in Lawtey for a trip to the Bradford County Courthouse on the last day of early voting. If you are in need of transportation or can provide transportation for others to go vote, email bradfordcodec@gmail.com.

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Hope Christian early ed achieves 'excellence' status again

Hope Christian Academy Head of School Terry Denmark announced its Early Education Department has once again earned the Schools of Excellence status with the Florida League of Christian Schools.

HCA has thereby earned a place "among the best in our entire fellowship of over 300 [accredited] schools," said Michael Burroughs, FLOCS executive director. Theresa Frazier, HCA director

of early education, said this is the third "consecutive, perfect inspection score, underscoring our dedication to providing an exceptional educational environment for young learners." She added, "Our team's hard

work, dedication and love for what they do is truly evident, and we are thrilled to be recognized for our commitment to providing the best for our students and their families."

Burroughs elaborated on the importance of the achievement by saying, "The FLOCS inspection process is one way in which we can validate quality schools against a recognized set of quality standards that are respected by every agency within our state and much of our nation. Your commitment to excellence in your center is evident in this great achievement."

Evaluators were impressed by Hope Christian Academy's "innovative teaching methods, nurturing atmosphere and rigorous safety protocols that prioritize both the welfare and development of children.



(L-R) Theresa Frazier, director of HCA's Early Education Department, with Lindsay Goble, assistant director. Photo: Virginia Denmark.

Parents have expressed their confidence in HCA's ability to foster early childhood growth, while the staff's passion and professionalism shine in every aspect of the school's operations," said Frazier.

With this outstanding achievement, Hope Christian Academy continues to set a high standard for early education in the community. For more information, visit myhopechristianacademy.org.

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Save Our Lakes celebrates Black Creek project

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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Save Our Lakes celebrated the imminent completion of the Black Creek Water Resource Development Project on October 25 with a cookout, concert, and ski show at Camp Immokalee.

The project is designed to recharge the Upper Floridan aquifer and raise water levels in Lakes Brooklyn and Geneva. It is part of the lakes' recovery plan, which helps the district comply with regulatory minimum flows and levels.

The project consists of three components: an intake and pump stations at the intersection of State Road 16 and the creek's south fork, 17.2-miles of pipeline along State Roads 21 and 16 and a treatment facility on Camp Blanding between Lake Magnolia and Lake Brooklyn.

SOLO President Vivian Katz James said the Genesis of the project occurred in 2016 when then Keystone Heights City Manager Scott Kornegay organized a water summit at city hall.

"There were a lot of good people at those tables from two water districts and a couple of

counties," she recalled. "Senator (Rob) Bradley was there. Representative Bobby Payne was there, as were several others. Those are the folks that I think brought the Black Creek Project to fruition."

Katz-James added that the 17-mile pipeline is within a quarter mile of completion.

During his remarks, Kornegay also referenced the 2016 water summit and said Bradley took the decades-old problem of dropping water levels in the lakes on his shoulders.

"It was that day that Senator Bradley took the ball and ran with it," Kornegay said. "When he took the ball, it was on the one-yard line and we drove it 99 yards, and we scored the touchdown."

"We went for it on fourth-and-long a couple of times," the current County Manager for Bradford County added, "and obviously we converted."

Kornegay also credited Katz-James for the effort's success, describing her as the bulldog of the group.

Bradley recalled a sea of red shirts in his office when he invited the president of the Florida Senate to listen to SOLO

members explain the project. Save Our Lakes members often wear the red polos during government meetings.

The former state senator, who now chairs the St. Johns River Water Management District, said he and the project's supporters had to lobby for legislative appropriations from 2017 through 2020 to fund the project fully.

"And each year it was a fight," he said.

Bradley said that when Federal regulators, including the Army Corps of Engineers and the Federal Environmental Protection Agency, got involved, the agencies threw up regulatory roadblocks to kill the project.

"They had some good questions," Bradley said of the federal agencies, "but they also had what I would consider delay tactics and the sort of things that you see sometimes in government."

Bradley said the project's success is a prime example of government listening to the people and that of ordinary citizens making a difference.

"So, when someone tells you that you can't make a difference," he told the audience, "that you

can't fight city hall, that you can't in this country anymore, have the government respond to your real needs and fix a problem that is long overdue to be fixed, the answer is, oh yes, you can."

"You take them out to this lake," Bradley continued, gesturing to Lake Brooklyn. "This is proof that we live in a country where we aren't dictated to, but at the end of the day, when all is said and done, when something we care deeply about, and when we need something done, we can get it done."

Bradley credited St. Johns River Water Management District Executive Director Mike Register with overcoming federal opposition to the project.

"Mike is the one that had to go up and face the federal bureaucrats in Atlanta," Bradley said. "When they stated the 15 reasons why this can't happen, (he said) this is why we're going to do it."

Rep. Bobby Payne, who shepherded the project through the Florida House, thanked his House colleagues Travis Cummings and Sam Garrison and the Lake Region's current State Senator, Jennifer Bradley, for supporting the project.



Former Senator Rob Bradley and Save Our Lakes President Vivian Katz-James.

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harder on achieving those benchmarks.

"DOE is upping the bar each year, and so we have to make sure we keep up with that," she said.

Having started with elementary schools, the assistant superintendent said they are ready to include the middle and high schools as well. But there was one holdout at the elementary level as well. There was reluctance at Starke Elementary to adopt the translation chart.

'It's unethical'

Because it will become mandatory if the school board approves the new policy, and teachers who do not comply will face disciplinary action for not following the policy, two former Teachers of the Year are leaving Starke Elementary.

For Cassie Reddish, who has worked for the district for a total of 15 years, it comes down to professional ethics.

"I think it is unethical to add points to student grades," she said. "I don't care what you call it, or for what reason, if it's points that they don't earn, it's inflating grades."

By that she means adding points. To get a Level 5 student with 75% of points earned from a C grade to an A requires adding at least 15 points on the grading scale.

"I think what's more important than just adding the points to the test is actually taking the time to teach the students the content that they missed that caused their grade to be lower. I mean, why don't we focus on teaching them? If they made a 55, which is an F, instead of just adding 20 points and making it a 75, why don't we focus on teaching them the content that they didn't understand, so that they can actually earn the 75? That makes more sense to me," she said.

"Teachers have a code of ethics that we have to follow, and it says we will maintain honesty, we won't misrepresent facts. I feel like that's what this is doing, so I just refuse to do it," Reddish said.

She said she was told that refusal would result in disciplinary action, the final step of which is being fired. Facing that eventuality, Reddish felt it was better to leave. Her new job in Baker County begins next week.

Preserving her beliefs was not the difficult part of the decision. Leaving her students midyear, will be difficult and something she never thought she would do.

"Leaving my home county is very difficult. I want to teach Bradford County students, but I also I can't compromise my ethics and my integrity to give students grades that they haven't earned. And the parents of the students that I teach, the ones

that have reached out to me, they said they admire that, and they support me, and they don't want their children's grades inflated. They want to know what their children are actually earning. You know, I haven't had a parent yet that is upset with me for this decision," she said.

It's about integrity

Lynn Woods is leaving the district after 30 years, saying it was a matter of integrity.

"To report something that's a misrepresentation of students' abilities and achievements is just something I've never done. I've never bumped grades up or bumped grades down. What kids have earned, that's what I've reported. So, it feels very dishonest to me," she said.

Woods is also worried about what the practice communicates to students, saying her fourth-graders are aware of how they performed, what points they did and did not earn. They're alert enough to check their grades for accuracy, reporting if the gradebook entry is off. She fears that grading on a curve would disincentivize trying harder. Why try for an 80 if you can earn a 60 and see it changed to an 80?

"They're smart enough to know that they could put in less effort and still get a passing grade, or even a good grade. So, to me, that causes a problem with motivation," she said.

Woods supports having common assessments so teachers can see what techniques in which classrooms are successful. She doesn't understand the push to tie regular chapter tests that already align with state standards to the state evaluation scale when that is not their purpose.

Students take the state FAST test in the beginning, middle and end of the year to track their

progress as Level 1 through 5 learners. Those tests were never meant to be tied to a letter grade. A test she gives on a Friday covering a skill taught that week, however, gives her immediate feedback. If a student has 60% mastery, she knows she and the student need to work on that skill.

"That's exactly what I do, and that's why my reading scores beat my school average, they beat the district average, and they beat the state average. Last year in ELA, my scores were better than anybody who inflated grades. So, I just find it hard to believe that someone's telling me that I have to inflate my grades or I'm going to be faced with disciplinary action," she said.

Both teachers believe there are others who share their concerns but are reluctant to speak out.

"A lot of teachers in the county are afraid to speak out because they don't want to have retaliation against them, or they don't want to be threatened," Reddish said.

Woods is reaching out to school board members after other teachers around the county asked her to speak out.

"I am writing a letter because there are several teachers out there — I would say between eight and 10 — that have contacted me that don't believe in it, don't think it's best for students, but they don't want to stand up to it facing disciplinary action," she said.

To be decided

Clarke stressed that assessments for which the district is mandating use of the translation chart are only a few per grading period. The other tests are teacher driven.

"This is not some willy nilly curve," she said. "If a student

gets 50% of the points on a regular grading scale, that's an F, but on a test that looks like the state assessment — has that same high level of rigor — that would be like a level three. And so that's what we're trying to do. It's not (that) we're inflating grades, because at the end of the day, the students still have to perform on the state test, regardless."

It also addresses something that has been an issue for much longer than the district has been considering this policy, Clarke said. That is a student who makes good grades scoring a Level 1 or 2 on the state test.

"That's a huge disconnect," she said, adding the opposite is also sometimes true. Students with poor grades can be high achievers on state assessments.

"This effort is really trying to align those two things, which are on different scales, into something that's easy and familiar for folks to understand. But it's not just across the board inflating grades. That's not what this is, and there's no intention to do that," she said. "It's more about, how are the kids performing as compared to those state assessments? And that's really what it's about."

With Starke Elementary being the last holdout, Clarke said inserting the translation chart into policy will ensure consistency across the school district. The school board will be advertising the final consideration and vote on the policy for its Nov. 19 at 5:15 p.m.

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ACORN celebrates 50 years

Dental clinic serves patients from 27 Florida counties

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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North Central Florida's sole nonprofit dental clinic celebrated its 50th anniversary with a fundraising dinner and continues the effort through November with a fund-a-thon.

According to a news release by the Alachua County Organization for Rural Needs, Inc., two churches launched the nonprofit in 1974 to provide home-based medical services and social service referrals to low-income families. Two years later, it established a medical clinic and, in 1987, began offering dental services.

In 2019, ACORN closed its medical clinic because of funding challenges.

Fundraising was top priority

In the release, Executive Director Tina Lloyd, who was hired in May, said her priority was to increase the clinic's revenues.

"When I came on board," Lloyd recalled, "they said our goal is to try to raise funds because we are solely funded through sponsorships, donations, and grants."

In response, Lloyd and her team decided to host a 50th anniversary celebration dinner and fundraiser to support the nonprofit's mission.

Lloyd said she and Clinical Director Debra Mott set a fundraising goal of \$50,000 for the event, but the dinner surpassed that milestone, generating around \$56,000.

ACORN's new executive director added that the fund-a-thon will consist of the organization's staff continuing to reach out to potential



(l-r) ACORN Executive Director Tina Lloyd and Clinic Practice Manager Debra Mott wearing t-shirts that commemorate the clinic's 50th anniversary.

donors. Lloyd said she has successfully uncovered new donors and grants, making progress in funding ACORN's approximately \$500,000 annual budget.

Lloyd said county governments have been a source of reliable support, in addition to several churches.

