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## Lawtey man found guilty on two of three murder charges

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A Bradford County jury acquitted Johnnie Bernard Brown of murdering his girlfriend but convicted the 47-year-old of murdering his girlfriend's two daughters.

A medical examiner said during the trial, which concluded on Oct. 1, that the defendant's girlfriend, Quinque Robinson, 49, was shot six times while Robinson's two daughters, 25-year-old Wynshay Roddy and Danesha Sims, 27, were shot four times.

According to an incident report, Brown told a Bradford sheriff's detective that he and Robinson were in an argument that escalated into a physical altercation.

"Brown stated that Roddy and Sims joined the altercation and came at him with knives," wrote a detective. "Brown stated that he retrieved the firearm and began firing toward Roddy, Robinson, and Sims. Brown stated that the three began running, and he 'went mad' and continued to fire."

The defendant also said the injuries on his arm were caused by the women attempting to cut him with knives.

The detective reported that Sims was found with a knife in her hand and that two other knives were found on the floor near the victims.

The report also said that an 11-year-old witness, who was in the home at the time of the shootings, said that grandpa, identified as Brown, was hurting grandma (Robinson) and her two aunts, and grandpa said they should have stayed out of it.

Bradford County Sheriff Gordon Smith said the county received a 911 call at 2:03 a.m., March 12, 2024.

In a recording of the call, the 11-year-old girl made and subsequent callbacks to the operator to the caller, the girl refused to describe what was happening in the home and simply asked deputies to come to the Lawtey residence as soon as possible.



Johnnie Bernard Brown

In the first 911 call, the child says some inaudible words to the operator. The child then screams, and Brown can be heard in the background shouting, "Ya'll jumped on me in the house."

A woman can be heard saying, "Don't hurt me."

The first call is then terminated, the operator calls back, and the 11-year-old answers.

Operator: "This is Jennifer from the Bradford County Sheriff's Office. We received a 911 call from this phone number. Is everything okay?"

Child: "No. Come now."

Operator: "What's going on?"

Child: "Come now. Just come."

The second call is terminated, and the operator calls back twice, once receiving a voice mail greeting. On the second call, the child answers again, and the operator asks for a street address. While the girl is responding, the audio ends.

Smith said Deputy Lakeisha Lewis

responded to the call and discovered Brown in the front yard, bleeding from an injury.

As Sgt. Logan Hough arrived on the scene to assist, the 11-year-old came out of the mobile home and told Lewis that three family members were in the house, deceased.

Hough then went inside the trailer and discovered the three victims in a back room of the structure. All three died from gunshot wounds. Smith said the door of the room appeared to have been breached, and one of the victims had a knife in her hand.

"It looks like maybe they tried to run and hide for cover," he said.

The sheriff said that neighbors told deputies that residents of the home on Northeast 17th Avenue had been arguing all day Monday, which triggered the Tuesday morning tragedy.

The teen, now 12, testified during the trial.

She said the defendant and three women "got into it" before the shooting.

## Union commissioners clarify town hall meetings

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Union County commissioners, during their October 6 meeting, clarified their agendas for several board meetings to be held in Raiford, Lake Butler, Worthington Springs, Providence, and possibly Palestine from November through March.

During their September 15 meeting, commissioners agreed on the meetings to get citizen feedback on a proposed gasoline tax and other issues.

During the October 6 meeting, they concluded that the meetings would be regular board meetings with town hall-like information sessions about the proposed gasoline tax, special assessments and impact fees.

Another topic with broad interest in the county: proposed land development regulations that deal with recreational vehicle parks and accessory dwelling units, will be handled during a 4 p.m., October 20 workshop in which representatives from the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council will be present to answer questions.

During the October 6 meeting, commissioners also,

**Accepted a \$105,806 grant from Florida's Division of Emergency Management**

The grant will assist the county in planning, organizing, training for, and managing future emergencies.

**Agreed to an audit contract with Gainesville's James Moore & Co.** The agreement specifies fees of \$89,400, \$92,100, and \$94,900 for the audits of financial statements ending September 30, 2025, and the subsequent two years.

**Accepted a \$750,000 grant from the state for the county's public safety complex.**

The grant is in addition to previous grants totaling nearly \$10 million.

**Delayed accepting a recommendation from a committee on the ranking of firms for installing generators at Union County High School.**

The generators would have qualified the site as a hurricane shelter.

The committee, appointed by commissioners, ranked Shine & Company, Inc. of High Springs as the most qualified firm, beating out Ring Power, Miller Electric, KTB Contracting and local contractor Jenkins Electric.

The federally funded \$1.4 million project prohibits local preferences, which



Union County High School 2025 Homecoming Queen Eva Whitehead and King CJ Ivey. More homecoming inside.

would have positioned Jenkins higher.

Commissioners questioned the request for qualifications process, complaining about the awarding of points for reference letters when none were provided, the lack of electricians on the ranking committee, and the absence of a scope of work in the RFQ.

## KH planning and zoning denies light industrial use

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The Keystone Heights Planning and Zoning Board voted 4-1 on September 22 to recommend denying a proposed amendment to the city's future land use map and rezoning for a 2.47-acre parcel at 200 Northeast Commercial Circle, citing risks of "spot zoning" and incompatibility with the surrounding commercial corridor.

The property, located adjacent to the local post office and featuring two vacant buildings totaling over 16,000 square feet, a large canopy structure, and utility sheds, has remained largely idle since the closure of a former lumber yard and its subsequent use as a manufacturing facility for specialized foam.

Applicant Bob Mitchell, owner of Property Armor, sought to redevelop the site for his Jacksonville-based business specializing in air conditioning parts, security cages, and powder coating operations.

The change would shift the land use designation from commercial to light industrial, allowing enclosed warehousing, fabrication, and auto repair-like activities under the city's comprehensive plan.

Staff planner Janice Fleet endorsed the proposal, emphasizing its alignment with the Keystone Heights

Comprehensive Plan.

Surrounding properties include a mix of commercial retail, light industrial warehouses, and institutional uses like the Lake Area Ministries food bank across the street.

Planning and Zoning Board members, however, raised questions about the project's fit in a town they described as a "small town tourist destination."

Dr. Geraldine Robbins voiced early skepticism, arguing the shift could undermine the community's character by introducing non-retail industrial elements.

"My view is that the community is going to be primarily a tourist destination...to introduce anything other than light stores... is not consistent," Robbins said.

Steve Hart echoed concerns over compatibility, particularly with a planned 50-acre residential development north of the site.

"There's going to be a road directly across from your property that goes into... a residential development," Hart noted, pressing Mitchell on potential impacts like traffic and visual aesthetics.

Mitchell assured the board his operation would be fully enclosed, with no outdoor storage, minimal waste beyond cardboard, and low traffic—primarily 10-15 employees, daily parcel deliveries, and twice-weekly semi-trucks.



The property, adjacent to the local post office and featuring two vacant buildings totaling over 16,000 square feet, a large canopy structure, and utility sheds, has sat largely idle since the closure of a former lumber yard.

Mitchell said the parcel is currently valued by the county property appraiser at \$1.1 million. He has it listed for over \$3 million.

He then detailed his business's origins, starting with air conditioning components in 2003. The company pivoted to anti-theft security cages amid a copper theft epidemic, now serving clients like Walmart.

"We're bringing 10 to 15 employees... I'm going to have to hire from the community," he said.

On environmental questions, Mitchell described powder coating as a non-toxic process using electric-charged powder baked in ovens, with

MIG welding ventilated outdoors and no refrigerants or flammables handled.

After no public comments, the board deliberated intensely. Fleet clarified that light industrial could generate fewer trips than a bustling retail operation like a grocery store, potentially easing traffic burdens.

However, board members fretted over unintended future uses, such as a used car lot or auto repair shop if Mitchell sold the property.

The recommendation now heads to the city council for final consideration.



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## WORTH NOTING

### Halloween events include Pumpkin Escape, riding witches, disco dancing

Starke Downtown Merchants are calling upon churches, nonprofits and anyone who loves Halloween to make this year's Great Pumpkin Escape the best yet. Reach more than 3,000 in annual attendance by being a part of Trunk or Treat. Set up your own station with games, prizes, candy and community information. Contact North Florida Regional Chamber of Commerce for more information at 904-964-5278 or pam@northfloridachamber.com.

The Great Pumpkin Escape will take place Saturday, Oct. 25, from 5-8 p.m. on Call Street in historic downtown Starke. Presented by Starke Downtown Merchants and the chamber, the event treats the community to games, music, food, candy and a pet parade!

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

### Raising Cancer and Violence Awareness

Magnolia Baptist Church of Raiford will host a program honoring Breast Cancer and Domestic Violence Awareness Months on Saturday, Oct. 11, at 1 p.m. The keynote speaker for the hour will be Evangelist Vera Bunion of Pine Hill Church in Valdosta, Georgia. Everyone is welcome.

### Grow your own sprouts

Many folks buy sprouts at the grocery store and add them to salads, sandwiches and cooked meals. The only problem with store-bought sprouts is that they are days old and have lost some of their nutrients. Why not sprout your own? Even if you don't have the space for a vegetable garden, this is something you can do in your own kitchen.

On Oct. 16, Master Gardener Tracy Meadows will show you how to "Get Your Nutrition by Growing Your Own Delicious Sprouts" at the monthly meeting of the Alligator Creek Garden Club at 2 p.m. at the Bradford Senior Center, 1805 N. Temple Ave. Participants will receive a free start-up kit.



# Bradford expands Paramedicine program with state-funded CORE initiative

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At the Oct. 7 meeting of the Bradford County Commission, Lt. David Weeks of Bradford County Fire Rescue presented an in-depth overview of the county's

opportunity to participate in the Coordinated Opioid Recovery (CORE) program. CORE is a state-funded initiative aimed at combating substance use disorder through innovative, integrated care.

Weeks explained that the CORE funding, recently made available to Bradford, will support Community Paramedicine's ongoing mission to provide a seamless continuum of care for individuals struggling with substance abuse. CORE brings together first responders, treatment facilities and hospitals to ensure patients receive life-saving care, specialized stabilization and support for sustainable recovery.

"They bring them together to have a conversation. They look at how can we get the best bang for our buck for these patients," he said.

Paramedicine identifies patients through 911 calls, patient self-referral, or referrals from law enforcement and family members. Oftentimes, Weeks said, they get involved providing life-saving response, such as during an overdose. The

Paramedicine program follows up with referrals in the hospital and at home. They assess the patient's needs and connect them to short- or long-term care. They also connect them to resources for help with food or utility assistance, transportation, finding a primary care physician and mental health care, and covering medical costs.

"I think something that really makes our program stand out is we've been able to provide all of this secondary support, whether helping them find adequate housing, transportation, the doctor's appointments, getting their prescriptions," Weeks said.

Substance abuse patients are referred to Meridian where they meet with a specialist to determine the need for medication-assisted treatment. The Community Paramedicine team now offers 24/7 access to medication-assisted treatment, including the administration of Suboxone in the field.

Once the patient's treatment is established and they receive a prescription, it will be up to them to take the medication as prescribed. But the Paramedicine program will continue following up, even delivering prescriptions to those who cannot get to the pharmacy. The paramedics also keep tabs on how patients are managing chronic disease or other secondary issues that arise from drug abuse and complicate recovery.

"I still have patients that we've had from months ago that still

call me in the morning and do a morning check in, and that's proven to be really successful with keeping them on track," Weeks said.

The CORE initiative is supported by a substantial grant, with \$700,000 awarded to Bradford County and its partners in the first year, followed by guaranteed funding (in diminishing amounts) for up to 18 years. The funding will cover the addition of a new CORE coordinator position, equipment, and operational costs, ensuring the program's sustainability without burdening local taxpayers, Weeks said.