The two ACORN leaders said they were not expecting the significant number of supporters who would contribute to their event. Many local businesses showed support, including Lake Butler Rotary, Starke Rotary, Teal Tile Carpet One, Magnolia Dental, Palm RV Park, Federal Tax Accountants, Edwin Hsiung, DDS, Piesanos Stone Fired Pizza, Belle Oaks Barn, Bailey Health Solutions, Lake Area Watersports, Pritchett Trucking, Shadd Trucking, ACORN Medical Clinic Alumni, ACORN Founders, ACORN Former Board Members, Well Florida Council, West Fraser, Reddish & White, Cornerstone Caregiving, Delmond Dentistry, ACORN Board of Directors, Woodmen Life, Spires IGA, TD Bank,

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Over 2,000 patients from 27 counties

Lloyd said the most significant barrier to fundraising is that people are not aware of the need for nonprofit dental services.

"There's a lot of data that's been put out there that shows that there's a large number of patients that are still showing up at the ERs for dental care because they don't have transportation or they don't have insurance," Lloyd said.

She added that although most of the 2,244 patients the clinic served in 2023 resided in Alachua, Bradford, and Union Counties, residents from 27 Florida counties received services from ACORN last year. Some drove from South Florida and even Georgia because the region lacks nonprofit dental clinics.

"We had two from Georgia," Lloyd said. "Miami? Yes. And



ACORN staff members (l-r) Taylor Casey, Dana Britt, Kristi Morton, Tina Lloyd, Pat Clemons, Edwin Hsiung DDS, Debra Mott, Lauren Hovsepian, Tiki Alston, and Brittany Bacon.



Two churches launched the Alachua County Organization for Rural Needs, Inc. in 1974 to provide home-based medical services and social services referrals to low-income families. Two years later, it established a medical clinic and, in 1987, began offering dental services.

we've got a lot coming from Dixie and Gilchrist counties."

Loses \$83 on every visit

Mott added that ACORN charges patients on a sliding scale based on household income and that the clinic loses an average of \$83 per patient visit because of

the reduced rates.

Lloyd said volunteer dentists come to ACORN to perform extractions, and the clinic refers more advanced cases to the University of Florida.

Emergency cases not turned away

Mott said the clinic does not

turn away emergency cases.

"If someone walks in with visible swelling," she said, "we will see them. We won't turn them away."

The Clinic said in its news release that it thanks everyone who has contributed to the dental clinic and its mission to continue providing dental services to the community.

CHAMPS

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Lafayette (337) were fourth and fifth, respectively.

Bradford, which made the tournament as an alternate due to Northview not participating, placed sixth with a score of 345. The Tornadoes finished four strokes ahead of Holmes County and five strokes ahead of Baker.

The top eight teams out of the state's 36 traditional public schools in Class 1A (not including Union County, which didn't compete with a full team this year) qualified for the event based on iwannamaker.com rankings that factored in averages and course difficulty.

Trophies were awarded to the championship and runner-up teams, while medallions were presented to the top five

individuals as well as every individual on the first- and second-place teams.

Keystone's Ty Mitzel finished tied for third with Hilliard's Brayden Allen. Each shot a 74, leaving them trailing medalist Nolan Hyatt of Cocoa Beach by four strokes and Jordan Castillo of Frostproof by three strokes.

Mitzel had four birdies and made par on seven holes, with only two bogeys on his first 13 holes.



Bradford made the tournament as an alternate and wound up placing sixth out of eight teams. Pictured (l-r) are Tucker Griffis, Charlie Zink, Steven Carter, Cody Spratlin and Avery Burgin.

It was an incredible day for Mitzel and his teammates. Begue said his team had failed to play to its potential all season, so he knew the majority of his players would have to have their best rounds to even be in contention for the championship.

The Indians got just that, with Mitzel, Sheppard and Jacob Beach all finishing approximately 10 strokes better than their averages. Nate Bardier shot slightly better than his average, while Will Begue finished right at his.

"They went off," Coach Begue said, noting that Frostproof and Fort Meade both played better than their season average.

Beach, who had a birdie and made par on 11 holes, placed seventh with a score of 76. He made par on his first six holes.

Sheppard, who had a birdie and made par on eight holes, was part of a five-way tie for 22nd. He, Lyndan Flanary of Holmes County, Grant Goodman of Holmes County, Harrison Jackson of Lafayette and Thomas Watts of Baker each finished with a score of 85.

Bardier, who had two birdies and made par on two holes, shot a 33rd-place score of 89.

Will Begue shot a 94, finishing in a four-way tie for 35th with Zach Dent of Fort Meade, Jadon Frenette of Frostproof and Will Sirola of Lafayette. Begue made par on two holes.

"It was definitely a day to remember," Coach Begue said. The Public School Championship was created to

give public schools a chance to play for something as part of a more even playing field. With Class 1A dominated by private schools, public schools don't have a realistic chance of competing for a championship as part of the Florida High School Athletic Association's state series.

Participating teams will still take part in the FHSAA state series, which begin this week with district tournaments. Keystone will play in the District 1 tournament on Tuesday, Oct. 29, at Mark Bostick Golf Course at the University of Florida in Gainesville.

Tornadoes led by Spratlin and Zink

Bradford, like Keystone, played better than where it was seeded. Bradford was the top alternate after the original eight qualifiers were chosen. With Northview not participating, the Tornadoes entered as the eighth seed, but improved upon that by two spots.

"I thought the kids played well," Coach David Duncan said. "It was a good warm-up for districts."

Cody Spratlin and Charlie Zink each shot a 79 and were part of a five-way tie for 10th with Elijah Harrell of Fort Meade, Champ Stokes of Baker and Andrew Wingate of Fort Meade. Spratlin made par on his first six holes and made par on 11 overall. Zink had three birdies and made

par on eight holes.

Bradford's Avery Burgin, who had a birdie and made par on seven holes, shot an 86, tying him for 27th with Ethan Griffis of Frostproof. Duncan said a sub-90 was "phenomenal for a second-year guy to shoot."

First-year players Steven Carter and Tucker Griffis placed 42nd and 44th, respectively. Carter, who made par on five holes, shot a 101, which tied him with Cy McGowan of Holmes County.

Griffis' score was 107.

Duncan expressed his appreciation of the efforts of Keystone Coach Begue and Lafayette Coach Robbie Kerby for making the Public School Championship a reality.

"It's a lot of work," Duncan said. "Kudos to those guys for stepping up and getting it done."

Bradford being able to put itself in position to qualify for the first-ever Public School Championship is a testament to the community support it has received, Duncan said. His program received \$14,000 that went toward such things as practice equipment and virtual simulators. Future plans include adding a chipping and putting area at the former site of the baseball field.

"That's where we're going to get better," Duncan said.

The Tornadoes will play in the District 3 tournament on Tuesday, Oct. 29, at Capital City Country Club in Tallahassee.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

Notice is hereby given that the 2024 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, Tangible and Railroad Taxes for Bradford County, SRWMD, SJRWMD, Starke, Lawtey, Hampton and Brooker as of November 1, 2024 in the office of the Tax Collector, Bradford County Courthouse, 945 N. Temple Ave. Suite B, Starke, FL Telephone: 904-966-6246. Office hours: Monday through Friday: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, and Bradford County Courthouse Branch Office at 3979 SE 8th Ave, Melrose, FL (located on 21B/Speedville Rd) Telephone: 904-368-3950. Office hours: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm (closed for lunch from 1:00-2:00 pm).

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Bradford Elementary welcome community to Track or Treat



Principal Cassie Melvin and Assistant Principal Karen Brugh (Maleficent and Aurora, Sleeping Beauty). (Photos and captions courtesy of Bradford Elementary School.)



Bradford Elementary's ESE team: Donna Padgett, Ciyah Sandidge, Tayler Brown, Yaneisha Taylor, Velesia Thomas, April Dickinson, Jakia Barr.



Fifth-grade teachers Kristin Furneaux and Bobbi Douglas (Mrs. Frizzle) hang out at The Magic School Bus trunk. Thank you to the BCSD transportation department for allowing us to use a bus as a prop!



Happy Halloween or Merry Christmas? Sixth-grade team: Cheyenne Godwin, Pami Harrell, Venessa Sweeney, Leanna Norman.



Alvie Thornton excited to see Ms. Alicia Padgett.



Brayden Melvin, as Peter Pan, looking for candy or Neverland?



First-grade teachers Tyshia Brady and Ashley Yowell take a Kona Ice break from their Hawaiian themed trunk.

Centennial plans changed

The group organizing Keystone Heights' 100th anniversary has delayed a family-friendly event initially scheduled for December 31 and will reschedule the event for a later date.

Ginger Lee, chairperson of the Friends of Keystone Heights, said her group had problems lining up vendors and volunteers for the December 28 family event.

She added that the year-end scheduling may have presented difficulties for food vendors, who are typically busy near the New Year's holiday.

Lee added that the second event, a centennial gala, is still planned for December 28 at the Keystone Heights RV Resort.

The gala will feature the band Duval County Line and a 30-minute talk by Keystone Heights historian Christina Arnold. It will also feature a



Friends of Keystone Heights Chair Ginger Lee displays some of the merchandise available from her organization. Centennial T-shirts sell for \$25 and commemorative mugs are going for \$30 each.

Taste of Keystone Heights, in which Lake Region restaurants, including Johnny's Barbecue, Cedar River Seafood, and Country Caterers, will offer a sampling of their food. Lee said pricing for the gala has also been changed. Individual

tickets are \$75, and a couple gets admission for \$125. Tables are available for \$500 each.

Tickets for the gala are on sale at Capital City Bank and the

Keystone Heights City Hall. include a \$30 mug, T-shirts for \$25 and calendars for \$15.

The Friends of Keystone Heights also continued marketing their merchandise for the Centennial. The offerings

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Notices were mailed October 28, 2024 to all property owners or their agents at last known addresses. If you have NOT received your notice by November 8, 2024, please contact our office at 386-496-3331.

Lisa B. Johnson
Tax Collector
Union County

Brooker charter school on the road, helping others

BY CAROL MOSLEY
Special to the Telegraph

Brooker Community School is excited that its Charter School Program Grant funding has started to flow, allowing for the purchase of a new school bus. The hard struggle to secure a certified bus driver has also finally met with fruition.

Adding the sixth grade this year was another benefit to the school. The school is adding new enrollments all the time, and still has open space for more students. The new bus will provide greater access. The community and the community school feel they have a lot to be grateful for.

The school didn't shy away from discussion recent



Brooker Community School's new wheels.

hurricanes with students. Operation Backpack was created by Brooker Community School so students could participate in sharing with the storm victims.

The school had 30 backpacks filled with supplies left over from the school's own backpack giveaway at the start of the school year. The students wrote letters



School supplies will help students get back to normal.

to put in the backpacks. New River Baptist Church graciously donated the funds to include snacks and personal items for the children devastated by Hurricane

Helene. Then, the school collaborated with the Gainesville Church of God, who was sending an Operation Backpack shipment to storm ravaged North Carolina.

The school received thanks to Principal Lashley and volunteer coordinator Patsy Pullen. Jamie Dale from Gainesville Church of God explained that the supplies were put on small planes and sent to the towns in need by the ministry. Dale said they called from North Carolina to say the crew loading the supplies onto the planes were impressed with the donations, since "so far no one has given much to the kids and that donation will go a long way in helping."

Now students who've lost everything to the storm can begin school again ready to go. And Brooker students experienced first hand the joy of giving.

Brooker holds annual fall festival

BY CAROL MOSLEY
Special to the Telegraph

The annual Fall Festival at Brooker Community School opened with a parade through the town, as community members lined the streets in anticipation.

This was the second Fall Festival since the charter school opened, and it was another success. It draws folks from outside of Brooker as former students bring their own children from neighboring towns and

counties. Fourteen-year-old Angel Green and her parents drove from Jacksonville. Mom Denise McDaniels said she has only missed one festival in over a dozen years, and that was because she was hospitalized at the time.

There were food trucks with everything from barbecue to kettle corn and snow cones. Kids games included lots of opportunity to win prizes, and the bounce house was, of course,

a big hit. There were chances for the adults to win prizes as well. Drawing tickets were sold for prizes with highest dollar value, while bingo offered other great prizes such as appliances and sporting goods. And delectable goodies were the prize at the cake walk.

Once again, the Brooker Fall Festival was a great success, filled with fun, food and great costumes!