The assistance is welcome. Weeks finds himself triaging cases, first caring for those with the highest needs, because the number of referrals is so high.

"This is just going to open up how many patients we can see. I can tell you, within about the past month and a half, I've received 30 referrals," he said. "I'm one person. 30 referrals is a lot of patients to go through, and it's just not possible."

As for the number receiving medication-assisted treatment from the Paramedicine team, there have been five from Aug. 1 to Sept. 15.

"You might think that's not a lot, but you have to remember these are five patients who received this resource that wasn't available six months ago, and this is a life-saving resource in a lot of situations," Weeks said. Of the five, three continued

treatment while the other two failed to attend their Meridian appointment. While they won't have a 100% success rate, he said those who continued are doing well, checking in with him daily.

Of those three, Weeks said one is a 34-year-old mother who lives in Bradford County and was referred by Alachua County when she reached out for help there. After being in rehab and relapsing multiple times, she was tired of fighting the disease. She has been successful avoiding relapse with the help of her prescription and is even encouraging her sister to seek treatment.

"Her sister also is a chronic drug user, and that kind of shows that this problem is very generational. It affects entire families, not just one patient at a time," Weeks said.

Commissioners supported the program's potential to further address the opioid crisis and unanimously approved participation in the state-funded initiative.

"This is a very important, significant program for Bradford County," said Commissioner Carolyn Spooner, following up with questions about jail intervention and working with law enforcement on mental health calls, both of which are being addressed.

Because the Community Paramedicine Program was entered with the goal of reducing repeat transports to the emergency room by helping patients deal with their chronic health problems, Commissioner Diane Andrews asked if they were tracking any reduction. Weeks said those statistics are all being kept in compliance with a separate grant. The data will be used to track progress.

Commissioner Chris Dougherty, who works on opioid abatement as part of a statewide council, said its members are working on ensuring the state's ongoing financial commitment to helping communities battle the drug epidemic.

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# Brooker Baptist Church to celebrate 125 years of ministry

BY CAROL MOSLEY  
Special to the Telegraph

Brooker Baptist Church has a rich history to celebrate. The 21 pastors over time, and countless members, have been ministering to the community for 125 years. On Oct. 12 the church will welcome the community to join with members to celebrate with music, food, a history presentation and guest speaker.

Pastor Dave Teems has been with the church since 2022. He was tired of being retired and prayed to find his next mission. He was approached at a retreat by Rhonda Roberson (daughter of local celebrity Dolly Harrell) who asked if he would be interested in becoming the pastor to Brooker Baptist Church. His divine mission revealed, he and his wife, "Eddy," left their home in Monticello, Florida, and headed for Brooker. Eddy currently serves as the secretary.

Pastor Teems said he has been deeply heartened by the way the members and community at large pull together, especially in times of need. The former pastor, Paul Samson, passed away during COVID in 2021, and the members came together to assure his wife had a secure home to go to. The tight-knit members have been there for each other through many times of trials and tribulations.

The land for the church was originally donated by Emra Priest Ward (1836-1909), who is buried on the property along with his wife, Margaret (1846-1906) and children. His son, Thomas Phillip Ward, built the steeple for the original church. The Wards were early settlers in the area before the town was even Brooker. The Wards also donated the land for the railroad to come through, creating an economic opportunity for local farmers to ship their crops via a locomotive known as a "Peggy."

Some of the ministries currently offered are vacation Bible school and AWANA children's ministry. The church has also always worked closely with community's school, collaborating on seasonal events and special programs. There is a men's Bible and Breakfast and the monthly Birthday Celebration Lunch at Cedar River in Starke. It's open to anyone interested in a chance to meet new people, share a meal and celebrate anyone having a birthday that month. Join in on the first Tuesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. (self-paid).

That expression of faith and joy will be on display on Oct. 12, along with a Sunday service and community repast to follow. Gospel music will fill the air with the sounds of singer and songwriter, Ben Davis. Inspiring words will come from the guest speaker, Phillip Harrington, regional catalyst from the Florida



Brooker Baptist member Jerome Kelley and Pastor Dave Teems.



Brooker Baptist Church at its 100th anniversary.



Emra and Margaret Ward and their children. The Wards donated the property for the church.



A copper etching of the church dated 1900-1971, given in memory of Roxann Kelley Buehn.

Baptist Convention.

Before the service begins at 11 a.m., a history of the church will take attendees from its early beginnings in 1900 to the community supported place of worship it is today. Come at 10 a.m. for that fascinating journey. Hear testimonies of members and former members through the

years.

Jerome Kelley, lifelong member, all around volunteer and unofficial church historian, will give the history presentation with the 100th year celebration video. To make this video, members brought their photos in and they were laid out on six long tables. Once the difficult task of

deciding the most representative photos to use was completed, Lorna Reddish took charge of getting them put into video.

After the service, a meal will be served in the fellowship hall

with the entree and beverage provided. All side dishes and desserts are a welcome accompaniment, so bring your favorite food to share. In addition to good conversation with good company, entertainment will include musical performances.

All friends are welcome. Please RSVP so that food is ordered in sufficient quantity. Call Pastor Teems at 352-485-1875 or email to [bbc@brookerbaptist.org](mailto:bbc@brookerbaptist.org) to let them know you'll be there.

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**W**e concluded last week with the fact that we all make choices when it comes to our thought life. Did you know things can be suggested to us from within our own souls. That is why the renewal of the mind is so important. Thoughts of suggestion can also come from outside sources and even demonic suggestions. However, allowing those thoughts to remain and to think upon them is still by choice. I heard a preacher say many years ago, "you can't stop a bird from flying over your head, but that does not mean you should allow one to build a nest in your hair." Human thought life is a real problem. Many Christians are born again and make a genuine commitment to follow Christ but struggle and have real problems because they have not renewed their mind. I want to refer back to Romans 12:2, "And be not conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind." Notice here that Paul is telling us that even though we are Christians, unless we renew our minds we will be "conformed" to this world. The word conformed means "to fashion like"; "conform to the same pattern"; "same behavior". The Holy Spirit through Paul is urging the Christian to be different than unbelievers. Most Christians know in their own heart they should be different but are at a loss as to how to accomplish it.

**T**he Holy Spirit only urges us to be different but shows us how. The key is our minds. Proverbs 23:7, "For as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." If we watch, listen and think on the same things the world thinks on, we are going to get the same results. If we renew our minds with the Word of God and keep our minds on the Lord, not only will we have peace but we will grow and develop spiritually. He went on to say that the renewal of the mind would cause us to be transformed. The word transformed comes from the Greek word "Metamorphoo" and is the same word we get our English word "metamorphosis." This word describes a complete change like a caterpillar changing into a butterfly. The renewal of the mind will cause Christ on the inside to manifest outwardly in our daily lives. When we get our minds in line with God's Word it will cause a total transformation. When a person is born again they have become totally new in their spirits. According to God's Word their spiritual salvation is complete. However, it is not the plan of God for us to just be changed inwardly. He wants to manifest this salvation in our lives and through our physical bodies. This takes place through the renewing of the mind as we study and meditate on God's Word. If we change our thinking by believing what God says in His Word about us, we will begin to experience a totally transformed life. We must learn and meditate on what God says in His Word about who we are and what we have in Christ. The result will be the shifting of our souls to submission to our recreated spirits. When this happens, we will begin to walk in the power, peace, love and joy that Christ has provided for us. The renewal of the mind will never take place in the life of the Christian who remains uncommitted. It takes effort to change your thinking. It takes time to read, study and listen to God's Word. It takes discipline to shut the things of the world out and give God some of our personal time. Finding God's will and walking in victory becomes hard if we are not consecrated. Remember Romans 12:1, "I beseech you therefore brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service." Until next week, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of our Father God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you. Blessings! -**Pastor Rick**

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From fairgrounds to classrooms, community gardens to robotics labs, 4-H youth across the country are proving they're not just ready for the future –

they're Beyond Ready. During National 4-H Week, celebrated Oct. 5–11, 2025, local clubs are sharing how 4-H equips young people with the skills, confidence and resilience to lead in a world full of opportunity and change.

As America's largest youth development organization, 4-H empowers 6 million young people nationwide with hands-on learning experiences through clubs, camps, school programs



Bradford County commissioners declare 4-H week with members present. Pictured are (l-r) Commissioners Danny Riddick, Diane Andrews and Kennty Thompson, 4-H agent Bailea Scarbrough, Commissioner Carolyn Spooner, 4-H members Will Conner, Lily Conner, Shawn Ward, Nicholas Ward and AJ Griffis, (behind them) extension agent Lizzie Whitehead, and Commissioner Chris Dougherty.

and community events. Through the Beyond Ready initiative, 4-H will help prepare 10 million youth for work and life by 2030.

4-H and its team of educators, volunteers and mentors deliver 4-H programs that help youth

learn by doing. From showcasing their projects at the county fair or organizing food drives to support local families, youth are learning skills such as teamwork, resilience and communication — skills that will serve them in their

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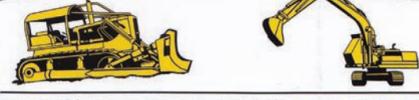
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# Union 4-H teaches the art of homesteading

BY ANGELINA BOUDY AND MEGAN DANIEL  
Union County 4-H

During the week of June 16, a three-day camp titled Jr. Homesteaders was held at the Union County Extension Office in collaboration with Lafayette County 4-H.

With a growing interest in self-sufficiency, the camp aimed to teach youth about the history of homesteading and how those practices continue today.

From gardening and beekeeping to cooking, woodworking, and raising animals, homesteading offers a unique way to connect with the outdoors and take greater control over what ingredients are used in food and household products.

Throughout the week, participants engaged in hands-on activities that brought the past to life—cooking their own meals,

playing traditional games, and making candles and soap. The camp also included field trips to local establishments to explore the history of homesteading in Florida.

## Homemade lunch, checkers and 'Old Yeller'

To kick off the week, youth received an overview of homesteading's origins in the 1800s and learned about how cattle ranching helped shape farmsteads in both the American West and Florida. Campers then tried their hand at being homesteaders by preparing a homemade lunch that included creamed corn, green beans, jam, butter, and biscuits. This experience helped them appreciate the time and effort involved in home-cooked meals



Shaw Daniel and Writ Griffis competing in an old-fashioned sack race.



Kimber Williams, Atticus Allen, and Emerson Ogden are hand-pumping water from an old pitcher pump at the Dudley Farm Historic State Park in Newberry. Mr. Mark Harrison, Hudson Matts, Ella Griffis, Kylie Harrison, and Lola Allen are observing.

and the importance of knowing where their ingredients come

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Writ Griffis making ice cream in a bag.

## HOME

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from. Because early homesteaders didn't have access to modern technology, campers also learned how children entertained themselves in the past. They played sack races, marbles, checkers, and chess—classic games that would have filled time on the homestead. Later that day, youth learned about the value of dairy cattle and goats as milk sources, then paired up to make homemade vanilla ice cream in a bag. They capped off the day by watching Old Yeller, gaining insight into daily life on a homestead.

### Beef, bees and browsing the museum

On the second day, youth

rolled beeswax candles. They also created goat milk soap to take home. A highlight of the day also included watching chicks hatch from an incubator to learn more about how homesteaders raised poultry.

The second day of camp concluded with a visit to the Union County Historical Museum. Ms. Jean Brannen led a tour showcasing farm equipment, cooking tools, and household items once found on early homesteads. Youth also learned about the turpentine industry's significance in Florida during the late 1800s and early 1900s. They enjoyed browsing old photos and newspaper clippings highlighting 4-H's long history of teaching practical life skills such as animal care and showmanship.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this camp a success. Our 4-H'ers surely enjoyed their journey back in time and left with a new appreciation for homesteading and living off the land.

### Historic farm site, Poe Springs

To wrap up the week, campers visited Dudley Farm Historic State Park in Newberry, FL—a preserved 1880s-era farm and National Historic Landmark. Youth walked original paths that once connected Newberry, Archer, and Gainesville, used by ranchers to move cattle between towns. They explored the Dudley family's home, viewed antique kitchen tools and farm equipment, pumped water from a well, saw cracker cattle, and watched a blacksmith demonstration.

The final stop of the week was Poe Springs, where youth cooled off with a refreshing swim—just like homesteaders may have done after a hard day's work.

By the end of the week, participants not only learned about homesteading but also experienced what it was like to live as a homesteader.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this camp a success. Our 4-H'ers surely enjoyed their journey back in time and left with a new appreciation for homesteading and living off the land.

# Union County's Kalb now 4-H program assistant

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
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It was always going to be a part of her life because of the skills she learned, but 4-H has also become a job for Tara Kalb, who is currently a 4-H program assistant at the UF/IFAS Extension Office in Duval County.

Kalb, a 2019 Union County High School graduate and daughter of Alan and Lisa Holtzendorf, said a career in 4-H "just kind of happened," beginning with a stint as a 4-H program assistant in Charlotte County, but she has enjoyed it and loves being a part of the Duval County Extension team.

"The office culture is so awesome. I've never worked in a healthier work environment than I have with those people," Kalb said, adding, "They're always ready to jump in and help at any time."

Though she was involved in 4-H at the earliest level as a Cloverbud (ages 5-7), Kalb never envisioned working in 4-H or for UF/IFAS Extension in any capacity. She did, however, seek out an opportunity to be part of a 4-H camp staff one summer after graduating from high school. She applied for camps in Florida, Kentucky and Texas. A Texas camp located in Brentwood was the first to contact her.

The camp director told Kalb one more high-ropes instructor was needed. Kalb said her thought was, "I don't know what that is, but sure, I'll do it."

It was a little disconcerting to discover what a high-ropes instructor was for someone who admits she's terrified of heights.

"I had to jump off a telephone pole," Kalb said. "Obviously, I had a harness and stuff on. We had to do all the activities we had our kids do."



Tara Kalb (née Holtzendorf) is a 4-H program assistant in the Duval County UF/IFAS Extension Office after serving in the same role in Charlotte County.

One of those activities included zip-lining.

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## Trinity packs 200 Christmas boxes for children overseas



Back: Tenneille Snider and Kaylie Sampson. Front: Piper Hubbard and Brylee Hubbard

BY DIANE MICHEL  
*Operation Christmas Child*

On October 5, during the Sunday School hour, children at Trinity Baptist Church packed 200 shoeboxes for needy girls and boys around the world.

Children from the Lake Region congregation filled each carton with school supplies, hygiene items and toys, and the shoeboxes will be the first gift ever received by many of the children.

The project is part of Operation Christmas Child, an evangelistic ministry of Samaritan's Purse. The ministry has delivered more

than 232 million shoeboxes in over 170 countries since 1993.

The room was abuzz with excitement as each child packed several boxes in one hour. The girls packed 100 shoeboxes for girls ages 5-9 and 10-14. The boys packed 100 shoeboxes for boys in the same age groups.

Trinity Baptist Church has participated in this ministry since 2006. Each year, the goal is to reach 200 children by distributing 200 boxes, sharing the tangible love of God.

Trinity Baptist Church will



Deacon Hubbard and Jeff Michel

again serve as the central drop-off location for the Lake Region, where other churches and organizations can deliver their shoeboxes for worldwide distribution.

National Collection Week is November 17-24. The church

will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to accept the packed shoeboxes.

Contact Team Leader Diane Michel at 352-283-4761 for questions or to find out how to get involved.



Missy Moring and Wyatt Hans



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"That made me cry," Kalb said. "I was not OK with that."

She was certainly taken out of her comfort zone, but she did get to try something new — something she has encouraged the teenagers she's interacted with as a 4-H program assistant to do.

"I'm grateful for my experiences," Kalb said.

### 4-H journey takes her to Charlotte Co.

Kalb became aware of a 4-H program assistant opening at the UF/IFAS Extension Office in Charlotte County, which was where she was planning to move to because of her fiancé (now husband), Zachary. She applied and interviewed for the position.

"Five people were at a table interviewing me," Kalb said. "It was very weird. I had never been in an interview like that before."

It turned out to be an eventful day, which also included shopping for a wedding dress with her now mother-in-law.

"That same day, they offered me the job," Kalb said.

Just as being a high-ropes course instructor took her out

of her comfort zone, so, too, did adjusting to life in a different county. At first, it was the typical outsider trying to fit in.

"That's how I felt in Charlotte County until I started getting to know and spend time with the volunteers, 4-H families and 4-H'ers," Kalb said.

The biggest adjustment was working within the policies of the University of Florida, Charlotte County government and Charlotte County 4-H when it came to implementing programs.

"There's a lot of red tape," Kalb said. "You have to make sure that everybody is happy."

What made Kalb happy was working with youth. She found that it was a natural fit for her and enjoyed her experience leading the Teen Leaders club.

"I grew it from five kids to 18," Kalb said. "I was very proud of them. I love each and every one of them."

Kalb had the chance to see a couple of the teens she worked with in Charlotte County when she attended a recent state 4-H event. One was serving on the executive board.

"I'm so proud of them," Kalb said. "They were both really shy in the beginning."

Besides growing the Teen Leaders club, Kalb also helped grow Charlotte County 4-H's

county events. For example, when she arrived, 10-11 youth were participating in public-speaking county events. That number increased to 21.

"It was very exciting to see how much it grew," Kalb said. "County events have always been super important to me. Public speaking is one of my major 4-H passions. I thought it was just awesome to see kids come out of their shells."

They not only came out of their shells; they progressed to where they were writing their own speeches for public-speaking events.

Kalb worked alongside one of her colleagues to revamp the Charlotte County 4-H record-book system in an effort "to make it more cohesive and to hopefully get more turn-ins."

In Kalb's first year in Charlotte, she graded 65 record books. The number of record-book participants eventually grew to more than 130.

"It was really awesome to see that many kids do it," Kalb said.

Kalb said fundraising was an "untapped thing" in Charlotte County, but it turned out to be quite the success when she was there, thanks to simply talking to people in the community and getting the word out about 4-H. For example, some of the youth

spent three to four hours outside Winn-Dixie on a weekend and raised more than \$1,200.

"So many of the teens had a really good time doing it because they got to talk about their projects and what they were doing in 4-H," Kalb said. "So many older people who lived in the community went, 'Oh, I was in 4-H in Illinois,' or, 'I was in 4-H in Ohio.' They moved (to Charlotte County) when they retired, and they didn't know we had a 4-H program there."

### Closer to home

Kalb became aware of a couple of positions that had opened up in the Bradford County Extension Office, but she said something just told her the timing was not right to apply.

"You've got to listen to the little voice inside your brain that says, 'OK. Wait a minute. Think about it.' It will tell you when it is right," Kalb said.

She did, however, apply for a 4-H program assistant at the Duval County Extension Office. She applied a couple of hours before the deadline and admitted she didn't think she'd actually get the opportunity to interview for the position.

Yet she got a phone call informing her that she did get that chance. Then, she began to think that she wouldn't actually get hired. That thought didn't change after her virtual interview, in which she said she botched answering question regarding her familiarity with Microsoft programs.

"I don't know what was happening in my head," Kalb said, adding, "I answered a completely different question. It was probably because there were five people, and it was a Zoom interview."

Kalb said part of the interview included her having to teach a lesson.

"There aren't a lot of lessons I can do virtually, so we did chair exercises for five minutes," she said. "I thought it was just the oddest thing in the world."

She obviously made a

## Lake Region Kiwanis installs officers



Patricia Hatch, Tina Bullock, Lawson Shaw, Cherie Korn, Marilyn Martin, Tina Santillo, Fred Goetzman, Keith Hatch, Roland Irwin and Karen Lake.

BY JENN SAMSEL  
*Special to the Monitor*

The Lake Region Kiwanis officer installation was filled with laughter and marked the bittersweet moment of the outgoing officers stepping down. The ceremony took place at the Keystone Heights Methodist Church in Keystone Heights.

Karen Lake, outgoing president, used her final day in office to have some fun by giving away a variety of amusing trinkets. From a pan with a drumstick to rubber noise-making chickens, a slingshot, jacks, and other memorable items, it was a witty and unforgettable moment for the Kiwanis board members,

marking a historical event.

Lake discussed all the achievements that were accomplished during the 2024-2025 year.

Tina Bullock was recognized as a Distinguished Member.

This year, the club earned 115 points and was identified as a Club of Distinction. Several requirements and points must be met to achieve this honor, all of which were successfully fulfilled.

At the end of the meeting, the gavel was passed to Fred Goetzman, who became the new president. Keith Hatch is next in line and will follow him as president-elect.

## Lake Butler Hospital highlights cancer survivors and fighters

4<sup>th</sup> annual  
breast cancer  
awareness  
luncheon Oct.  
16

Lake Butler Hospital invites the community to join its 4th Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Luncheon on Thursday, Oct. 16, 2025, from Noon to 1 PM at 850 E Main

St., Lake Butler.

The event is free and open to the public. This year's luncheon features voices of courage and hope, including Jennifer Woodard, MPH, RN, CCRP, Director of Community Outreach & Engagement at the UF Health Cancer Center; Michelle Green, survivor and owner of Belle Oaks Barn; and Marissia W., who will share her ongoing journey

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favorable impression because she later got a call with the job offer.

"It was like 8 a.m. on a Sunday morning," Kalb said. "I was like, 'Oh, I'm half asleep right now, but sure.' I fell back asleep."

She did eventually have more in-depth discussions about the job particulars when she was wide awake to make sure it was indeed something she wanted to accept. It was, so now she's living at home in Union County and commuting to Jacksonville.

In Duval County, Kalb works with youth who live primarily in urban areas, whereas she worked with a mixture of urban and rural youth in Charlotte County.

"They're city life. I'm not city life," Kalb said, adding, "It's out of my comfort zone — 100 percent."

Yet she likes being a part of the Duval County office. A big part of that is 4-H Extension Agent Grace Carter.

"She just creates this very open, calm atmosphere for 4-H, which is really hard to get in 4-H because 4-H can be so chaotic sometimes," Kalb said. "It's like you're everywhere, doing everything at one time. It's a very calm atmosphere she creates. I really love working with her and my other program assistant, Kenedi (Mills)."

Kalb enjoyed a recent trip to a state event that included 5-6 Duval County youth. Attending state events was the highlight of Kalb's participation in 4-H as a youth because of the friendships she made.

"I still have friends (from those events) now," she said. "I saw a few of them at the conference I was just at."

### A busy life

A job that comes with a daily commute of two hours would seem to be enough to keep Kalb busy, but she has so much more going on in her life. That includes going to school.

Kalb, who earned her AA degree at Santa Fe College, planned to major in Agribusiness

and Food Economics coming out of high school, but she said taking an economics class convinced her that major wasn't for her.

She's now working on a major in Psychology (with a minor in Criminal Justice) and plans to graduate with her bachelor's degree from the University of Central Florida in December.

Kalb was named to the Dean's List at UCF this past semester, which is pretty impressive considering she was balancing classes with starting a new job and the move that accompanied it. She and her husband are also renovating a house, with the couple living with Kalb's parents until that project's complete.

"That's a whole task. Oh, boy. I did not sign up for that," Kalb said with a laugh, adding, "I don't like DIYs or crafts, so I don't know why I thought I would like renovating a house."