Emily is a member of the Young family, not the Addams Family. She is pictured with Ayson and Ava Bynam.



Carson Heaton looking magical.



Mom Denise McDaniels and Angel Green.

Oktoberfest and ribbon cutting

Join Concerned Citizens of Bradford County for Oktoberfest on Thursday, Oct. 31, which will include a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new grant-funded playground at the RJE Complex beginning at 5:30 p.m.

There will be lots of free candy and treats for kids, as well as arts and crafts, music, hay rides, vendors and information booths. The Bradford County Cowboys will also be playing an exhibition game.

Admission is free, and everyone is welcome. Bring a lawn chair. For more information, please contact the Alica McMillian at 904-966-1100 or Sherry Williams at 352-278-3540.



Snow White Jaycee Ellis awaits the start of the parade.



Zombie brides Cloe and Charlotte Williams are students at Brooker Community School.



Ghost Bradley Brooks waits for parade.



Skyler Bradley-Hoda is Sally from The Nightmare Before Christmas.

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Lawtey Fall Festival

Lawtey Elementary School's Fall Festival will take place Friday, Nov. 1, from 5 to 8 p.m. Come out for games, music food and fun.

Fall Bazaar at Methodist Church

The Keystone Methodist Church Fall Bazaar is on Friday, Nov. 1, from 3-6 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 2, from 9 a.m.-

2 p.m. The church women have made lots of crafts for gifting and decorating at bargain prices. There will also be baked goods for sale. All proceeds are donated to local charities such as LAM. There will be other vendors as well. The church is located at 4004 SE State Road 21.

Great Pumpkin Escape



Tisha Calderin's dog, which won the pet costume contest.



Officer Calloway keepin' law and order for the town folk.



Taking a break by the fountain before joining the festivities.



(L-r) Amy Polk, Rachel Sweat, and Kennedy Polk serving up spooky sweet treats at Hometown Grounds.



Scooby-Doo and the Crew set out for some spooky fun.



Bradford County Fire Rescue members (l-r) Nicholas Teague, Luke Polshak and Brian Dean.



The Bradford County Sheriff Office's (l-r) Quineisha Johnson and Antonio Velazquez.



(L-R) Holly Hanna, Jennifer Knight and Shantel Ritch.

Soil and water board meets

The Bradford Soil and Water Conservation District will meet at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 5, at the Bradford County Extension Office, 2266 N. Temple Ave. in Starke. Filing a petition for an administrative hearing for the Chemours draft industrial wastewater permit FL 0000051 will be discussed. Meetings are open to the public and can be attended in

person or by Zoom. Contact Paul Still at 904-368-0291 or stillpe@aol.com for more information and the Zoom link.

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Food distribution

This is a drive-thru distribution. The church is located at 730 Old Lawley Road in Starke. This distribution may begin early depending on the arrival of the food truck.
 Starke Church of God by Faith and Farm Share plan a food distribution on the following Thursdays from 10-11:30 a.m.: Nov. 7, Nov. 21 and Dec. 5.

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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

Jennifer Bass, 38, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 23 for trespassing.

James Blackburn, 52, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 24 for larceny and passing counterfeit bills.

David Brannon, 56, of Glen St. Mary, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 23 for an out-of-county warrant.

Derek Brown, 34, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 23 for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Henry Bussey, 46, of Fort White, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 19 for attaching a tag not assigned and possession of drug equipment.

Shannon Butler, 27, of Lawtey, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 22 for failure to appear.

Danwandre Green, 24, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 23 for a probation violation.

David Harris, 33, of Middleburg, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 20 for trespassing, larceny, and possession of drug equipment.

Winford Howell, 44, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 25 for battery, resisting an officer, a conditional release violation, and failure to appear.

Randy Jackson, 41, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 22 for failure to appear.

Joshua Johnson, 34, of Silver Springs, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 22 for withholding support.

Shane Mroz, 31, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 25 for contempt of court.

Brandon Nelson, 30, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 19 for burglary, resisting an officer, and larceny.

Terrence Reid, 33, of Raiford, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 19 for an out-of-county warrant.

Jeremy Smith, 43, of Brooker, was arrested by FHP troopers on October 24 for driving with a suspended or revoked license and driving a vehicle not registered.

Christian Valdez, 27, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 19 for DUI.

Richard Weis, 58, of Hampton, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 23 for selling cocaine, possession of cocaine, selling drugs, and possession of drugs.

Cheryl Wimer, 32, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 21 for battery.

Union

Danielle Barrick, 19, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Union deputies on October 27 for criminal mischief with property damage.

Frances Chandler, 38, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Union deputies on October 24 for a probation violation.

Chelsy Croft, 34, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Union deputies on October 26 for disturbing the peace.

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

Philip Harris, 24, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Union deputies on October 23 for an out-of-county warrant.

Melvin Hatcher, 32, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Union deputies on October 27 for criminal mischief with property damage.

Marissa Griffin, 29, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Union deputies on October 22 for failure to appear.

Galven Parrish, 45, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Union deputies on October 24 for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Clay

Christopher Gilstrap, 24, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Clay deputies on October 25 for petit theft and resisting an officer.

Jesus Gonzalez, 23, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Clay deputies on October 24 for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and domestic battery.

Delbert McDowell, 45, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Clay deputies on October 23 for being a fugitive from justice.

Joseph Rowe, 22, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Clay deputies on October 23 for petit theft.

Victoria Smith, 48, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Clay deputies on October 22 for grand theft auto.

Early voting sets record in Clay

Elections chief, county commissioner, deputies speak at Sheriff's Net

BY JENN SAMSEL
Special to the Monitor

Clay County Supervisor of Elections Chris Chambless headlined the Sheriff's Net meeting on Thursday, October 24, at Keystone's First Baptist Church.

"The very first day of early voting in Clay County, we had a record," he said. "We had more voters on that day than any other early voting day in the history of early voting in Clay County."

"We normally have a 76% turnout for presidential elections," the supervisor added, "and at the present moment, we have a 26% turnout. We need everyone to go out and vote. If you can stand in line for two hours at the theme park for a two-minute ride, you can wait fifteen minutes to cast your vote."

According to Chambless, "So far today, we've had 6,100 votes, and 22,300 people have voted in the last three days."

The elections chief added that 14,500 people had already voted by mail.

Early voting is available at Keystone Heights City Hall every day until November 2 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Chambless then moved on to the constitutional amendments on the ballot.

The supervisor outlined all six proposed amendments and then took questions from the audience.

County sticking with trash contractor

Clay County commissioners will not be terminating their new trash contract anytime soon. Despite a rocky start, the trash service is moving along.

Clay County Commissioner Besty Condon updated the audience on trash service and tree pickup.

She said that during the first days of pickups, 50% of residents didn't have a pickup when the new trash company started, but this number has gradually decreased to 30%. She said it will decline as the new service company continues its new routes.

The commissioner added that the new contractor, FCC, and Clay County officials, learned a lot from the problems that FCC faced in St. Johns County. She said both parties worked to ensure those problems were not duplicated in Clay.

Condon said that if the FCC misses pickups, the company has 21 days to remedy the omissions before penalties accrue.

Many residents were concerned about storm debris pickup since Governor DeSantis announced that FEMA would pay for it.

Condon reassured everyone that debris removal would be done, but it would take time.

She added that contractors are picking up debris from the hardest-hit areas and traveling to different places to ensure that all debris is removed.

Condon said Clay County contracted with a new company, Crowder Bolt, for yard waste while FEMA reimbursed the county for collection.

She said Crowder Bolt has big trucks with claws on them. They will remove all the large trees.

FCC will handle anything that is 3 feet or smaller.

"Right now, we have one debris truck from Green Cove Springs assisting in removing the tree debris," she said.

Regarding the trash, she mentioned that residents with more trash than the trash bin can handle have a few options on how to fix that problem.

One option is to pay \$66 for a second trash bin.



(L-R) Assistant Chiefs Chad Ricks and Jeremy Clark.

She said, "That's good for going through the contract, which is 10 years, and then you'll pay \$5 a month or \$15 a quarter for the extra pickup."

Second, "If you're just going to have a party every once in a while, a family reunion, Christmas, something like that, you can buy a sticker at the library for \$4, which you can attach to a 40-gallon, 40-pound bag. So that's like a contractor-size garbage bag."

Third, you can take your extra trash to the Clay County Environmental Convenience Center on County Road 214, across from the Dollar General at Monongahela Avenue.

"It is still open Thursday, Friday, and Saturday," Condon said.

Fourth, the commissioner suggested, "Ask your neighbors if you can put some trash in their bins."

Condon stressed the importance of not burning trash, as it could contain harmful chemicals and is illegal.

For residents dumping trash into business dumpsters. She said the dumpsters are for the business and fill up quickly, leaving the company with an expensive bill.

In the future, businesses will add padlocks to their dumpsters to prevent people from illegally dumping without permission.

She added that dumping trash into the business dumpster is illegal, and the sheriff's office investigates anyone who dumps illegally.

The commissioner said the county and FCC are looking to re-establish the county's recycling program, which should alleviate trash overflow.

The county's contract with FCC runs for 10 years.

Friends of Keystone Heights

Todd Bealls, co-host of the Sheriff's Net, gave a brief statement about the Friends of Keystone Heights and anyone interested in purchasing items for sale to help with the city's centennial celebration.

Anyone wanting to purchase items or learn more about the Friends of Keystone Heights may contact Todd or Debbie Bealls.

At least 3 deputies in this part of the county

Lastly, Clay County Sheriff's Office leaders spoke about what's happening in the community.

Assistant Chief Chad Ricks spoke about how he became an assistant chief and what it takes to become a law enforcement officer.

He said that to be a police officer, you would need about 1,500 to 1,600 hours of training over five years, along with continued training and schooling that would eventually get you where you want to be.

Ricks said, "It's worth being a law enforcement officer, and it's not hard to become one. It just

takes time and dedication, and I welcome anyone who wants to become one."

One audience member asked the chief what had happened on Wednesday, October 16, in Keystone Heights, which involved two schools being on lockdown.

The officer responded, "The case is still active," and he could not provide any details at this time.

Ricks added that crime incidents are still as low as 10 years ago. He said the community is safe, and the office is trying to keep its response time low.

Ricks said the sheriff's office has at least three deputies in this area of the county at all times.

Nobody wants to arrest an 11-year-old

Following Ricks's comments, Assistant Chief Jeremy Clark, the chief of school safety and the new Veterans Affairs Office service department, spoke about school safety.

He said that the highest number of calls to the office is currently for school threats.

He added that the office receives an average of 40 to 50 recorded calls and 88 to 100 social media posts.

"We investigate every single one of those calls and posts," he said. "Thankfully, most of them don't turn out to be a whole lot, but we have to investigate every single one to ensure that the students and the staff are safe."

Clark said the biggest issue is kids getting on their phones and saying things to each other.

Students are not allowed to use phones in their classrooms and must keep their devices in their backpacks during class time.

Clark said the hardest arrests are those of young kids.

"We investigated some of those who made threats and had to make arrests of 11, 12, or 13-year-olds, and it's not fun," Clark said. "Nobody wants to arrest an 11-year-old, but we have to."

Clark said each school now executes active shooter drills, which are practiced like fire drills.

"We don't know when or how often they are, but I'm sure there are many," he said of the simulations.

He added that deputies practice active shooter response four times a year and that there is a program for civilians to learn what to do and how to protect themselves regarding active shooter training.

Clark also emphasized, "If you see something, say something, which has been working very well, and we want to make sure it continues."

The next Sheriff's Net meeting will occur on Thursday, January 23, 2025.

If you want more information regarding the meeting, contact Debbie Bealls at deborah.bealls@gmail.com.

Union County School District to Host Veterans Day Ceremony Nov. 11

The Union County School District would like to invite all veterans and their families to join us for a special ceremony on Monday, Nov. 11. Beginning at 9 a.m., the program will be held in the Union County High School Auditorium, located at 1000 S. Lake Ave. in Lake Butler.