She has also started a book club in Union County called Swamp and Story Society. The club meets monthly after reading three books in different genres.

Kalb, who had been part of a book club when she lived in Charlotte County, likes reading and discovered that one of her Duval County co-workers likes to read as well.

"I was like, 'I should really start a book club.' It's only me, her, my aunt and a few others who come every now and then," Kalb said, "but it's super fun. I really enjoy it."

Though she's set to graduate from UCF later this year, that won't be the end of school. She plans to work toward a master's degree, so Kalb will remain pretty busy for a while.

"I kind of just go with the flow," she said. "Whatever needs to be done gets done."

Kalb said she would like to continue working for an Extension office, either as a 4-H agent or as a small-farms agent.

The hard part is making a final decision on what direction she wants to go in.

"I want to do everything. That's the problem," Kalb said. "I've got to pick one."

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The 2025 Union County Value Adjustment Board will hold an Amended Hearing for Petitions filed with the Union County Value Adjustment Board on Monday, October 13, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

Hearing will be held in County Commission Room 101  
55 West Main Street  
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Attendees will enjoy a light lunch, thoughtful door prizes from local partners, and the chance to connect with neighbors while showing solidarity by wearing pink.

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with strength and courage. Together, their stories highlight the importance of early detection, resilience, and the power of community support.

Attendees will enjoy a light lunch, thoughtful door prizes from local partners, and the chance to connect with neighbors while showing solidarity by wearing pink. "This luncheon is about igniting hope and action," said Paula Webb, President / Chief Executive Officer at Lake Butler Hospital. "It's a chance to celebrate survivors, support

those still in the fight, and equip our community with the resources and knowledge to save lives." Seating is limited. RSVP now at [LakeButlerHospital.com/lunchforacure](http://LakeButlerHospital.com/lunchforacure), or call 386-496-2323 for more information.

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On the Freshmen float (l-r) Malana Patrick, Aaliyah Jackson, Reagan Dicks and Wyatt Wilson.



On the Fellowship of Christian Athletes float: (l-r) Jaelyn Melton, Collyns Kingery, Makayla Ring, Jessalyn Sparkman and Grace Brannen



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Band members (foreground l-r) Alice Jones and Delana Barton

## Yard sale fundraiser in Melrose

Believer's Worship Center in Melrose is raising for its Live Nativity with a yard sale on Saturday, Oct. 11, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Donations of gently used items are requested. The church is located at 8736 State Road 21 in Melrose.

The Live Nativity will be a three-day event in December.

## AMVETS Turkey Shoot

The Sons of AMVETS will be holding their annual turkey shoot every Saturday, starting Oct. 18 and continuing through Nov. 22, at AMVETS Post 86 in Keystone Heights. Signups begin at 9 a.m.

Due to a change in the program, scopes cannot be used. Please come out, have fun, and support our local charities.

## Faith Presbyterian to host fall craft show fundraiser

Faith Presbyterian Church will host its Fall Craft Show Fundraiser on Saturday, Oct. 25, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 2738 State Road 21.

The event will feature vendors, and a chili lunch with a drink and dessert will be available for \$7. LifeSouth will also hold a blood drive.

Vendors are welcome. For more information, contact Susie at 570-801-3805.

## Second annual Landowner Expo

Bradford Soil and Water Conservation District invites all to the second annual Landowner Expo Dinner on Thursday, Oct. 30, from 5-8 p.m. at the Gov. Charley E. Johns Conference Center. This event will showcase programs and services from federal, state and local agencies and organizations that help landowners manage working lands better. Learn about technical help, cost-shares, conservation easements and other assistance available.

Space is limited — registration is free. Call 904-966-6224 or visit <https://bit.ly/landownerexpo>. For more info contact Amy Morie at 323-274-8858.

## Family histories sought for new book

The Union County Historical Society is hard at work on a second book about the county's history and the families that made it happen.

Members are actively collecting family histories and information on Union County history. To inquire about the project or to submit a family history item, interested parties can email the society at [theclubbook@gmail.com](mailto:theclubbook@gmail.com).

Deadline extended to Dec. 1.

## Deadline to enter golf tourney

Bradford Community for Schools has announced the 18th annual Communities "Fore" Kids golf tournament on Oct. 24 at the Starke Golf and Country Club. The deadline to enter is Friday, Oct. 17. Tee time is at 8 a.m. The cost is \$75 per player with teams of four requested.

To enter, please contact [cdevalerio@bradfordcommunityforschools.org](mailto:cdevalerio@bradfordcommunityforschools.org) or [lbennett@bradfordcommunityforschools.org](mailto:lbennett@bradfordcommunityforschools.org).



# 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

Danielle Birch, 47, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 1 for an out-of-county warrant.

Robert Crews, 35, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 1 for an out-of-county warrant.

Jontrell Evans, 25, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on September 30 for a sex offense and using a two-way communications device while committing a felony.

### Ultrasound tech attacked in hospital parking lot

Zykerria Grimes, 21, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 3 for burglary and battery.

According to a sworn complaint, the 4:35 p.m. attack on July 20, 2024, unfolded as the victim, finishing her shift at HCA Starke ER, sat in her car calling her boyfriend.

The defendant allegedly yanked open the door, screamed in her face, and unleashed a barrage of punches, scratches, and clawing to the face and arms.

The victim fought back, pushing Grimes away, but the assailant tried to jam a finger into her mouth to "rip it open."

A male, later identified as the defendant's father, intervened, pulling the women apart before the pair fled into the hospital. The victim locked her doors, dialed 911, and sought treatment inside for abrasions on her arms and neck, plus facial and head swelling. Deputies recovered a fishing hook from her front seat; it was unclear whether it had been used as a weapon or dropped during the fight.

Hospital staff and security confirmed no parking lot cameras captured footage of the incident, but noted the Grimes duo approached a bed inside, contacted the defendant's mother, then exited with her.

The mother, reached by phone, attributed the episode to Grimes's recent bipolar schizophrenia medication adjustment and provided the family's Keystone Heights address.

Deputies relocated there, interviewing the trio. The defendant offered no statement, mumbling to herself. The father claimed they waited for the mother's discharge; he stepped out for a smoke, and Zykerria "immediately ran to the woman parked next to them and began hitting her for no reason."

He blamed the outburst on medications, denied intent to flee, and said he offered to involve police, but the victim rolled up her windows and refused to exit.

Gabriel Hendrieth, 39, of Lawtey, was arrested by Bradford deputies on September 34 for an out-of-county warrant and withholding support.

Ryan Hewett, 32, of Lawtey, was arrested by Bradford deputies on September 30 for resisting an officer.

Michael Holmes, 43, of Lawtey, was arrested by Bradford deputies on September 27 for battery.

Pedro Jonas, 34, of Starke,

was arrested by FHP troopers on October 4 for using a two-way communications device while committing a felony, trafficking in drugs, destroying evidence, and possession of drug equipment.

Glen Magyari, 36, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on September 30 for withholding support and a probation violation.

Elishia Nettles, 25, of Hampton, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 1 for failure to appear.

Justin Nugent, 24, of Hampton, was arrested by Bradford deputies on September 30 for resisting an officer.

Bonnie Padgett, 39, of Jacksonville, was arrested by Bradford deputies on September 29 for an out-of-county warrant.

Anthony Paulino, 34, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 3 for burglary, criminal mischief with property damage, and battery.

Edgardo Santiago, 50, of Ocala, was arrested by Bradford deputies on September 28 for DUI.

Ahmad Strong, 46, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 4 for an out-of-county warrant.

Jonathan Sullivan, 23, of Green Cove Springs, was arrested by Lawtey Police on October 1 for possession of drug equipment and possession of drugs.

### She burned his grilled cheese sandwich

David West, 35, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on September 27 for assault.

According to an arrest report, the victim said the defendant returned home from playing golf intoxicated and got upset because she burned his grilled cheese sandwich.

"David began yelling profanities inside the residence and punched several holes in the walls of their bedroom as well as punching out the glass window in their bathroom," wrote a deputy in the report. "David also got mad at (redacted) because she threw the sandwich in the garbage."

West allegedly attempted to hit the victim with a belt, but another family member took the belt away from him before he could strike the victim.

Tiffany Wilkerson, 33, of Lawtey, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 2 for battery and aggravated battery.

Ashley Williams, 40, of Brooker, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 2 for DUI.

### Union

#### Threatened deputy with bicycle

Landras Jones, 48, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Union deputies on October 5 for aggravated assault.

According to an arrest report, deputies responded to reports of a physical altercation, arriving to shouts and commotion from the backyard.

The victim was found at a neighbor's home, shaken and with visible redness encircling her neck "consistent with being choked."

She recounted two attacks: Earlier that evening at a friend's house, Jones became

enraged and choked her before slamming her to the ground. Hours later, as she slept, he returned, pounding on windows and yelling threats to kill her. He shattered a bedroom window and attempted to rip out the air conditioning unit, prompting her to open the back door out of fear for more damage.

Once inside, Jones followed her to the bedroom, threw her on the bed, and strangled her with both hands until her vision blackened and she lost consciousness. Upon waking, she saw him fumbling with a black/gray razor knife, screaming, "I'm gonna kill you, bitch!" She fought him off and fled to the neighbor's, with Jones chasing her through the yard.

Arriving deputies spotted Jones, bleeding from his left arm and mouth, pacing erratically in the backyard, hurling obscenities. He ignored commands to stop, grabbed a bicycle, and advanced toward one deputy, prompting the officer to draw his firearm. Jones dropped the bike but refused to comply with further orders, walking away before turning aggressively. The deputy deployed a Taser, striking Jones in the torso and gaining compliance for handcuffing.

Secured in the patrol car, Jones claimed his arm laceration came from "that bitch cut[ting] me," denying the assault. The victim suggested it occurred during her escape.

### Argument about money leads to arrest

Edwin Padin, 22, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Union deputies on October 5 for battery.

According to an arrest report, Padin was taken into custody around 9:19 p.m. after his girlfriend reported an open-hand slap to her face during a prolonged verbal argument that began around 3 p.m. over a light bill.

The victim, who was found in emotional distress and crying by a deputy, described returning home after leaving to cool off, only to face renewed aggression.

Padin allegedly punched holes in the walls and broke items inside the residence.

The victim provided a sworn statement and a timestamped video from 3:43 p.m. showing a large red mark on the right side of her face "consistent with a strike of an open hand slap." She also complained of hearing loss in her right ear.

Neighbors told deputies they heard yelling and a "loud ruckus" from the home.

Padin, who initially refused to answer the door, was eventually coaxed out and complied with orders to exit a back room. Placed in handcuffs and escorted to the patrol car, he denied physical contact, claiming the fight was "only verbal" over money owed by a neighbor.

### Clay

Amy Sellers, 46, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Clay deputies on October 1 for assault and battery during a burglary.

Rebecca Spears, 43, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Clay deputies on October 3 for DUI.

James Walker, 50, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Clay deputies on September 30 for possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and possession of drug equipment.

# Obituaries

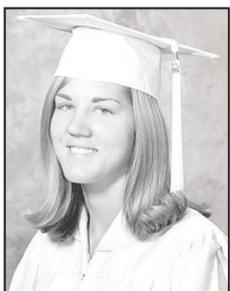
## Barbara Duttinger

Barbara S. Duttinger, 89, of Melrose, passed away on Thursday, Sept. 26, 2025.

A graveside service will be held Saturday, Oct. 11, at 10 a.m. at Keystone City Cemetery.