Highlights of the ceremony will include the Presentation of Colors by the UCHS JROTC Color Guard and a special musical tribute by the UCHS band. The guest of honor will be Petty Officer 2nd Class Dillon Chance Bailey.

Bailey has been an integral part of Union County's educational system, having attended schools from kindergarten through 12th grade and graduating in 2012. During his tenure at UCHS, Bailey excelled both academically and athletically, contributing to his school's history by playing football and baseball for the UC Tigers,

notably helping the team secure its first-ever state baseball championship.

Following high school, Bailey advanced his education at Daytona State College and Florida Gateway College from 2012 to 2015. On Feb. 2, 2015, he took the commendable step of enlisting in the U.S. Coast Guard, subsequently attending boot camp at Training Center Cape May, New Jersey. After completing eight weeks of rigorous training, he was assigned to the Coast Guard Cutter Resolute in St. Petersburg, Florida, from April to November 2015.

In November 2015, he attended Boatswain's Mate "A-School" in Yorktown, Virginia, where he further developed his technical skills until March 2016. Bailey then served on the Coast Guard Cutter Naushon and was involved in the commissioning of the Coast Guard Cutter Bailey

Barco in Ketchikan, Arkansas, from March 2016 to June 2018. Subsequently, he was stationed at Coast Guard Station Burlington, Vermont, from June 2018 to June 2019, followed by a tenure at Coast Guard Station Cap May, New Jersey, from June 2019 to June 2023. He is currently assigned to the U.S. Recruiting Office in Jacksonville.

Throughout his distinguished career, Petty Officer Bailey has earned multiple qualifications as a Federal Boarding Officer, Coxswain and Officer of the Day. While actively serving, he also obtained a bachelor's degree in project management and a master's degree in organizational management from the University of Arizona Global Campus. With nine years of dedicated active-duty service in the U.S. Coast Guard, Bailey remains committed to a long-term career in the service.

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Tigers take care of business, defeat Cobras 38-7

BY CECE THOMAS
Special to the Telegraph-Times-Monitor

It was a game against a team that had won only three games, but host Hudson went 9-2 last season, so the Union County Tigers knew they needed to take the game seriously to bring home a win and remain undefeated.

They did just that, getting three touchdown passes from Trenton Klein and another three scores rushing in a 38-7 win over the Class 3A Cobras on Oct. 25.

Though the 8-0 Tigers, who are number one in the Florida High School Athletic Association/MaxPreps Rural Class power rankings, knew they'd have to still play a good game, what they weren't expecting was a game full of penalties on both teams. The first half alone had 27 flags, which slowed the game down.

Union will have a few things to clean up this week as the Tigers head into a game against a tough opponent in Chiefland, who is 7-1 and fifth in the Rural power rankings. The game will kick off at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 1, in Chiefland.

The Tigers' Drew Simmons received the opening kickoff against Hudson and was tackled at his own 17-yard line. A holding penalty backed the Tigers up to their 10, but Simmons took the ball on a huge run all the way to the Hudson 42-yard line. Alec McClellon got a couple of carries before another holding penalty backed the Tigers up to the Hudson 45. On third-and-13, Simmons had another outstanding carry, making it to the 25-yard line. Bryan Tyson then had a carry on which he picked up 8 yards before Simmons ran the ball for a first down at the 12-yard line.

Gavin Jenkins had a carry for 7 yards before an offside penalty against Hudson gave the Tigers a first down at the 2-yard line. Jenkins was given the ball again, picking up a yard. C.J. Ivey then got the carry, scoring a touchdown with 7:39 left in the first quarter to put the Tigers up 6-0. The two-point conversion was no good.

Hudson (3-5) bobbled the kickoff by Jenkins before the returner was tackled at his own 27-yard line. Union's Garrett



Defensive players (l-r) Alec McClellon, Ashton Newsom (behind McClellon), Trenton Klein and C.J. Ivey get lined up prior to a snap. Photo by CeCe Thomas.

Jackson sacked the quarterback for a loss, making it second-and-more-than-20. An offside penalty gave the Cobras 5 of those yards back, but Klein was there when a receiver caught a pass, making a tackle for no gain. After an incomplete pass, Hudson punted.

The Tigers, after a penalty for block in the back, started their next drive at their own 30-yard line. Ivey took a handoff and gained about 5 yards. Simmons then took a pitch around right end and picked up a lot of yardage, but a flag in the backfield for illegal motion brought the play

back. Simmons got the handoff once again, picking up 11 yards for a first down at the 41-yard line.

Tyson gained 9 yards, while an offside penalty on Hudson gave the Tigers a first down at the Cobras' 45. A Klein pass was just out of Jenkins' reach, setting up second-and-10. Simmons then carried the ball all the way to the 2-yard line. Klein scored on a keeper, but an illegal shift backed the Tigers up to the 8. Klein kept the ball again for a touchdown with 1:29 left in the first quarter. Ivey was successful on the two-point conversion, but another flag was thrown on the Tigers for a false start. Union went for the two-point play again, which was no good, which left the score at 12-0.

Hudson muffed a punt in the second quarter, with Tyson recovering for the Tigers at the Hudson 21-yard line. Ivey had a carry for about 3 yards, while Simmons picked up a few more yards on second down. Klein kept the ball and gained enough to set up first-and-goal from the 9. The quarterback then completed a pass to Tyson in the end zone for

a touchdown with 7:14 left in the second quarter. Simmons' run on the two-point conversion made the score 20-0.

The Cobras had a good return on Jenkins' kickoff until the Tigers' Jesse Chaikin made a tackle at the Hudson 48. After an incomplete pass, a running back was stopped just short of the line of scrimmage by Jackson. The quarterback, who threw an incompletion on third down, took a big hit from Klein, which had him getting up slowly and hurting.

Jenkins caught the Cobras' punt, broke a tackle and was finally run out of bounds at his own 37-yard line. A Klein pass to Jenkins was enough to pick up a first down. An offside penalty then had Union facing first-and-15. Tyson caught a pass, but had nowhere to go. Simmons then picked up a couple of yards to set up third-and-11. Jenkins picked up a lot of yardage on a pass from Klein, but the Tigers had to face fourth-and-2. They went for it, with Ivey taking a handoff and gaining enough for a

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Tornadoes defeat district opponent Santa Fe 44-0

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Bradford High School's football team scored touchdowns on all but two of its possessions in defeating District 5-2A opponent Santa Fe 44-0 on Oct. 25 in Alachua.

Head Coach Jamie Rodgers couldn't fault the effort of his number-one team in Region 2 of Class 2A (number four overall in the class) against a team that has only one win and whose first-year head coach resigned earlier this month.

"You've got to win games like tonight's," Rodgers said, adding, "I thought we probably played harder tonight than the last couple of weeks."

The Tornadoes (8-1, 3-1 in District 5) had five touchdowns in the first half and amassed 373 yards of offense despite a running clock in the second half.

Defensively, Bradford held Santa Fe (1-8, 1-3) to 62 yards and created four turnovers.

Bradford was supposed to play one more game in the regular season, but North Florida Educational Institute, which was scheduled to host the Tornadoes

on Friday, Nov. 1, notified Bradford that it couldn't play the game. BHS announced it would try to find an opponent, but none had been announced by deadline.

If the Tornadoes don't play Friday, the won't be back in action until the playoffs begin on Friday, Nov. 15.

The Tornadoes received the opening kickoff against Santa Fe and drove 53 yards for its first score. It was a good series for quarterback Zack Paulk, who had two carries for 17 yards and two pass completions to Elijah Lawrence for a total of 15 yards. Gino Addison ended the drive with a 12-yard touchdown run at the 8:40 mark of the first quarter, putting the Tornadoes ahead 6-0. Cy Cubbedge's pass on the two-point conversion attempt was incomplete.

Santa Fe picked up a first down on its first series when quarterback Jay Bryant completed an 8-yard pass to Tyler Gentry, which left the Raiders 3 yards shy of midfield. Bradford's Jeremiah Hill then tackled Bryant for a 1-yard loss. Two plays later, on third-and-7, Asaph Bryant was gang tackled for a 1-yard loss. A bad snap on

the resulting punt attempt set the Bradford offense up at the Santa Fe 43.

A 16-yard run by Iyen Addison was followed by a 25-yard reception by Tyndale Mullins, which set up first-and-goal at the 2. A fumble recovered by Paulk backed the Tornadoes up 6 yards. Iyen Addison then had two straight carries, with the second taking him into the end zone from 6 yards out, making it a 12-0 game with 2:05 remaining in the first quarter. Paulk's pass on the two-point play was incomplete.

The Tornadoes' Trevis Johnson and Duke Lewis had tackles that forced Santa Fe into a third-and-10 situation on its next series. An incomplete pass after a penalty for delay of game forced the Raiders to punt. Bradford's Jy'Quez Cason had a 17-yard return to the Santa Fe 45, but a holding penalty on the play had Bradford's offense taking over at its own 45.

A sack one play later resulted in a fumble recovered by the Raiders, but the Santa Fe offense could do nothing with its opportunity. The Raiders gained no yards on two plays before a deep pass was intercepted by the Tornadoes' Branden Williams.

Bradford's offense took over at its own 5-yard line. The first play saw Cason catch a short pass and sprint his way downfield for a 95-yard touchdown, but a holding penalty nullified the score. The end result, though, was a gain of 1 yard, setting up first-and-9 from the 6. Three straight runs by Gino Addison picked up one first down, while an 18-yard reception by Marin Haywood resulted in another.

The Tornadoes continued to move away from their end zone and past midfield. Paulk, who had seven rushing attempts for 56 yards, carried the ball three straight times for a net gain of 32 yards to the Santa Fe 35. The quarterback later had a 12-yard run for a first down at the 16.

A holding penalty backed the Tornadoes up, but Gino Addison took a handoff and turned it into a 26-yard touchdown and an 18-0 Bradford lead with 3:38 to play in the second quarter. Bradford again had a failed conversion attempt, with Jeremiah McKenzie having to recover a bad snap.

Gino Addison played the first half only, finishing with 56 yards and two touchdowns on six carries.

Santa Fe's Jay Bryant ran for a 26-yard gain to the Bradford 38 on the Raiders' next possession. Runs by Asaph Bryant set up third-and-4. Jay Bryant was tackled for a 2-yard loss, but the Santa Fe offense stayed on the field for fourth-and-6. Bryant was able to draw the Tornadoes offside, setting up fourth-and-1. The Tornadoes stuffed a run play for a 1-yard loss and a turnover on downs.

The Tornadoes' offense went three-and-out, which resulted in Bradford's only punt of the game. A 9-yard return by Keshawn Lee had the Raiders starting a drive at the Bradford 48 with 48 seconds remaining until halftime.

Jay Bryant had an 8-yard run before then hooking up with Jeremy Nurse on a 9-yard pass play to the 31-yard line. After an illegal-shift penalty, Bryant was having to chase down a bad shotgun snap that was ultimately scooped up by Bradford lineman Trente Jenkins, who took it 55 yards for a touchdown. Cason had a successful run on the two-point conversion, making the score 26-0 with 2.6 seconds left on the clock.

That was enough time for the Tornadoes to put another score on the board. They attempted an onside kick, which they recovered at the Santa Fe 48. Paulk, who was 8 of 13 for 121 yards, then threw a touchdown pass to Cason to put Bradford up 32-0. Williams' run was short on the two-point conversion.

Cason finished with two



Gino Addison sprints toward the end zone for a 26-yard touchdown in the second quarter. Addison rushed for 56 yards and two touchdowns on just six carries.

catches for 59 yards.

Rodgers said the end of the half, which featured standout plays by the Tornadoes' offense, defense and special teams, was an example of how teams should play to be successful.

"That's what good programs should be able to do," Rodgers said. "They should be able to execute in all three phases."

Santa Fe gained a first down on the first series of the second half, thanks to an unsportsmanlike-conduct penalty on Bradford. The Raiders, though, couldn't gain a first down on their own, with Lewis and Jamarion Foye combining on a 6-yard sack that helped force Santa Fe to punt.