## Diane Godwin

Diane Cox Godwin, beloved and caring mother, grandmother, aunt, and friend to many, passed into her Savior's arms on Thursday, Oct. 2, 2025, at the age of 74. Diane was a lifelong resident of Bradford County. She was a caring yet feisty individual from childhood onward. In her teens, she was known for being a fierce competitor in several sports, drag racing her Comet, and being a no-nonsense type of person. Little changed as she became an adult, where she remained competitive in her hobbies. She traded in fast cars and ball tournaments to provide for her family and put their care and well-being above everything else. Before she started being affected by illness, she could be found at bass fishing tournaments and was still unafraid to slide into third base when playing a game of kickball, like she was still in her 20s playing travel softball. She retired from the Department of Children and Families after several decades of working both in Starke and Gainesville offices. She never actually retired and always remained active. She loved tending to her gardens, flowers, and yardwork, while also continuing to fish and hunt regularly. She also enjoyed music, but more than anything she loved spending time with her family and friends and ensuring they were doing well. She was preceded in death by her parents, Ray and Estelle Cox; husband, Harold Godwin; sisters, Carol Cox and Gwen Cox; and grandson, Randy Carlton.



She is survived by her brother, Steve (JoAnn) Cox; sons, Kevin (Donna) Jordan and Ray "Frog" (Kirsten) Jordan; grandchildren Rhett Jordan, Lilly Jordan, and Joey (Carrie) Carlton; great-grandchildren, Wade, Bailee, and Mason Carlton; along with several cherished nieces, nephews, and other extended family.

A memorial visitation celebrating her life will be held Thursday, Oct. 9, from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. at Archie Tanner Memorial Chapel. The family appreciates the support and care so many provided as she went through the rigors of illness and passed. In lieu of flowers and cards, we would like to suggest making a donation in honor of Diane Cox Godwin to Haven Hospice at [www.havenhospice.com/donate](http://www.havenhospice.com/donate) or to University of Florida Alzheimer's and Cognitive Disorders Research Fund at [www.ufl.edu/giving-opportunities/001741-alzheimers-and-cognitive-disorders-research-fund/](http://www.ufl.edu/giving-opportunities/001741-alzheimers-and-cognitive-disorders-research-fund/)

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## Clifton Griffis

Mr. Clifton Eugene "Cliff" Griffis, 95, of Starke, went to his Heavenly home peacefully on Thursday, Oct. 2, 2025. Clifton was born May 1, 1930, in Starke to the late Eugene and Ada Griffis and was a lifelong area resident. He was a graduate of Bradford County High School and proudly served in the Florida National Guard for 35 years. He was an active member of Madison Street Baptist Church and served the Lord for many years there. He was very active with the COPS (Concerns of Police Survivors) organization, which helps families struggling with the loss of their law enforcement officers. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by son, Del Griffis; and siblings, Hazel Jolin and Ray Griffis.



Survivors are his loving wife of 61 years, Lanette Griffis of Starke, son Kevin Griffis; and daughter, Sharon (Chip) Scheetz. He was a proud "Papa" to his grandchildren, Adam (Amanda) Scheetz, Nash Griffis, Cory (Charles) Eddleman and Naomi Griffis. He was also known as "Papa G" to his precious great-grandchildren; niece, Karen Shepard; and nephew, Andy Griffis.

The family received friends at Madison Street Baptist Church on Monday, Oct. 6. A celebration of life followed, with Rev. Chip Scheetz officiating. Interment followed at Crosby Lake Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke 904-964-6200 [www.jonesgallagherfh.com](http://www.jonesgallagherfh.com)

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## Curtis A. "Lex" Sanders Attorney at Law



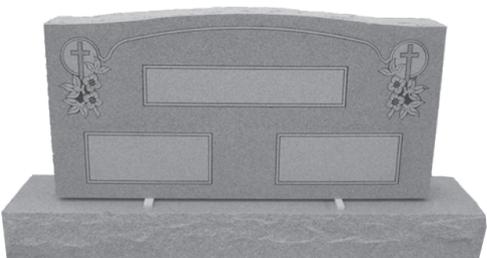
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## Janie Hunter

Mrs. Peggy Jane "Janie" Hunter, 88, of Starke passed away peacefully Saturday, Oct. 4, 2025, at Haven Hospice in Orange Park. She was born Feb. 25, 1937, in Jacksonville to the late Ozie and Minnie Ethel (Gordon) Rogers. She was a devoted homemaker and had a passion for life that shone through in all she did. She loved fishing, cooking, shopping, and gardening, but above all, she cherished spending time with her family. Her warm and loving spirit will be missed by all who knew her.

She is survived by her beloved husband of 58 years, George Mack Hunter; and their three daughters, Janell (Daniel) Damato of Jacksonville, Marty (Sam) Cooler of Middleburg, and Kim (Michael) Crockrell of Keystone Heights. She was lovingly called "Granny" by four grandchildren, Natalie (Jody) Wright, D.J. Damato (Whitney) Kaylee and McKenzie Griffin; and seven great-grandchildren, Noah Damato, Nash and Noel Broussard, Curran and Nolan Davis, Ronan and Rocco Damato.

A visitation was held Wednesday, Oct. 8, at DeWitt C. Jones Chapel, followed by services, with Pastor Bobby Epps officiating. The burial was private at Crosby Lake Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Haven Hospice, 745 Blanding Ave., Orange Park 32065.

Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke. 904-964-6200 [www.jonesgallagherfh.com](http://www.jonesgallagherfh.com).



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## Juanita Jenkins

Mother Juanita Jenkins, 87, passed away Friday, Sept. 26, 2025, at Avia at North Florida. She was born in West Palm Beach. She attended local schools and was a 12<sup>th</sup> grade graduate. She attended Mt. Carmel Baptist Church in Gainesville.

She is survived by sons, Terry Jenkins and Rick Jenkins, both of Gainesville; daughters, Anita Jenkins McCarter and Audrey Jenkins, both of Gainesville; sister, Mildred Griffin of Starke; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

The viewing will be at Haile Funeral Home Inc., 802 Oak St., Starke on Friday, Oct. 10, from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m. Services will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 11, at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, 2505 NE Eighth Ave., Gainesville, officiated by Pastor Destin Williams. The Cortège will form at 10:50 a.m. at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church. Interment will follow at Oddfellow Cemetery, Starke.

Haile Funeral Home, 802 Oak St., Starke, is honored to provide services to the family of Mother Jenkins.

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## Joyce Johnson

Brenda "Joyce" Johnson, 73, of Starke, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2025, at Baptist Medical Center South in Jacksonville. Joyce was born Oct. 12, 1951, in Jacksonville to the late Clyde and Nellie Griffin Dyer. She was raised in Jacksonville and graduated from Robert E. Lee High School. Shortly after school, she married her high school sweetheart and forever companion, Jerral Lee Johnson, on Nov. 28, 1970. Together they shared 41 wonderful years of marriage and were blessed with two amazing children and three precious grandchildren. From an early age, she knew her calling was to help others, loved to learn, and had a profound gift for teaching. She furthered her education at University of North Florida, proudly earning her bachelor's degree. She and Jerral made Bradford County their home in 1977, where she devoted her career to education. She served as a teacher with the Bradford County School System for 31 years, retiring in 2010. More than anything, she was a woman of deep faith and a believer of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. For years, she was a member at Madison Street Baptist Church, Sampson City Church of God, and, more recently, had attended Evergreen Baptist Church. She loved worshipping with and being near her church family when she was able. In her spare time, she found joy in gardening, reading, and, most of all, spending time with her beloved grandchildren. She was a true treasure, was greatly loved and will be forever missed by all who knew her. She was preceded in death by her parents; and her loving husband, Jerral Johnson.



She is survived by her children, Kimberly Ann (Jeff) Johnson of Jacksonville and Greg (Erin) Johnson of Lawtey; brother, Michael Dyer; grandchildren, Abbigail, Madilyn, and Braxton Johnson; along with many extended family members and friends.

A Celebration of life was held Saturday, Oct. 4, at Evergreen Baptist Church in Lawtey, with Dr. R. Wayne Wright officiating. Interment followed at Crosby Lake Cemetery. Her family received friend on Friday, Oct. 3, at Archie Tanner Memorial Chapel.

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## Mary Mosley

Mary Alice Mosley, born Nov. 8, 1949, was dismissed from this life Monday, Sept. 29, 2025. She attended R.J.E. and Santa Fe College. She was a dedicated and faithful member of Pleasant Grove Community Church, where she served on the Usher Board for many years.

Services will be at Truevine Ministries on Saturday, Oct. 11, at 11 a.m.



## Margaret Pritchett

Margaret Avie (Crews) Pritchett, 94, of Lake Butler went to be with her Lord and Savior on Monday, Sept. 29, 2025, at her home surrounded by loving family. She was born in Union County to Lonnie and Dessa Crews. She was a proud graduate of Union County High School. She and her beloved husband, Marvin Pritchett, devoted their lives to Union County, giving of their time and their hearts. After Marvin's passing, Margaret continued to support Union County, honoring the legacy they had built together, keeping their shared love for this community alive. She worked at Gainesville Gas and Farmers & Dealers Bank before working alongside Marvin, keeping the books for Pritchett Timber and as office manager of their Napa Auto Parts business, where she stayed until she retired. Her presence remained woven in the family business long after her retirement. Family was her heartbeat. Holidays at her home were filled with food, laughter and joy. She loved watching her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren enjoy Easter-egg hunts, Thanksgiving feasts and the opening of gifts at Christmas! She loved to travel with family and friends. She and Marvin had many adventures. Their travels included many places across this country and abroad. Margaret was involved in countless community organizations and a devoted member of First Christian Church. In her final days, a red cardinal perched faithfully outside her bedroom window. It felt to family as though Marvin was waiting to welcome her into heaven. She was preceded in death by her husband of 45 years, Marvin Pritchett; brothers, Malcom and L.J.; and sisters, Cindy and Vivian. She is survived by her children, Carl Drake, Greg (Rena) Drake, Denise (Mike) Willis, Phillip (Emily) Pritchett, Robin (Ronny) Pruitt, and Jon (Kelly) Pritchett. She was "Nanny" to her cherished grandchildren, Nicole (Damian), Austin, Ashley (Jordan), Sidney (Aaron), Luke, Loren, Kendyl (Ashton), Elizabeth, Catherine, Erika, Preston (Nicole), Alexandra and Christina. She also leaves behind her beloved great-grandchildren, Bailey, Graysen, Kennon, Rhett, Drake, Zeke, Levi, Audrey and Avie Kate. Her family is beyond grateful for the gift of her 94 years of faith, resilience and love. Her legacy will live on through her family and every person that was graced by her presence.



A Celebration of Life was held Thursday, Oct. 2, with Brother Art Peterson officiating and assisted by Brother Shane Collins. The family received friends for a visitation Wednesday, Oct. 1. All services were at First Christian Church of Lake Butler. The family would love to extend their appreciation and gratitude to all of her caregivers through the years, whom she loved so deeply, along with Haven Hospice for their support during the most difficult time.

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

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## Marnell J. Rogers

Marnell Rogers, 79, of Palatka passed away Thursday, Sept. 18, 2025, at her home following an extended illness. A native of Tifton, Georgia, she had lived here for many years. Marnell had worked as a factory worker, a hairdresser and a server for many years. She loved to sing and play the guitar with her kids and also loved being surrounded by her family, listening to them read her Bible stories. She was a member of Southside Baptist Church and loved her Lord and family.



She was preceded in death by her parents, Lester Junkins, and Lenell Thues; brothers, Kirby Thues and George F. "Buddy" Cason; grandson, Justin R. Chambless; great-grandson, Tucker Edwards; and son-in-law, Mike Thomas.