Iyen Addison, who finished with 83 yards on eight carries, picked up first downs on runs of 12 yards and 24 yards on Bradford's first drive of the half. Curtis Gonzalez had a 16-yard run that resulted in a first down at the Santa Fe 12. After an offside penalty against the Raiders, Jordan Cason carried the ball into the end zone on a

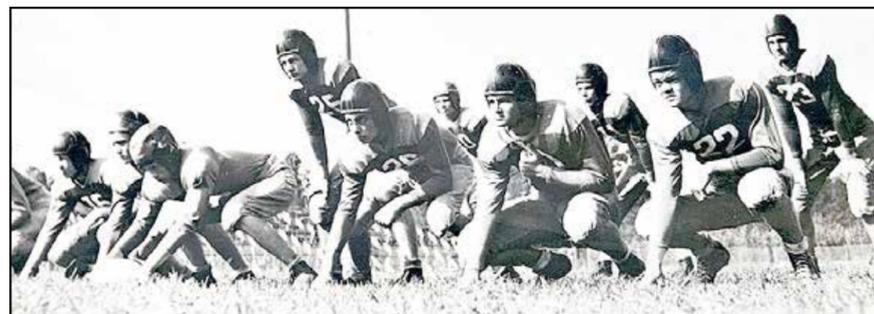
7-yard run, making the score 38-0. Brian Cliffin's extra-point kick was no good.

The Raiders returned the ensuing kickoff 33 yards to the Bradford 49. Williams then appeared to have his second interception of the game, but a pass-interference penalty took it away and gave the Raiders a first down at the 34. Another 15-yard penalty (for roughing the passer) later gave Santa Fe a first down at the 15. McKenzie put an end to the threat, intercepting a pass inside the 10-yard line and returning it to the Bradford 42.

Cubbedge entered the game at quarterback for the Tornadoes and promptly completed a 14-yard pass to Jordan Cason on the third play of the fourth quarter, moving Bradford to the Santa Fe 44. Iyen Addison later had a 12-yard run to the 20, with an additional 10 yards tacked on due to a penalty. On first-and-goal, Cubbedge, who was 2 of 3 for 24 yards, completed a 10-yard touchdown pass to Nehemiah Flowers to complete the scoring.



Jordan Cason (left) looks to get past a defender after making a catch.



Members of the 1944 Bradford High School football team included (front, l-r) Billy Burney, Steve Weldon, Phil Shuford, Bobby Biggs (center), Marion Manning, Carlos Thornton, Robert Barksdale, (back, l-r) Thomas Wadsworth, John Anderson, Bobby Turner and R.J. Turner.

A look back: Barksdale and the 1944 BHS football team

Editor's note: The following was submitted by Bobbie Sue O'Brian, who's the daughter of Robert and Barbara Barksdale.

Eighty years ago, in the autumn of 1944, Robert Barksdale was playing his senior year of Bradford High School Tornado football. World War II was in progress, gasoline and tires were rationed and the national speed limit was 35 miles per hour, but there was one thing that remained the same — high school football. Although many colleges had to cancel their football programs because players had to go to war, high schools continued to uphold the Friday night football tradition in order to keep the home front as normal as possible.

Barksdale wasn't interested in playing football for BHS, whose school colors in the mid-1940s were purple and gold. However, a high school teacher (Mr. Parkinson) saw him playing a game with friends in a vacant lot in 1943. The teacher suggested that Barksdale try out for the team.

Although the Tornadoes were already four games into their season, Barksdale tried out for Coach James Hobbs and ended up playing in the team's remaining games. He was one of approximately 27 players — all of whom played both offense and



Robert Barksdale (far right) is pictured with teammates George Shuford (far left) and Bobby Turner.

defense.

Barksdale was able to get a uniform that fit, but had to dig through old shoes and helmets to find ones that worked for him. The team had started the process of upgrading to newer helmets, and all of those had already been chosen, so Robert had to select from the older leather helmets. Shoulder pads, front leg pads, knee pads and a pad around the waist were also part of the uniform.

Football practices didn't begin until the first day of school and happened daily for a couple of hours after school. The first game was seven to 10 days later. The season was 10 games long with no playoffs or championship games.

The 1944 BHS season

started off with a 32-0 loss against Gainesville. However, that was the Tornadoes' only loss that year. Bradford scored more than 300 points in the nine games that followed, playing against much larger schools, including Saint Augustine, Jacksonville Beach, Bolles and Fletcher.

Bradford's game against Fletcher was memorable, with the Tornadoes getting off to a fast start and building a big lead. After scoring first, they added another two touchdowns on Fletcher fumbles. The result was a 25-7 win.

The Tornadoes were mostly a running team, led by quarterback Thomas Wadsworth from Hampton. Barksdale played left

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Margaret Louise Dobbs, 88, of Acworth, Georgia, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2024. She was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and wife. She was preceded in death by her husband, Marvin Dobbs; and granddaughter, Maggie Hickox.

She is survived by her daughters, Lori (Randy) Bacon and Lisa (Tim) Burton; grandsons, Joshua Raynes, Justin (Stephanie) Bacon, Nicholas Hickox and Eric Burton; and great-grandchildren, Tristan Hickox, Beau Hickox and Claire Bacon.

The family will receive friends for a visitation from 11 a.m. until 12 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 1, at Archer-Milton Funeral Home. Immediately following the visitation, there will be a graveside service at Sapp Cemetery in Raiford.

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Wayne Massey

Wayne Evan Massey, 85, of Lawtey, passed away on Monday, Oct. 28, 2024, at UF Health in Gainesville. He was born in Summerfield to Elder Audrey (A.E.) and Inez Massey on May 9, 1939. He and his family moved to Lawtey in 1947. He attended Lawtey Junior High and then graduated from Bradford High in 1957. He married Abbie Esther Harley on March 24, 1963. They were blessed with 61 years of marriage. He served in the United States Army and Florida National Guard. He retired from the Florida Forest Service, where he was a forest ranger and electrician. After retirement, he watched over his younger children and older grandchildren while having fun. He enjoyed growing a garden, woodworking, building, collecting, traveling, and spending time with his family and friends, all while capturing memories with his video camera. On Friday nights, he could be found with Abbie, cheering on the Bradford Tornado football team at all the home games for over 60 years. Go Big Red! He was saved by Grace and was a member of Faith Baptist Church in Lawtey. He was a proud former city of Lawtey council member and a member of the Disabled American Veterans. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Edward Lee, Daniel, and Spurgeon Massey; and his son-in-law, Bobby Autry.

He is survived by his loving wife, Abbie; and his daughters, Terri (Michael) Andrews of Wellborn, Virginia Autry of Hampton Lake, Audrey (Stephen) Murphy, and Esther (Jeremy) Lawson, all of Starke. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Scott (Elizabeth) Taylor, Josh Taylor, Matthew (Willow) Andrews, Ella Murphy, Grant Lawson, and Carley Lawson; and his step-grandchildren, Cassie (Chad) Reddish and Jim (Angel) Autry. He was the proud great-grandfather to Dylan, Landon, Allie, Annalise, and Adeline Taylor, and Emma and Will Reddish.

Visitation will be Friday, Nov. 1, at 1 p.m. at DeWitt C. Jones Chapel of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, followed by a service at 2 p.m. Burial will be immediately after at Crosby Lake Cemetery. The Massey family wishes to extend our thanks to the VA Hospital, UF Health, Fresenius Dialysis Center, and Windsor Health and Rehab.

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Russell Miscally

Russell D. Miscally, born Feb. 4, 1944, in Jacksonville, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2024, in Orlando. He was a graduate of Robert E Lee High School. He worked for Seaboard Coast Line Industries, currently CSX Railroad, prior to working for the Jacksonville Fire Department as an engineer. He was one of the original members of the rescue division of JFRD. Russell served in both the combat and rescue divisions during his career. He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting, fishing and racing. He had a passion for growing his own vegetables. He never met a stranger and always was ready with a helping hand. He and his wife enjoyed competitive fishing tournaments and many boating trips to the Keys with his sons. He will be dearly missed by family, friends and former colleagues. He was preceded in death by his first wife and mother of his two sons, Judy Miscally.

He is survived by his wife, Suzette Miscally; sons, Russell (Dawn) Miscally Jr., and Greg (Rita) Miscally; daughter, Jennifer (Mike) McCall; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

The family will receive friends at the DeWitt C. Jones Chapel of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home on Saturday, Nov. 2, from 11 a.m. until 12 p.m. with funeral services beginning at 12 p.m.

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Shirley Wilkerson

Shirley Wilkerson, 74, passed away peacefully at home on Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2024. She was a loving mother, sister, and friend.

She is survived by her sons, Nicholas Gauthier and Timmy Wilkerson; daughter, Donna (Ed) Skarosi; four grandchildren, Mary (Zackary) Horne, Wyatt Gauthier, Brandon (Christine) Gauthier and Alex (Tiffany) Gauthier; two great-grandkids, Presley and Hudson Gauthier; and two brothers, Greg (Camille) Whitaker and Gene (Sherry) Whitaker. She will be deeply missed.

A Celebration of Life will be held at The Barn at Deep Creek, 3910 NE 156th Ave., Gainesville, from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 10. If you attend, please bring a covered dish.



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November Smash Volleyball Tournament is Nov. 16

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

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

The entry fee is \$80 per team. Play begins at 9 a.m. following team check-in at 8:30.

Admission for the general public is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children.

Chicken-and-rice dinners and other concessions will be available.

The tournament will also feature prize drawings.

Please call or text 904-769-1223 for more information.

DAR chapter meets Nov. 4

The Col. Samuel Elbert Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, will meet on Monday, Nov. 4, at 10:30 a.m. for a commemorative tree planting at Soldiers Freedom Outdoors (4342 S.E. Eighth Ave.

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end, but was also a punter along with John Anderson. Bobby Biggs played center, Steve Weldon and R. W. Mosley were tackles and Phil Shuford and Carlos Thornton were guards.

Some of the other players were Bobby Turner, R.J. Turner, who transferred from Lake Butler, and Billy Burney, who played right end and was also the Tornadoes' fastest runner and primary pass receiver. However, in the 12-7 win against St. Augustine, the coach decided to mix up the plays a bit and had some passes thrown to Barksdale, which threw off the opponent's game plan and helped secure the victory.

As it is now, cheerleaders and the BHS band were important parts of the Friday night football experience, adding to the excitement of the evening. Homecoming was a special event, and in addition to crowning a queen and introducing her court and class princesses, it was traditional for the football players to select several senior girls as football sponsors. These young ladies were also introduced at homecoming halftime and escorted across the field by senior players. Barksdale

in Melrose).

If you're a member and haven't attended a meeting in a while, the club would love to have you.

Do you have a Revolutionary War-era patriot in your family tree? If you would like to find out, DAR can help with its genealogical resources. Any woman 18 years or older, regardless of race, religion or ethnic background, who can prove direct descent from a person who aided in achieving American independence between April 19, 1775, and Nov. 26, 1783, is eligible for membership.

If you're interested in joining the chapter, please attend the Nov. 4 event.

Donate now to Shop with a Cop/Heroes and Helpers

Donations are now being accepted for Starke's 20th annual Shop with a Cop program, which is now known as Shop with a Cop/Heroes and Helpers.

For pickup by either Sarah Mosley or Barry Warren, please call 904-769-9353 or 352-494-3326. Checks can be made out to "The Warren Project Corp." and mailed to The Warren Project Corp., PO Box 31, Starke, FL 32091.

The deadline for donations is Dec. 6.

Shop with a Cop/Heroes and Helpers will take place Dec. 16-17 at Walmart in Starke. It allows children to participate in a shopping spree, escorted by members of various law enforcement agencies and fire and rescue departments as well as Department of Corrections personnel. Children are selected by teachers and guidance counselors, who identify students as having needs (financial, emotional or psychological), but who are still striving to do their best in the classroom and to be outstanding citizens.



Robert Barksdale holds the letters he earned playing football at Bradford High School.

had the pleasure of escorting his girlfriend and future wife, Babara Horne of Hampton. Whereas the queen, her court and the class princesses wore lovely gowns, football sponsors were dressed in their Sunday finest — suits, gloves, high heels and sometimes hats.