She is survived by three daughters, Dora Thomas, Deborah (James) Griffis and Donna (Bill) Brundage; sons, Ronald Chambless and William M. Chambless; along with many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Monday, Sept. 22, at Johnson-Overturf Chapel, Palatka with Brother Shaun Thomas, officiating. Burial followed at Oak Hill West Cemetery. The family received friends prior to the service. Memories and condolences may be expressed to the family at Marnell's Book of Memories page at

[www.j-ofunerals.com](http://www.j-ofunerals.com). To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Marnell, please visit our floral store.

Arrangements are entrusted to Johnson-Overturf Funeral Home in Palatka.

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## Douglas Rudd

Douglas Lynden Rudd of Keystone Heights passed away peacefully Sunday, Sept. 14, 2025, leaving behind a legacy of service, dedication, and love for his family and country. Born in Albany, Georgia, to Jennie Clarissa Carlson Rudd and Walter Lyal Rudd, he carried the values of honor, integrity, and perseverance throughout his life. A proud United States Air Force veteran, Doug enlisted on Oct. 11, 1974, and served in the Strategic Air Command with distinction. Rising to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, throughout his career, he earned numerous medals and decorations in recognition of his commitment and service to his nation. He also pursued academic excellence, obtaining a master's degree, and exemplified leadership both in uniform and in life. His passion extended beyond his military career. A devoted outdoorsman, he cherished gardening, tending to his plant nursery, cultivating blueberries, beekeeping, and immersing himself in the beauty of nature. He was a loving father to Matthew and Andrew Rudd and a proud grandpa, affectionately known as "Grandpa Doug," to Henry. He is also survived by his brother, Brad Rudd; and stepmother, Mary Rudd.



A funeral service will be held at Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home on Monday, Oct. 14, at 2 p.m. Following the service, a graveside service with full military honors will be held at Keystone City Cemetery, 7304 State Road 100, Keystone Heights, 32656.

Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home has been entrusted with arrangements. 352-473-3176.

Doug's life was a testament to duty, devotion, and the enduring love of family. He will be remembered as a patriot, a leader, and a man who found joy in both service and the simple pleasures of the natural world.

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## Judith Spell

Mrs. Judith (Judy) D. Spell, 82, of Hampton, passed away peacefully Monday, Sept. 29, 2025, at UF Health Shands Hospital. Judy was born on Jan. 13, 1943, to the late Charles "Omer" and Viola (Cory) Lefebvre in Owensboro, Kentucky. She resided in Miami until 1972 when she moved to the Hampton-Lake area. She enjoyed horseback riding and showing, fishing and all outdoors adventures. In addition to her parents; she was preceded in death by her husband, Henry Ed Spell.



She leaves behind a son, Stephen (Tammy) Spell and their daughter, Ashley Spell; daughter Connie (William) Muse and their children, Debbie, Shaun, Brad (Kristin) and their children, Aubrie, Emery and Blake Muse.

She is at peace in the arms of our Lord with the rest of her family and husband in Heaven above. The family received friends at the funeral home Monday, Oct. 6. Graveside funeral services were held Tuesday, Oct. 7, with Pastor Bobby Epps officiating. Interment was at Santa Fe Cemetery.

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# Former UCHS football coach has 200 wins in 2 states

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Williston High School Head Football Coach Robby Pruitt, who led Union County to state championships in 1994, 1995 and 1996, became the first high school football coach in the U.S. to win 200 games in two different states.

Pruitt, who has 209 victories in Georgia, picked up win number 200 in Florida when Williston defeated Trinity Catholic 49-21 on Sept. 26.

The coach, who became the

Florida High School Athletic Association's youngest Hall of Fame inductee in 2000, was hired as the head coach at Union in 1993 after winning four state championships at Jacksonville's University Christian. In his second year, the Tigers won the first of their three consecutive state titles, defeating Bishop Verot 21-0. Union defeated LaBelle 28-3 in 1995 and Frostproof 67-30 in 1996.

Union's 1995 and 1996 championships capped undefeated seasons. The Tigers would win 52 games in a row

in the 1990s, which was a state record at that time.

Pruitt left Union after the 1999 season, moving to Georgia and taking the head job at Fitzgerald High School. Fitzgerald was a state runner-up in Pruitt's first season, losing to 6-0 to Swainsboro in the championship game.

After three seasons at Fitzgerald, Pruitt took the head job at Warner Robins High School, but coached there just one season before returning to Fitzgerald. He coached there eight years before leaving to

go to Coffee High School in Douglas, Georgia. Pruitt took Coffee to the state championship game in 2017, losing 28-21 in overtime to Lee County.

Pruitt returned to Florida, taking the head job at Williston in 2022. The Red Devils went 8-31 in the four seasons prior to Pruitt's arrival, but then went 10-1 his first season, losing in the first round of the playoffs.

Williston went 11-1 (1-1 in the playoffs) in 2023 and 8-5 (2-1 in the playoffs) in 2024.

The Red Devils are currently 4-1 this season.



Robby Pruitt (left) sits down with Florida High School Athletic Association Executive Director Craig Damon to talk about being the only high school football coach in the U.S. to win 200 games in two different states.

## Legal Notices

Legals for the week of Oct. 9, 2025

### BRADFORD

#### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Notice is hereby given that MIKON FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC. AND OCEAN BANK 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: 313 Year of Issuance: 2023 Parcel Number: 01195-0-00000 Case Number: 04-2025-TD-006 Description of Property: Commence at the intersection of the North line of the Southeast quarter (SE1/4) of the Southeast quarter (SE1/4) of Section 14, Township 5 South, Range 22 East and run West 500 feet, thence South 18 degrees and 40 minutes West 869.1 feet for point of beginning. Thence continue South 18 degrees West 440 feet to North line of State Road No. 125. Thence West 243 feet along said State Road No. 125, 243 feet, thence North 420 feet, thence East 386 feet to point of beginning, containing 3.14 acres more or less and lying in the Southeast quarter (SE1/4) of the Southeast quarter (SE1/4) of Section 14, Township 5 South, Range 22 East. Name in Which Assessed: THELMA CORNWALL (DEC) ET AL Name on last tax roll, if different: All of said property being in the County of Bradford, State of Florida. Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the BRADFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, STARKE, FL on 11/19/2025, 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: September 10, 2025 DATE OF PUBLICATION: SEPTEMBER 18, 2025; SEPTEMBER 25, 2025; OCTOBER 2, 2025; OCTOBER 9, 2025 9/18 4tchg 10/9-BCT

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

CASE NO: 04-2025-CA-120 BARRETT MAINE CORPORATION A FLORIDA CORPORATION Plaintiff, VS. CHRISTOPHER WILBURN, BRADFORD COUNTY CLERK OF COURT, STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE Defendants.

#### AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE PURSUANT TO F.S. CHAPTER 45

(Amended to Add Court Address) Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on the 28th day of September, 2025, in Civil Case No. 04-2025-CA-120, of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Bradford County, Starke, Florida, wherein Barrett Maine Corporation, is the plaintiff and Christopher Wilburn, Bradford County Clerk of Court, and State of Florida Department of Revenue, are defendants, the Clerk of the Court, Denny Thompson, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at public outcry, one by one, in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes on the 13th day of November, 2025, beginning at 11:00 AM EST at the Bradford County Courthouse, 945 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida 32091, the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure to wit:

A parcel of land lying in the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4, of Section 29, Township 7 South, Range 21 East, Bradford County, Florida; said parcel being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at a concrete monument found at the Southwest corner of said SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 and run North .01 degrees, 19 minutes and 33 seconds West, along the Westerly boundary thereof, 434.60 feet to a set

concrete monument for the Point of Beginning. From Point of Beginning thus described continue North 01 degree, 19 minutes and 33 seconds West, along said Westerly boundary, 133.64 feet to a set iron rod; thence North 89 degrees, 01 minute and 55 seconds East 626.33 feet; thence South 01 degree, 20 minutes and 12 seconds East, 564.40 feet to a concrete monument found on the Southerly boundary of said SW 1/4 of NW 1/4; thence South 88 degrees, 40 minutes and 53 seconds West, along said Southerly boundary, 25.00 feet to a found concrete monument; thence North 01 degree, 20 minutes and 12 seconds West, 434.60 feet to a set concrete monument; thence South 88 degrees, 40 minutes and 53 seconds West, parallel with said Southerly boundary, 601.35 feet to the Point of Beginning. Containing 2.14 acres, more or less.

Less and except any portion lying within the right of way of SW 92nd Street (formerly SW 67th Street). Above described parcel being subject to and the Grantor reserving an easement for ingress, egress and utilities over the Easterly 25.00 feet thereof, and the Northerly 12.5 feet of the Easterly 408 feet thereof.

Together with that certain 1997 Jaguar double wide mobile home, title #72066044, ID #GMHGA3419613718A and title #72066048, ID #GMHGA3419613718B ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM BEFORE THE CLERK REPORTS THE SURPLUS AS UNCLAIMED.

/s/ Kyle D. Macomber KYLE D. MACOMBER, ESQUIRE MIDDLETON & MIDDLETON, P.A. Florida Bar No.: 1002399 303 State Road 26 Melrose, FL 32666 Telephone: 352/475-1611 Fax: 352/475-5968 E-mail: kyle@fightingforall.com

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished via U.S. Mail to Christopher Wilburn at 9674 SW 110 Lane, Hampton, FL 32044, The State of Florida Department of Revenue C/O Jim Zingale, Executive Director 2450 Shumard Oak Blvd., Building 1, Floor 2 Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0100 and to Bradford County Clerk 945 N. Temple Avenue Starke, FL 32091 on this 29th day of September, 2025.

/s/ Kyle D. Macomber KYLE D. MACOMBER, ESQUIRE MIDDLETON & MIDDLETON, P.A. Florida Bar No.: 1002399 303 State Road 26 Melrose, FL 32666 Telephone: 352/475-1611 Fax: 352/475-5968 E-mail: kyle@fightingforall.com 10/9 2tchg 10/16-BCT

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

CASE NO.: 04-2025-CP-98 In Re: The Estate of: WILLIAM DAVID WILKERSON, Deceased.

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of WILLIAM DAVID WILKERSON, deceased, whose date of death was April 26, 2024, and whose last four digits of his social security number are 3919, is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 945 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, FL 32091. The names and addresses of the personal representative and personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH

#### IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

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

The date of first publication of this notice is October 9, 2025.

Attorney for Personal Representative: SHARON W. EHRENREICH, ESQUIRE Florida Bar No.: 259251 303 State Road 26 Melrose, FL 32666 Telephone: 352/475-1611 Fax: 352/475-5968 Email: sharon@fightingforall.com Personal Representative: ERIC RAY WILKERSON Personal Representative 10/9 4tchg 10/16-BCT

#### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

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

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

Commence at a concrete monument located at the Northwest corner of said W 1/2 of NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 and run North 88 degrees 56 minutes 37 seconds East, along the Northerly boundary thereof, 662.02 feet to an iron rod located at the Northeast corner of said W 1/2 of NE 1/4 of SE 1/4; thence South 01 degree 31 minutes 49 seconds East, along the Easterly boundary thereof, 854.79 feet for the Point of Beginning. From the Point of Beginning thus described continue South 01 degree 31 minutes 49 seconds East, along said Easterly boundary, 469.62 feet to a concrete monument located on the Southerly boundary of said W 1/2 of NE 1/4 of SE 1/4; thence South 89 degrees 32 minutes 19 seconds West, along said Southerly boundary, 463.60 feet; thence North 01 degree 35 minutes 41 seconds West, parallel with the Westerly boundary of said W 1/2 of NE 1/4 of SE 1/4, a distance of 469.63 feet; thence North 89 degrees 32 minutes 19 seconds East, 464.13 feet to the Point of Beginning.

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

Name in Which Assessed: FRANK YACOVONI Name on last tax roll, if different: All of said property being in the County of Bradford, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the BRADFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, STARKE, FL on 12/17/2025, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.