As the 1944 football season wound down, a coach suggested that if Robert "purposely" failed his senior year, he could probably get a football scholarship to a university since he would have one more year of experience under his belt. Although it was an interesting suggestion, Barksdale decided to graduate and join the U.S. Coast Guard.

The war ended in 1945, so after several months in the military, Barksdale returned home to Starke and attended Jones Business College in Jacksonville. He joined his parents in running Barksdale's Department Store in downtown Starke, where he would work for approximately 16 years.

Barksdale and Barbara Horne were married in February 1947. In 1962, they purchased the Florida Theatre, right next door to their store, which they sold when Barksdale's mother was ready to retire.

Barksdale and his wife built the 301 Drive-In Theatre south of Starke (where Murray Ford is) in the mid-1960s. They purchased additional theaters and eventually moved to Humboldt, Tennessee, where they resided until 2012.

The Barksdales are back home in Starke now and enjoy seeing old friends and spending time with family.

Oscar Hoilman Sr.

Oscar Malone Hoilman Sr., beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend was born in Boone, North Carolina on May 10, 1941. He passed away on Saturday, Oct. 19, 2024, at the age of 83. Oscar proudly served in the U.S. Army, dedicating his life to his country and his family. His name carries on through five generations of "Oscars," reflecting the deep legacy he has left behind. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Wilma Lee Hoilman; his sons, Jeffrey Hoilman and Chadwick Hoilman; his parents, Grace and Ed Sharp; his father, Carl Hoilman; his siblings, Joyce Nickels, Charles Hoilman, Nettie Mae Daniels; and his great-grandson, Blake Norman.

He is survived by his wife, Jennifer Hoilman; and his loving family, including his brother, Rom (Wanda) Hoilman; sons, Oscar Malone Hoilman "Lee" Jr., Donald Hoilman (Vickie Johnson), Wade Franklin (Christy) Hoilman Sr., and Jordan (Maria) Swanagan; and his daughters, Melissa (Larry Shane) Thornton and Jaelyn Swanagan. Oscar's legacy lives on through his 17 grandchildren, including grandsons, Jake (Misty) Hoilman, Cody Hoilman, Donald Hoilman Jr. (Rosemary Johnson), Todd Sea, Chadwick Hoilman (Christy Whitten), Wade Franklin (Elizabeth) Hoilman Jr., Austin Thornton, and Andrew Swanagan. He also leaves behind granddaughters, Donna Jackson, Wendy (Brian) Thornton, Dallas Hoilman, Joanie (Branden) Rice, Chelsea Dorminey, Kara (Steven) Hutchins, Lisa Wynn, Brooklyn Wynn, and Paisley Thornton. Additionally, his family includes 17 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and 17 great-great-grandchildren, all of whom he loved dearly. He was known for his passion for barrel racing and his tireless work ethic. Above all, he cherished his family and held them close to his heart.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, Nov. 16, at 4 p.m. at the Raiford Church of God.



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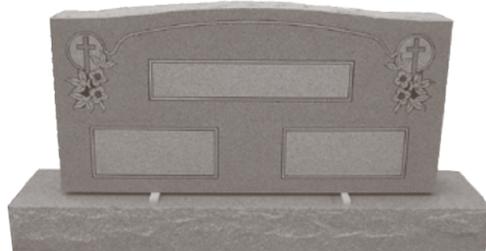
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Union volleyball team advanced to regional final off 3-1 win over Hornets

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Union County High School won the first two sets and left Mayo with a 3-1 (25-19, 25-20, 26-28, 25-26-24) victory over the second-seed Lafayette Hornets in a Region 3-Rural semifinal volleyball match on Oct. 26.

Morgan Smith recorded two straight kills to end a tight fourth set.

“Something Mayo is really good at is defense, so we worked very hard this week at exploiting their defense and really trying to pick apart their defenders,” Union Head Coach Tifani Knox.

The Tigers were swept by Lafayette (16-5) during the regular season by scores of 3-0 and 3-1, but now have two postseason victories over the Hornets, with the first coming by a 3-1 score in the District 6 tournament semifinals.

Knox said the key to her team exploiting the Hornets’ defense was spreading the ball around to all of its hitters. She also gave her hitters kudos for playing smart, saying, “Instead of whaling the ball out of bounds, we were putting it where (the Lafayette blockers) weren’t.”

Three points scored by Jailyn Simmons, who recorded 21 kills,

helped Union take a 4-3 lead in the first set, but Lafayette scored seven of the next eight points. A 4-0 run by the Hornets during that span included points off tips by Libby Beach and Havyn Richardson.

A Simmons block, an Indi Knox kill and a Kamryn Southerland service ace helped the Tigers tie the score at 12-12. Neither team went up by more than a point after that until Union scored two points with Layla Barber serving to go up 18-15.

Union led 19-16 before scoring three straight with Southerland serving. Southerland had an ace, while Knox and Smith each had a kill off an Abby Williams assist.

The Tigers’ remaining three points were scored off Lafayette errors.

Union scored 11 of the first 15 points of the second set. The set began with the Tigers scoring three straight with Bella Johns serving, getting two kills from Simmons and one from Knox. Another 3-0 run with Knox serving included an ace and two kills by Simmons for a 7-1 lead.

The Hornets were able to whittle away at their 11-4 deficit and make it a three-point match.

Union scored three points with Knox serving to go up 18-12. Knox had an ace, while the Tigers also got points off a



Morgan Smith (left) readyies for an attack opportunity off an Abby Williams set against Lafayette.

Barber kill and a Simmons tip. Five of the Tigers’ next seven points came off Lafayette errors.

A Smith kill made the score 24-18 before the Hornets forced side-out. Lafayette’s Kiley Beach had a kill to pull the Hornets within four, but the Tigers ended the set with Simmons’ tip off a Southerland assist.

The third set was tied at 11-11 when the Hornets scored three straight points with Libby Beach

serving. Lafayette got a kill from Richardson and a tip for a point by Rylee Skillman.

Lafayette later got a kill from Brooke Lamb and a tip and a block from Kiley Beach to help the Hornets take an 18-14 lead. A Sophia Kendrick kill made it 19-14, while a Richardson kill made it 21-16.

Union scored five points with

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Celebrating an ace in the Region 3-Rural semifinal win over Lafayette are (l-r) Bella Johns, Bayley Staier, Kamryn Southerland, Indi Knox, Shaley Maloney and Morgan Smith.

Tigers push top seed to the limit before 3-2 loss in regional final

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Union County High School dropped the first two sets, but rallied to force a fifth set before losing 3-2 (25-19, 25-14, 17-25, 19-25, 17-16) to top seed and number-one team in the state Branford in the Region 3-Rural volleyball final on Oct. 29 in Branford.

The Buccaneers (26-3) can thank seventh-grader Lalyx Sikes for advancing to the Monday, Nov. 4, state semifinals. Sikes scored Branford’s final two points on a kill that forced side-out and then a service ace that ended the match.

Third seed Union (17-10) trailed early in the third set, but went on a 3-0 run with Kamryn Southerland serving to pull to within 11-10. Later, the Tigers scored two points with Bella Johns serving to go up 14-12.

A Jailyn Simmons kill helped the Tigers take a 19-14 lead. Morgan Smith added a kill later to make it a 22-16 game.

Union led 23-17 with Southerland serving. The Buccaneers committed an attack error and were then called for a double-hit as the Tigers avoided getting swept.

Morgan Smith had a couple of blocks during a 3-0 run with Southerland serving that left the Tigers trailing 10-9 in the fourth

set. The game was later tied at 15-15 when Union scored three points with Simmons serving. Simmons and Smith each had a kill during that span.

Sikes’ play would help Branford even the score, but after a side-out, the Tigers closed out the fourth set with five straight points with Southerland serving. Southerland had an ace during the final run that forced a tiebreaker set.

Union got kills from Simmons and Indi Knox early in the fifth set, while Branford got two from Sikes as the Buccaneers led 7-5. Sikes later had an ace that gave Branford a 10-6 lead.

The Tigers closed the gap, with a Layla Barber kill off a Southerland assist pulling them within 12-11.

Branford was able to take a 14-12 lead, which left them one point away from winning the match. Johns, a libero, recorded her first kill of the season for a Union point, making the score 14-13.

The Tigers tied the score on a Barber kill and later tied it again at 15-15 when Branford committed a service error.

That’s when Sikes came up with her clutch plays, sending the Buccaneers to the state tournament for the second straight year.

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first down at the Hudson 40.

The Tigers faced another first-and-15 play after a penalty for illegal motion. Klein passed to Simmons, who picked up quite a bit of yardage for a first down at the 24. Tyson picked up 5 yards on a pass play before Simmons was held to no gain on a run play. Klein then threw a touchdown pass to Ibn Williams to make the score 26-0 with 41 seconds left in the first half. The two-point play was no good.

Hudson, after the Tigers’ Jameson Lang made a tackle on the kickoff return, began a drive at their own 33. A pass completion resulted in a first down. The Cobras were penalized for unsportsmanlike conduct and also suffered a huge loss on a sack. Klein intercepted a pass for the Tigers, returning the ball to the Hudson 30-yard line with 6 seconds left on the clock.

Union was unable to add another score before halftime, with Klein overthrowing intended receiver Simmons.

Hudson returned the second-half kickoff to its own 40-yard line. A flag for holding was thrown on the first play

from scrimmage, backing the Cobras up to their 25. Union’s defensive players were fast in getting into the backfield, hitting the quarterback and causing a fumble, which was recovered by Lang at the 21-yard line.

Klein, who was 10 of 12 for 113 yards, completed a touchdown pass to Simmons with 11:30 left in the third quarter. The Tigers got a successful two-point play out of McClellon, but a penalty made the Tigers attempt the conversion again. The attempt was no good, leaving the score at 32-0.

Another flag was thrown after the play for unsportsmanlike conduct against the Cobras. The penalty yardage was assessed on the kickoff, which went to the goal line. Hudson returned the kick only to the 9-yard line. Hudson gained a couple of yards on a pass play and another yard on a run play. On third-and-7, Jenkins brought down a tipped pass for an interception. However, a flag was thrown — holding against the Tigers. Hudson had a first down.

The Cobras then picked up a penalty, which had them facing first-and-20. They picked up quite a bit of yardage on a pass play, setting up second-and-9. Two straight incompletions brought up fourth down and a punt.



Bryan Tyson (left) prepares to make a catch. Photo by CeCe Thomas.

Simmons returned the punt all the way to the Hudson 40-yard line. A penalty on Hudson, though, had the Tigers starting their drive at the 25. Simmons, who finished with 218 yards on 17 carries, took a handoff for a gain of 4 yards. He got the ball again and carried it into the end zone for a touchdown with 6:41 left in the third quarter. The extra-point kick was no good, making it 38-0 and enforcing a running clock.

A Hudson punt in the fourth quarter rolled out of bounds

at the Union 11-yard line. The Tigers’ former junior varsity players entered the game, with a fumble being recovered by the Cobras at the 8-yard line. Hudson eventually scored on a run from the 1-yard line. The Cobras added the extra point to make the score 38-7 with 5:41 remaining in the game.

Lang led the Tigers in tackles with six, while three players had four tackles each: Wyatt Elixson, Jaden McCray and Ashton Newsom.

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In Re: The Estate of DEBORA QUINN-DIAZ, Deceased.

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The administration of the Estate of DEBORA QUINN-DIAZ, deceased, whose date of death was July 2, 2024, and whose last four digits of his social security number are 9516, is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 945 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida 32091. The names and addresses of the personal representative and personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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KEYSTONE HEIGHTS AIRPORT AUTHORITY NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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

PERIMETER FENCE & GATE IMPROVEMENTS FOR WEST SIDE SERVICE ROAD AT

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS AIRPORT
The scope of the project includes the installation of chain link fence, a cantilever gate, gate operator, and power poles to tie into the existing perimeter fence where the new West Side Service Road meets SR-100. Installation of the electric gate and power poles will require underground conduit and wiring, partial demolition of the existing asphalt, and concrete pad installation. Partial demolition of the existing fence shall occur once the proposed fence and electric gate are fully operational.