Denny Thompson, Clerk Of The Circuit Court By: KANETRA JENKINS, Deputy Clerk Contact the Tax Deed Office at 904-966-6280 to obtain the amount necessary to redeem. DATED: September 30, 2025 DATE OF PUBLICATION: OCTOBER 9, 2025; OCTOBER 16, 2025; OCTOBER 23, 2025, OCTOBER 30, 2025 10/9 4tchg 10/30-BCT

#### Town of Brooker

#### NOTICE OF FAIR HOUSING

This notice will serve to advise all residents of the Town of Brooker that the following actions, if based on race, color, sex, national origin, religion, familial status (families with children), or handicap (disability) are prohibited by Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Federal Fair Housing Act):

\*Refusing to sell or rent to, deal or negotiate with any person.

\*Discriminating on terms or conditions for buying or renting housing.

\*Discriminating by advertising that housing is available only to persons of a certain race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status, handicap (disability), age, ancestry or with no animals.

\*Denying that housing is available for inspection, sale or rent when it really is available.

\*Denying or making different terms or conditions for home loans by financial institutions.

\*Denying to anyone the use of or participation in any real estate services, multiple listing services or other facilities related to the selling and renting of housing.

\*\*\*"Blockbusting" and "steering" are two discriminatory practices that are also prohibited by the Act. Blockbusting includes engaging in conduct which conveys the impression that a neighborhood is about to undergo certain changes and, thus, panic owners into selling their properties. Steering involves guiding an individual seeking housing toward or away from particular property for discriminatory reasons. If you would like to obtain more information about fair housing, or file a fair housing complaint, please contact the Fair Housing Coordinator listed below:

Charlene Thomas, Town Clerk Town of Brooker 17435 Testone Avenue Brooker, Florida, 32622; Telephone: (352) 485-1022 Email: brookerclerk1022@windstream.net

#### EQUAL OPPORTUNITY / AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE FACILITIES

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

GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 24000341CAAXMX U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST, Plaintiff,

vs. TERESA ANNE HALL AND TIMOTHY RAY HALL, et al.

Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 25, 2025, and entered in 24000341CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the EIGHTH Judicial Circuit in and for Bradford County, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST is the Plaintiff and TERESA ANNE HALL; TIMOTHY RAY HALL are the Defendant(s). Denny Thompson as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Front Lobby 945 N.

Temple Ave., Starke, FL 32091, at 11:00 AM, on October 30, 2025, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: A PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN THE SOUTHEAST ONE-QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST ONE-QUARTER AND IN THE SOUTHWEST ONE-QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST ONE-QUARTER OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEING AT A CONCRETE MONUMENT AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SOUTHEAST ONE-QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST ONE-QUARTER WITH THE WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF STATE ROAD NO. 200 (U.S. HIGHWAY NO. 301) AND RUN NORTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE WITH A CURVE CONCAVE NORTHWESTERLY SAID CURVE HAVING A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 0°55'28", A RADIUS OF 6756.50 FEET, AN ARC LENGTH OF 109.00 FEET AND A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF NORTH 14°23'09" EAST, 109.00 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 86°57'52" WEST, 196.00 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 03°22'11" WEST, 99.00 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SOUTHEAST ONE-QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST ONE-QUARTER; THENCE RUN NORTH 88°48'35" EAST, ALONG AFOREMENTIONED SOUTH LINE OF 174.50 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. Property Address: 9742 US HWY 301, HAMPTON, FL 32044 Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 45.031.

ROBERTSON ANSCHUTZ, SCHNEID, CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC Attorney for Plaintiff 6409 Congress Ave., Suite 100 Boca Raton, FL 33487 Telephone: 561-241-6901 Facsimile: 561-997-6909 Service Email: fmail@raslg.com By: \S\Danielle Salem Danielle Salem, Esquire Florida Bar No. 0058248 Communication Email: dsalem@raslg.com

#### IMPORTANT AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in a proceeding, you are entitled to be provided with certain assistance at no cost to you. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Alachua County Family and Civil Justice Center, 201 East University Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601 (352) 337-6237 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8770 via Florida Relay Service.

Publish In: BRADFORD COUNTY TELEGRAPH Submitted by: Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 6409 Congress Ave., Suite 100, Boca Raton, FL 33487 Telephone: 561-241-6901 Fax: 561-997-6909 10/9 2tchg 10/16-BCT

#### SURPLUS PROPERTY SALE

Four (4) wheelchair equipped transit vehicles and one (1) without wheelchair lifts. Envelopes marked "Sealed Bids" must be mailed (please do not hand deliver any bids) to Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. P.O. Box 70, Live Oak, FL 32064 by Friday, October 31, 2025. Please make sure the VIN is clearly marked on bids submitted. Vehicles may be inspected by appointment only. For appointments to inspect vehicles call Sheryl Hartzog, Operations Manager, at 386/496-0624. For additional information or questions contact Stephanie Barrington, Director of Transportation, at sbarrington@suwanneeec.net. Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. reserves the right to refuse or reject any bid. 10/9 1tchg-BCT

#### REQUEST FOR BIDS

The Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida is requesting competitive bids from qualified vendors for floor care services at certain Bradford County facilities.

QUALIFICATIONS ISSUED DATE: October 9, 2025

QUALIFICATIONS DUE DATE/TIME: November 10, 2025, at 2:00 PM

All vendors will be permitted to schedule site visits for inspections and measurements before submitting a bid. This should be scheduled through the Bradford County Public Works Department.

Instructions and bid forms can be picked up at the Bradford County Manager's Office, Bradford County Courthouse, 945 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida 32091 or from the county website at www.bradfordcountyfl.gov/bid-advertisements.

Bids must be physically delivered in sealed envelope marked "SEALED PROPOSAL FOR FLOOR CARE" to the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court before November 10, 2025, at 2:00 PM. No faxed or emailed bids will be accepted.

Bids will be read aloud in the Bradford County Commission Meeting Room located in the Bradford County Courthouse - 945 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, FL 32091 on November 10, 2025, at 2:15 PM.

The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, award all or part of the bid, waive any technicality with regard to the bids, exercise its local preference ordinance, and to interpret the bid specifications in the best interest of Bradford County. For additional information, contact the County Manager's Office at (904) 966 - 6327 or amanda\_brown@bradfordcountyfl.gov. 10/9 1tchg-BCT

#### REQUEST FOR BIDS

The Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida is requesting competitive bids from qualified vendors for pest control services at certain Bradford County facilities.

QUALIFICATIONS ISSUED DATE: October 9, 2025

QUALIFICATIONS DUE DATE/TIME: November 10, 2025, at 1:00 PM

All vendors will be permitted to schedule site visits for inspections and measurements before submitting a bid. This should be scheduled through the Bradford County Public Works Department.

Instructions and bid forms can be picked up at the Bradford County Manager's Office, Bradford County Courthouse, 945 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida 32091 or from the county website at www.bradfordcountyfl.gov/bid-advertisements.

Bids must be physically delivered in sealed envelope marked "SEALED PROPOSAL FOR PEST CONTROL" to the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court before November 10, 2025, at 1:00 PM. No faxed or emailed bids will be accepted.

Bids will be read aloud in the Bradford County Commission Meeting Room located in the Bradford County Courthouse - 945 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, FL 32091 on November 10, 2025, at 1:15 PM.

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#### COMMISSION MEETING

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Bradford County Board of County Commissioners will have a board meeting on October 16, 2025, at 6:30 PM, inside the county commission meeting room, located in the north wing section of the Bradford County Courthouse, 945 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, FL. A copy of the meeting agenda may be obtained from the Bradford County website: www.bradfordcountyfl.gov. Said meeting location is secured - no firearms or weapons are permitted. 10/9 1tchg-BCT

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# Tornadoes now 2-0 in district after beating Panthers 36-0

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
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The defense made early stands to keep host Palatka out of the end zone before the offense got it going, getting three touchdown passes from Cy Cubbedge and 100 rushing yards from Iyen Addison as the Bradford High School football team defeated the Panthers 36-0 for a District 5-2A win on Oct. 3.

Bradford (6-1, 2-0 in District 5) now plays a key game on Friday, Oct. 10, at 7:30 p.m. when it hosts Newberry, which is also undefeated in the district. (Read a game preview for free at www.BCTelegraph.com.)

Palatka entered the game with only one win, but threatened to put the Tornadoes into an early hole, driving to the Bradford 1-yard line on each of its first two possessions.

However, Bradford kept the Panthers (1-6, 0-3) out of the end zone both times, while the offense, after going three-and-out on its first two series, scored touchdowns on three consecutive drives.

"They came out fired up and ready to play us, obviously," Bradford Head Coach Jamie Rodgers said. "We took care of all the bad stuff and came out on top."

The "bad stuff" included a punt block by Palatka's Larnelle Boykin, which had the Panthers starting their first offensive series at the Bradford 29. Quarterback Noah McKinley had a 2-yard run on fourth-and-2 to give the Panthers one first down, while Kedric Wright's 13-yard run set up first-and-goal at the 6-yard line. Bradford's Nate Raymond sacked McKinley for a 1-yard loss, but Wright then took a handoff 6 yards to the 1-yard line. After a penalty for illegal substitution backed Palatka up 5 yards, Lawrence Evans had a 4-yard carry to set up fourth down at the 2. Evans took another handoff and bulled into the end



Malachi Aldridge (far left) runs after recovering a Palatka fumble. Also pictured are Parviele Lee (center) and Nate Raymond.

zone, but a penalty for an illegal shift nullified the score and had the Panthers attempting a fourth-down play at the 7-yard line. Parviele Lee tackled McKinley for just a 1-yard gain to force a turnover on downs.

Bradford's second offensive series was the same as its first — a three-and-out. The Panthers' Boykin came close again to blocking the punt, which traveled 27 yards, setting the Palatka offense up at the Bradford 37.

Wright broke free for a 16-yard run to the 21, while Tommy Offord caught a pass for a 20-yard gain to the 1-yard line. The Tornadoes then made three straight tackles behind the line of scrimmage — two of which were recorded by Lee. Palatka went for it on fourth down from the 6, with Evans gaining 4 yards before being taken down at the 2.

After gaining a total of 12 yards on their first two series, the Tornadoes put together a 98-yard scoring drive.

Running back Iyen Addison, who returned to the lineup after missing three games with an ankle injury, got three straight carries on the Tornadoes' third drive, gaining a total of 14 yards for a first down at the 16. After a 7-yard run by Cubbedge, Addison had gains of 14 and 6 yards. On second-and-4 at the 43, Jordan Cason caught a short pass and turned it into a 57-yard touchdown as time expired in the first quarter. Tyler Sapp kicked the extra point as Bradford took a 7-0 lead.

The Panthers' third drive

began with Bradford's Lee making tackles on Palatka's first- and second-down plays for a net gain of 5 yards.

The Tornadoes then got a huge play from Malachi Aldridge, who scooped up a fumble and returned it to the Panthers' 13-yard line.

After an offside penalty against Palatka and an incomplete pass, Addison had a 4-yard run to the 4. He was then held to no gain on third down. Bradford went for it on fourth-and-1, which Addison gaining 3 yards. He then got the call again, scoring on a 1-yard run at the 9:18 mark of the second quarter as the Tornadoes took a 13-0 lead.

Aldridge made his mark again for the Bradford defense, sacking McKinley for a 2-yard loss on the first play of Palatka's ensuing series. Maleak Aldridge made a tackle for a 1-yard loss on third-and-7, forcing the Panthers to punt.