A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting and site inspection will be held at 2:00 PM on November 7, 2024 in the Conference Room at the Keystone Heights Airport Terminal Building. Bidders are strongly urged to attend. The meeting will be held in person and as a Teams meeting for anyone who wishes to attend virtually. Contact William R. Prange prior to November 5, 2024 to receive the Teams meeting invitation.

Bidders are invited to submit Proposals for this work on the Proposal Forms provided. Other proposal forms will not be accepted. The complete examination and understanding of the Contract Documents consisting of the Plans and

Specifications, and all addenda or other revisions, and Site of the proposed work is necessary to properly submit a Proposal. Contract Documents consisting of the Plans and Specifications, and all addenda or other revisions will be available for examination or may be obtained from the offices of the AECOM, 7650 West Courtney Campbell Causeway, Tampa, Florida 33607; contact Diane Kline at (813) 636-2139 or diane.kline@aecom.com. The Contract Documents will be available on or before Friday, October 25, 2024. There is no fee to obtain a set of the Contract Documents. Printed copies of documents will not be made available. Only PDF project plans and specification files, either on CD or sent via File Transfer will be made available. Contractor must obtain the Contract Documents from the Engineer of Record in order to be considered a responsive bidder.

A Bid Bond in the form as bound in the Contract Documents or Certified Check in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount bid must accompany each Bid.

Successful Bidder shall be required to execute and to provide a Payment Bond and Performance Bond each in an Amount of not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the total value of the Contract awarded to him with a satisfactory surety or sureties for the full and faithful performance of the work.

No bid may be withdrawn after closing time for the receipt of Proposals for a period of sixty (60) days.

The Keystone Heights Airport Authority reserves the right to waive any informalities or irregularities in or reject any or all bids and to award or refrain from awarding the Contract for the Work.

For additional information, contact William R. Prange, P.E., AECOM, at (386) 898-2298 or bill-prange@aecom.com.
Dated: October 22, 2024
By: Keystone Heights Airport Authority
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

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

AND
Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, Block 10, of the Town of Hampton, Section 30, Township 7 South, Range 22 East, and Lots 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12, Block 10, of the Town of Hampton, Section 30, Township 7 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida. Bearing date the 28th day February, AD. 1990, recorded in official records Book 408, page 0344. In the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Bradford County, State of Florida. (This is a second sale on this property due to an error in the legal description by the title company on the first sale dated March 13, 2024)

Name in Which Assessed: TERESA A EVANS; WILLIAM T LANEY; MARTHA G LANEY
Name on last tax roll, if different: TERESA A LANEY ET AL
All of said property being in the County of Bradford, State of Florida. Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to

law the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the BRADFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, STARKE, FL on the 12/18/2024, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date,
Denny Thompson,
Clerk Of The Circuit Court
Bradford County, Florida
BY: Kanetra Jenkins
KANETRA JENKINS,
Deputy Clerk
Contact the Tax Deed Office at 904-966-6280 to obtain the amount necessary to redeem.
DATED: October 21, 2024
DATE OF PUBLICATION: OCTOBER 24, 2024; OCTOBER 31, 2024; NOVEMBER 7; NOVEMBER 14, 2024
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO: 2024-CA-000273
DIV:

CGM LAND INC,
Plaintiff,
vs.
SAMPSON LAKE PROPERTIES, Inc.
Defendant

NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: SAMPSON LAKE PROPERTIES, Inc.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to QUIET TITLE to the following property in Bradford County, Florida: A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING ERRONEOUSLY DESCRIBED IN THE OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 1960 PAGE 342, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA. SAID PARCEL BEING PORTIONS OF THE PLAT OF SAMPSON CITY, HAVING BEEN RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 1, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA. SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINE OF SR 225 AND THE CENTERLINE OF SEABOARD COAST LINE RAILROAD AND RUN NORTH 46 DEG. 31 MIN. 44 SEC WEST. A DISTANCE OF 1418.47 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 34 DEG. 50 MIN. 33 SEC. EAST, A DISTANCE OF 50.56 FEET, TO THE NORTHEASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF COUNTY ROAD 225, TO A 1/2-INCH CAPPED IRON ROD (PLS 5098), FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN NORTH 34 DEG. 50 MIN. 33 SEC. EAST, ALONG THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF ORB 2056 PG 458, A DISTANCE OF 155.20 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH CAPPED IRON ROD (PSM 5500); THENCE RUN NORTH 35 DEG. 05 MIN. 01 SEC. EAST, ALONG THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF ORB 1960 PG 342, A DISTANCE OF 119.63 FEET TO A 1/2-INCH CAPPED IRON ROD (PSM 5098), BEING THE WESTERN MOST CORNER OF THAT PARCEL, A CEMETERY, EXCEPTED PER ORB 1415 PG 252; THENCE RUN SOUTH 54 DEG. 55 MIN. 57 SEC. EAST, ALONG THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF THAT PARCEL EXCEPTED PER ORB 1415 PG 252, A DISTANCE OF 234.68 FEET TO A 5/8-INCH IRON ROD WITH NO IDENTIFICATION; THENCE RUN NORTH 53 DEG. 01 MIN. 26 SEC. EAST, A DISTANCE OF 806.38 FEET TO A 2-INCH PIPE WITH NO IDENTIFICATION; THENCE RUN SOUTH 38 DEG. 59 MIN. 18 SEC. EAST, ALONG THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF LOTS 15-LV AND 16-LV OF AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION SURVEYED BY JOSPEH G. KNAPP "BREAMWOOD POINT LAKE LAKEVIEW AND BREAKWOOD LAKEVIEW" AS FILED WITH BRADFORD COUNTY OFFICIAL RECORDS AS MISC. MAP BOOK 1 PAGE 43, BOTH LOTS ALSO BEING DESCRIBED IN ORB 1470 PG 0265, A DISTANCE OF 256.93 FEET TO A 1-INCH IRON PIPE, BEING THE SOUTHERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 15-LV; THENCE RUN SOUTH 58 DEG. 16 MIN. 54 SEC. WEST, ALONG THE NORTHWESTERLY LINE OF LOT 14-LV PER SAID BREAMWOOD POINT LAKE, A DISTANCE OF 50.26 FEET TO A 1-INCH IRON PIPE (NO ID), ALSO BEING THE WESTERN-MOST CORNER OF SAID LOT 14-LV; THENCE RUN SOUTH 39 DEG. 00 MIN. 58 SEC. EAST, ALONG THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE AND THE SOUTHEASTERLY PROJECTION OF SAID LOT 14-LV, A DISTANCE OF 146.65 FEET TO A 1/2-INCH ILLEGIBLE CAPPED IRON ROD; THENCE RUN SOUTH 43 DEG. 16 MIN. 47 SEC. WEST, ALONG THE NORTHWESTERLY LINE OF ORB 1861 PG 216 PARCEL 5, A DISTANCE OF 110.28 FEET TO A 1/2-INCH CAPPED IRON ROD (LS 6209), SAID POINT ALSO BEING

THE PRESUMED INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINES OF SECOND STREET AND ISABELLE STREET OF SAMPSON CITY, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1 PAGE 1 IN THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF BRADFORD COUNTY; THENCE RUN SOUTH 46 DEG. 40 MIN. 52 SEC. EAST, ALONG THE PRESUMED CENTERLINE OF SAID SECOND STREET AND THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF ORB 1861 PG 216 PARCEL 5, A DISTANCE OF 254.13 FEET TO A 5/8-INCH IRON ROD, SAID POINT BEING THE PRESUMED INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINE OF SECOND STREET AND THE ALLEY OF BLOCK 10 LOCATED BETWEEN LOTS 1 AND 2, PER SAID SAMPSON CITY PLAT; THENCE RUN SOUTH 43 DEG. 30 MIN. 27 SEC. WEST, ALONG THE PRESUMED CENTERLINE OF SAID ALLEY BETWEEN SAID LOTS 1 AND 2, A DISTANCE OF 250.50 FEET TO A 5/8" IRON ROD (NO I.D.) ALSO BEING THE PRESUMED INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINE OF THE ALLEYS LOCATED BETWEEN LOTS 1 AND 2 OF BLOCK 10, AND THE PRESUMED CENTERLINE OF THE ALLEY LOCATED BETWEEN LOTS 2 AND 3 OF BLOCK 10 OF SAID PLAT OF SAMPSON CITY; THENCE RUN NORTH 46 DEG. 30 MIN. 07 SEC. WEST, ALONG THE PRESUMED CENTERLINE OF THE ALLEY BETWEEN SAID LOTS 2 AND 3, A DISTANCE OF 249.92 FEET TO A 5/8" IRON ROD (NO I.D.), BEING THE PRESUMED INTERSECTION OF SAID ALLEY AND THE CENTERLINE OF ISABELLE STREET PER SAID PLAT OF SAMPSON CITY; THENCE RUN SOUTH 43 DEG. 31 MIN. 04 SEC. WEST, ALONG SAID CENTERLINE OF ISABELLE STREET, A DISTANCE OF 639.82 FEET TO A 5/8" IRON ROD AND THE INTERSECTION OF SAID CENTERLINE OF ISABELLE STREET AND THE NORTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SW COUNTY ROAD 225; THENCE RUN NORTH 46 DEG. 31 MIN. 44 SEC. WEST, ALONG SAID NORTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 716.40 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.
Parcel ID Number: 00838-0-00000 (3440)
Property Address: SW CR 225, Starke, Florida 32091
has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on the Hildebrandt Law Firm, the Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 10300 49th Street North, Suite #207, Clearwater, FL 33762, on or before _____ or 30 days after the 1st publication, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court at its physical address or in person at 945 N. Temple Ave., Starke, FL 32091 or P.O. Drawer B, Starke, FL 32091 either before service on the Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request. WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on 18th day of October 2024.
DENNY THOMPSON
As Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: K. SMITH
As Deputy Clerk
(904) 966-6280
Hildebrandt Law Firm, LLC
Attorney for Plaintiff
10300 49th Street North, Suite #207
Clearwater, FL 33762
To be Published in: Bradford County Telegraph
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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REGISTER FICTITIOUS NAME

Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes, notice is hereby given that the undersigned: ANTHONY WASDIN, 613 Evergreen St., Starke, FL 32091 SOLE owner, doing business under the firm name of: REMACO LOGISTICS, 613 Evergreen St., Starke, FL 32091, intends to register fictitious name under the aforesaid statute. Dated this 22 day of OCTOBER A.D., 2024, in BRADFORD County.
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NOTICE OF SELF STORAGE SALE
Please take notice Lake Butler Mini Storage, located at 1015 SW 3rd St. Lake Butler, FL, 32054 intends to hold an auction of goods stored in the following units in default for non-payment of rent on Lockerfox.com. The sale will occur on 11/15/24 at 1:00 pm on Lockerfox.com. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings.
Unit Number(s) NAME
32 Lindsay Parrish \$208.20
49 Matt Whitehead \$1.00
999 Sherrie Anderson \$215.00

35 Freida E. Crawford \$161.02
33 Twilla S. Massingill \$161.02
70 Christina L. Trowell \$161.02
24 Anna M. Wise \$161.02
45 Eric Martin \$95.10
All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. See manager for details.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File Number: 63-2024-CP-037
Division: Probate

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF DONEY HARRIS, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Doney Harris, deceased, whose date of death was March 1, 2024, is pending in the Circuit Court for Union County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 55 W Main St. #103, Lake Butler, FL 32054. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this notice is OCTOBER 24, 2024.
THE HINSON LAW FIRM, P.A.
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Raiford, FL 32083
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Notice of Application for Tax Deed NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that J. R. Davis, Jr., as Trustee of the J. R. Davis Trust the holder(s) of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERTIFICATE #: 200
YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2017
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: 30-05-20-11-040-0120-0
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: LOT 12, BLOCK 40, MCKINNEY'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF LAKE BUTLER, FLORIDA, AS SHOWN AND DESCRIBED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 12, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF UNION, COUNTY, FLORIDA.

NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: JUANITA BROWN
Said property being in the County of Union, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to the law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder in the Courthouse lobby at 11:00 A.M., the 12th day of DECEMBER, 2024.
Dated this 22ND day of October, 2024.

Leslie C. Snyder
For Kellie Hendricks Rhoades
Clerk of Circuit Court
Union County, Florida
Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact (386) 496-3711.
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Notice of Application for Tax Deed NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that OLUSTEE CREEK, LLC, the holder(s) of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the

description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERTIFICATE #: 61
YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2017
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: 13-06-18-53-000-0370-0
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: LOT 37, SADDLE-BROOK ESTATES, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 32-33, PUBLIC RECORDS OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA.
NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: ESTATE OF LESLIE L BUBLITZ AND THE ESTATE OF SUSAN C BUBLITZ
Said property being in the County of Union, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to the law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder in the Courthouse lobby at 11:00 A.M., the 12th day of DECEMBER, 2024.
Dated this 22ND day of OCTOBER, 2024.

Leslie C. Snyder
For Kellie Hendricks Rhoades
Clerk of Circuit Court
Union County, Florida
Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact (386) 496-3711.
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Notice of Application for Tax Deed NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that LOLA LACY, the holder(s) of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERTIFICATE #: 217
YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2019
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: 32-05-20-22-014-0020-0
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lot 2, Block 14, J. W. Townsend's Addition to the City of Lake Butler, according to plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 1, page 8, public records of Union County, Florida.
NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: Carlene Lee Graham

Said property being in the County of Union, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to the law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder in the Courthouse lobby at 11:00 A.M., the 12th day of December, 2024.
Dated this 28th day of October, 2024.

Leslie C. Snyder
For Kellie Hendricks Rhoades
Clerk of Circuit Court
Union County, Florida
Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact (386) 496-3711.
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Request for Qualifications Historic Architectural Services

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Lake Butler ("City") invites Statements of Qualifications (SOQs) for a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and will receive submittals until 4:00 pm on November 30, 2024.

Synopsis: The City, in conformance with the Consultants' Competitive Negotiations Act (CCNA), Florida Statutes Section 287.055, and the policies and procedures of the Florida Department of State, Division of Historic preservation, and the City of Lake Butler, is soliciting SOQs from professional engineering firms with State qualified historic preservation architects, for the re-roofing, re-flooring, and new windows of the Historic Townsend Building.

Submission Requirements: SOQs must be prepared in conformance with the "Format and Content of Statement of Qualifications Submittals" section of the RFQ. Six (6) copies shall be submitted in one sealed package, clearly marked on the outside "Sealed SOQ for Engineering Services for Rehabilitation of the Townsend Building, (RFQ#3)," and addressed to:

Kimberly Hayes, City Manager
City of Lake Butler
200 SW 1st Street
Lake Butler, FL 32054

Submittals will be publicly opened during the Lake Butler City Commission meeting at 200 SW 1st Street, Lake Butler, Florida, in the presence of City officials, on December 17, 2024, beginning at 6:00 pm or thereafter.

Selection of the firm and fee negotiations by the City will be on the same date. All documents may be requested by electronic mail to the Project contact person: Douglas Sanders @ phone: (407) 922-8831; or interstar1@juno.com.

The City reserves the right to reject any or all submittals, to waive any irregularity, and to take all submittals under advisement for a period of sixty (60) days.
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Noah Yara, Ryder Thomas and Olivia Griffin (l-r) qualified for regional-level competition with their performances at the District 2-2A meet.

Keystone boys golf team is District 5-1A runner-up

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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The Keystone Heights High School boys golf team will advance to regional play after earning the runner-up trophy at the District 5-1A tournament on Oct. 29 at Mark Bostick Golf Course at the University of Florida.

Keystone had a team score of 357, which left them trailing champion Oak Hall, which had a score of 339. The Indians, who'll play in the Region 2 tournament on Monday, Nov. 4, at New Port Richey's Seven Springs Golf and Country Club, finished six strokes ahead of third-place finisher Newberry.

Ty Mitzel led Keystone, finishing in a two-way tie for sixth with an 18-hole score of 83. He made par on nine holes.

Jacob Beach, who made par on five holes, shot an 88 to finish in a two-way tie for 10th.

Hunter Sheppard finished in a five-way tie for 14th with a score of 90. He had a birdie and made par on seven holes.

Will Begue, who finished in a two-way tie for 24th, had a score of 96, while Nate Bardier, who made par on three holes, shot a 32nd-place score of 105.



Union County's Zoe Elixson earned her third straight regional berth with her performance at the District 3-1A tournament.

UCHS golfer Zoe Elixson qualifies for regional play

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Union County High School's Zoe Elixson earned the right to compete at regionals after her performance at the District 3-1A tournament on Oct. 29 at Tallahassee's Capital City Country Club.

The top two individuals not on the first- and second-place teams, which were Maclay and Florida High, qualified for the Region 1 meet, which will be held Wednesday, Nov. 6, at Tallahassee's Golden Eagle Country Club. Elixson earned the

second individual spot, shooting an 18-hole score of 105, which placed her 10th overall. She made par on three holes.

This will be Elixson's third straight year competing at the regional level.

As a team, the UCHS girls placed fourth with a score of 497. Kerissa Seay was 16th with a score of 124, while Madison Starling finished in a two-way tie for 18th with a score of 132.

Katelyn Seay shot a 136 and finished in a two-way tie for 22nd.

In the boys tournament, Union's three players were led by Patrick Maxwell, who was 45th. Gavin Kuhn and Brysen Tomlinson were 48th and 50th, respectively.

of 110, was the third-highest individual not on one of those teams. Branford's Claire Bond and Union County's Zoe Elixson were the two individual regional qualifiers. Rantz was five strokes behind Elixson.

Bradford's Kaylee Devore placed 15th with a score of 122.

The Tornados placed fourth in the boys tournament standings with a score of 355, finishing behind Maclay (321), Florida High (337) and Aucilla Christian (352).

KHHS girls golf team is 3rd at district tourney

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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The Keystone Heights High School girls golf team missed advancing to regional play by one spot, placing third at the District 5-1A tournament on Oct. 29 at Mark Bostick Golf Course at the University of Florida.

The top two teams earned the right to advance. Oak Hall placed first with a score of 485, followed by Chiefland, which had a score of 510.

Keystone's score was 527. Rebecca Binet and Aubrey Brooks finished tied for 15th, with each shooting an 18-hole score of 129. Binet made par on one hole.

Jasmine Walls and Zoey Gill placed 18th and 19th, respectively, with scores of 134 and 135.

Emily Cunningham finished in a two-way tie for 24th with a score of 145.

3 earn regional berths for KHHS in cross country

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Keystone Heights High School competed in the District 2-2A cross-country meet on Oct. 28 at Jacksonville's Bishop Kenny High School, with Olivia Griffin, Ryder Thomas and Noah Yara qualifying for region-level competition.

The top four individuals who weren't on regional-qualifying teams earned the right to compete at the Region 1 meet, which will be held Friday, Nov.

8, at Jacksonville's New World Sports Complex. The girls race will begin at 7:30 a.m., followed by the boys race at 8 a.m.

Thomas was the top boys runner who wasn't on a regional-qualifying team. He placed 20th out of 159 runners with a time of 17:44.

Yara ran a 31st-place time of 18:04. He was the third-highest runner not on a regional-qualifying team.

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Indians drop 5th straight, lose 40-0 district game to Palatka

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Visiting Palatka scored six touchdowns and held the Keystone Heights High School football team to 147 total offensive yards in shutting out the Indians 40-0 in a District 5-2A game on October 25.

District 5) got on the board first with a tailback pass from running back Justin Fells to quarterback Tommy Offord after the QB had tossed the ball back to Fells. Offord ran in the 34-yard completion for a 7-0 Palatka lead after Gage White's extra point with 8:10 remaining in the first quarter.

Palatka scored its second touchdown on a 1-yard shovel pass from Offord to K.J. Wright and its third on a Fells 30-yard gallop.

Offord called his own number for Palatka's next touchdown, going in from the 1, giving the visitors a 27-0 lead with 5:28 left in the second quarter.

The Palatka signal caller then connected with Wright for a 25-yard TD pass just before intermission, giving the Panthers a 34-0 lead.

Keystone (2-7, 0-4) got as far as the Palatka 9-yard line, but was forced to give up possession after a fourth-down pass hit the ground.

Palatka interceptions killed a pair of additional Keystone scoring threats.

Kyle Perkins led the Indians in rushing with 60 yards on 18 carries, followed by Zane Leger with 59 yards on 10 carries.

Keystone wraps up its season Friday, Nov. 1, by traveling to play Class 1A Crescent City at

7 p.m. The Raiders (7-2), who lost 35-0 to Palatka on Oct. 18, are coming off a 49-6 win over Pierson Taylor.

The Indians are attempting to snap a five-game losing streak and avoid its third straight shutout. Keystone's last win occurred on Sept. 20 against Dixie County.

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Griffin was top girls runner not on a regional-qualifying team and the only such runner to place in the top 40. She was 35th out of 136 with a time of 21:22.

Melody Tyre was two spots out of qualifying, placing 63rd with a time of 23:13.

A full team had to place in the top eight to advance.

The boys team placed 10th out of 18 teams, finishing

behind Bolles, Bishop Kenny, Episcopal, Stanton, Eastside, Wolfson, Suwannee, Fernandina Beach and P.K. Yonge. Placing 11th through 18th were Raines, Jackson, Paxon, Ribault, West Nassau, Baldwin, Newberry and Santa Fe.

Also running for KHHS in the boys race were Jason Parales (20:56), Adam Bell (21:52), Mason Gray (22:01), Alex Mahaffey (22:49), Hunter Gray (23:37), Oliver Miller (23:42), Gavin Morford (25:51) and Eli Rabe (31:23).

The Indians placed 10th out of 15 tams in the girls race, finishing behind Bishop Kenny, Bolles, Episcopal, Fernandina Beach, Suwannee, Stanton, Eastside, Wolfson and Jackson. The 11th through 15th-place teams were P.K. Yonge, Raines, Santa Fe, West Nassau and Baldwin.

Also running for the KHHS girls team were Cali Chamberlain (23:57), London Williams (25:44), Kenslee Phillips (26:37), Brook Graudons (26:51), Madilyn Miller (27:20) and Clara Beth Robinson (28:44).

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Southerland serving to take a 22-21 lead. Most of those points came off errors, though the Tigers got one point off a tip by Smith. Another point eventually came off a play that was extended by Johns, who made a nice dig on a spike by Lafayette's Kendrick.

The game went back and forth, with Union getting points from Knox and Simmons and Lafayette getting four kills from Kiley Beach.

A Union service error gave the Hornets a 27-26 lead. Lamb then recorded a kill as Lafayette avoided getting swept.

The Tigers took a 10-5 lead in the fourth set off a 4-0 run with Simmons serving. Union got two aces and kills by Barber and Smith off Williams assists.

A Barber tip, a Smith block and a Knox kill helped the Tigers take a 15-8 lead.

Union got kills from Knox and Simmons in extending its lead to 19-11.

It was 20-15 when Lafayette scored six straight points with Ella McAdams serving.

The Hornets were later one point from winning the set when Barber recorded a kill to force side-out, leaving Union trailing 24-23.

Union closed out the match with Barber serving. One point came off the Hornets having

too many touches after Barber nearly recorded an ace. The final two points came off free balls, with Johns passing the ball to Williams on each. Williams then set up Smith for successful attacks on each.

Smith ended the match with 11 kills, while Knox and Barber had nine and seven, respectively.

Williams finished with 19 assists, while Southerland led the team with 22. Southerland also had 12 digs, while Williams had nine.

Johns led the team in digs with 17, with the Tigers also getting 15 from Knox, nine from Barber and eight from Simmons.

Simmons and Smith each had three blocks to lead the team. Barber added two.



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