Chase Phillips' 8-yard punt return had Bradford starting a drive at the Palatka 48. Kamontae Nixon was tackled for a 3-yard loss on a pass play, but running back Keshawn Kennedy had an 11-yard run to set up third-and-2. Addison, who rushed for 106 yards on 16 carries, then ripped off a 15-yard run for a first down at the 25. A holding penalty put the Tornadoes into a long-yardage situation, but Cubbedge hooked up with Elijah Lawrence for a 32-yard touchdown with 5:04 to play in the first half. The score stood at 20-0 after Sapp's

PAT. Lawrence finished with 27 yards on two receptions.

The Panthers picked up a first down on their next series, but a sack and fumble resulted in a total loss of 16 yards and eventually forced Palatka to punt.

Phillips, who returned the punt 22 yards to the Palatka 41, caught a 9-yard pass, followed by Kennedy gaining 5 yards, giving Bradford a first down at the 27. A holding penalty later had the Tornadoes facing second-and-20. Phillips had a 9-yard reception to set up third-and-11. An incomplete pass on third down brought out Sapp to attempt a 45-yard field goal on fourth down. Sapp booted it through with plenty of distance, putting Bradford up 23-0 with 56 seconds remaining in the second quarter.

Palatka gained a first down on its first series of the second half, but was forced to punt after a Lee tackle and a Danny Torres sack resulted in a total loss of 7 yards.

The Tornadoes finished the game with 13 tackles behind the line of scrimmage and held the Panthers to minus-6 yards in the second half.

A pass-interference penalty helped the Tornadoes' first offensive series of the second half, giving them a first down at the Palatka 47. Addison had three carries for 25 yards after a holding penalty, moving Bradford to the 16. Phillips had a 7-yard run and then caught a 9-yard pass for a touchdown with 5:50 to play in the third quarter. Sapp added the PAT for a 30-0 lead.

Phillips, who was injured on the touchdown play, finished with 27 yards on three receptions. Cubbedge ended his night with 144 yards on 9-of-20 passing.

Kingston Booker made a tackle for a 2-yard loss on Palatka's ensuing drive, which consisted of three plays and a punt.

Bradford put the final points on the board with a nine-play, 55-yard touchdown drive. Cason, who finished with two receptions for 75 yards, gained 18 yards on a pass play that set up first-and-goal at the 4. Kennedy scored on a run from there, ending his night with 39 yards on eight carries.

The two-point conversion failed.

Bradford racked up 355 yards to Palatka's 99, with 211 coming on the ground.

The Tornadoes' Jarell Harris finished as the game's second-leading rusher on just four

carries, gaining 44 yards.

Bradford is number one in the latest Florida High School Athletic Association/MaxPreps Region 2-2A power rankings. Read more for free at www.BCTelegraph.com.

Edward Durant celebrates blocking a punt in the fourth quarter of the Tigers' 28-23 homecoming loss to Zarephath Academy. Union is now 2-4.



# Tigers suffer 28-23 loss on homecoming

BY LISA HOLTZENDORF  
Special to the Telegraph-Times-Monitor

Union County High School's football team couldn't overcome a 22-8 halftime deficit, suffering homecoming heartbreak in losing 28-23 to Zarephath Academy on Oct. 3.

C.J. Ivey scored all three touchdowns for the Tigers (2-4), who were attempting to win their second game in a row against an opponent they defeated 47-14 last season.

The game, which capped a week of festivities that saw Ivey and Eva Whitehead crowned homecoming king and queen, began with Union putting points on the board first. The Eagles (3-4) had the ball on their own 1-yard line, which eventually led to the Tigers scoring on a safety.

However, the Tigers failed to have anyone receive the awarded free kick, which Zarephath recovered at its own 47-yard line. The Eagles later connected on a fourth-down pass play for a touchdown with 4:53 remaining in the first quarter. A successful two-point conversion gave the visitors an 8-2 lead.

The Zarephath quarterback would again connect on a pass play for a touchdown in the closing seconds of the first quarter. The Eagles punched the ball into the end zone on the

two-point conversion attempt, increasing their lead to 16-2.

Union received a break in the second quarter when a Zarephath touchdown on a punt return was called back due to a penalty for a block in the back. The Eagles fumbled on the first play following the penalty, with the Cadenz Merriex recovering for the Tigers. Union however, was unable to capitalize and punted the ball away.

The Tigers finally gained some momentum, thanks to good field position and several penalties that helped moved the ball deep into Zarephath territory. Runs by Ivey and Bryce Lawton helped move Union to the 1-yard line. Ivey powered his way into the end zone from there to make the score 16-8 with 3:16 to go in the second quarter. The extra point was no good.

As the second quarter wound down, the Tigers attempted an unsuccessful onside kick that gave the Eagles the ball at their own 46. Zarephath gained good yardage a couple of run plays and a quarterback scramble before the quarterback connected with his favorite receiver, who sprinted into the end zone for a touchdown. The two-point conversion attempt failed, but the Eagles took a 22-8 lead into halftime.

The Spirit of Union County marching band was joined by alumni as part of an annual homecoming tradition, while the majorettes and flag corps were joined by future UCHS

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# Northside earns 2nd place in Dig Pink tournament

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Northside Christian Academy's volleyball team swept Cedar Key to reach the championship match, where it lost 2-0 (25-11, 25-19) to Hilliard at Northside's annual Dig Pink Tournament on Oct. 4.

The tournament consisted of six teams in all, with Hope Christian Academy, Crossroads and Hawthorne also part of the field.

Cedar Key won the consolation championship match by defeating Hope 2-1 (22-25, 25-20, 15-9).

Participating teams make a monetary donation each year to support someone in their fight against cancer. This year, Northside Coach/Athletic Director Todd von Weyhe presented a check in the amount of \$1,000 to Charles "Ed" Belyew.

Northside's first match of the tournament was a 2-0 loss to Hilliard. The Eagles bounced back by defeating Crossroads 2-0 (25-14, 25-14).

It was just an 8-6 lead for

Northside in the first set against Crossroads when the Eagles scored five straight points with Maddie Garrison serving. The Eagles put together another 5-0 run with Baeleigh Bradley serving to go up 21-9. Northside eventually won on a Crossroads error.

In the second set, it was again a 5-0 run with Garrison serving to turn a close score into a six-point Eagles lead. One of the points came off a Garrison ace as Northside took a 14-8 lead.

Bradley recorded two aces to help turn a 19-13 lead into a 22-13 lead.

Northside led 23-14 before closing it out, scoring the final two points with Briley Gay serving.

The Eagles recorded another sweep when they defeated Hawthorne 2-0 (25-12, 25-13). Brooklyn Cooper had a tip for the match-winning point.

Northside then defeated Cedar Key 2-0 (25-20, 25-8).

Cooper and Gay each had a kill with Bella Smith serving as the Eagles took a 17-11 in the first set. Smith would add an ace to make it a 19-11 game.



Ed Belyew, pictured with the Northside Christian Academy volleyball team, receives a \$1,000 donation at NCA's annual Dig Pink volleyball tournament. Pictured (l-r) are Caylee Young, Gabby Smith, Callie Potts, Ali LaFollette, Addison Wilson, Briley Gay, Brooklyn Cooper, Baeleigh Bradley, Coach/Athletic Director Todd von Weyhe, Ed and Toya Belyew, Maddie Garrison, Bella Smith, Caydence Slayton, Stella Vahlakis and Kaylea King.

Two service points by Bradley put Northside up 22-12.

Cedar Key made a late run before committing an error that gave the Eagles the 25-20 win.

Northside led 5-3 in the second set before scoring three straight points with Bradley serving. Another three-point stretch with Stella Vahlakis serving made it a 12-4 game before the Eagles put a 6-0 run together with Garrison

serving. That gave the Eagles a commanding 22-6 lead before ultimately winning 25-8.

In the championship match against Hilliard, Northside trailed only 9-8 before the Flashes scored six straight with Jayden Green serving. Green had three aces during that span, which also included two kills by Kierstin Northern.

Another 6-0 run with Northern

serving put Hilliard up 22-10 before the Flashes ended the set with a 14-point victory.

The Eagles trailed 8-5 in the first set before taking a 9-8 lead with Addison Wilson serving. Bradley had points off a kill and a tip.

It was 10-9 in favor of Northside when Smith scored two points off consecutive tips during a 3-0 run with Garrison

serving. Hilliard, getting two aces and a kill from Lyndi Smith, would take the lead for good with a three-point span that put the Flashes up 19-16. Two aces by Sara Buchanan helped the Flashes later take a 23-17 lead.

The Flashes scored the match-winning point on an Alyssa Hallman kill.

# Hope reaches consolation match in Dig Pink tourney

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Hope Christian Academy's volleyball team went 2-2 to reach the consolation championship match, where it lost 2-1 (22-25, 25-20, 15-9) to Cedar Key at the Oct. 4 Dig Pink Tournament at Northside Christian Academy.

The Lions began play with a 2-0 (25-9, 25-14) win over Hawthorne, getting four kills and two blocks from Addy Wilson. Loralai Green and Mackenzie McRaney had five and three service aces, respectively.

Hope got 13 blocks, eight kills, four aces and three digs from Wilson in a 2-1 (14-25, 25-22, 15-10) loss to Cedar Key.

Green, Wilson and Brianna

Bradshaw each had one kill late in the first set with Mackenzie McRaney serving to take a 24-11 lead before eventually getting the 25-14 win.

The Lions trailed 18-14 before scoring five straight points with Brooke Parrish serving, but Hope couldn't hang onto the lead as the Sharks would win by three points.

Hope held an early lead in the third set, but Cedar Key got two aces from Julia Steve and three kills from Paisley Hall during a 9-0 run that put the Sharks up 11-4.

Wilson scored points off an ace, a kill and a tip to help Hope pull to withing 12-9, but the Lions couldn't overtake the

Sharks, who won the match on a Maina DeHaven kill.

Bradshaw finished the match with five kills, while Green and McRaney each had three aces.

Hope next played Crossroads, winning 2-1 (22-25, 25-17, 15-7).

Two kills from Wilson and one each from Bradshaw and Allyssa Wilson helped the Lions take an 18-11 lead in the second set, while an Addy Wilson ace and a Green tip later made it 20-11.

Green ended the set with a kill to force a tiebreaker set.

Hope had a 5-3 lead in the third set before scoring four straight points with Allyssa Wilson serving. Wilson had two aces during the span, which

also included a kill each from Bradshaw and Breanna Odom.

The Lions led 12-7 before scoring the final three points with Bradshaw serving, giving Hope the win and putting the Lions into position to reach either the championship match or consolation match.

Addy Wilson had five aces, four blocks and three kills. Bradshaw also had three kills, while Allyssa Wilson and McRaney had four and three aces, respectively.

Hilliard proved to be too much for the Lions in their next match, which the Flashes won 2-0 (25-6, 25-11). Hope received a blow in the second set when it lost Green to an injury.

Addy Wilson recorded five blocks and two kills.

The loss put the Lions into the consolation match against Cedar Key. Hope was able to take the first set, but then dropped two straight to lose 2-1 (22-25, 25-20, 15-9).

Hope held an 8-5 lead in the second set before the Sharks scored 10 straight points. Cedar Key never relinquished the lead.

The Lions scored two points — including one off an ace — with Addy Wilson serving to tie the score at 7-7 in the third set before a kill by the Sharks' DeHaven forced side-out. Cedar Key then scored three points with Autumn Zeigler serving. Zeigler had two aces as her team

took an 11-9 lead.

It was 12-9 in favor of the Sharks when they scored the final three points with Claire Ryan serving.

Addy Wilson finished the match with six kills and four aces.

The Lions went 3-0 in the week leading up to the tournament, with one of those wins coming by a forfeit.

In the two head-to-head matches they played, the Lions got a total of 16 aces from Addy Wilson. McRaney and Briley Parrish had eight aces each, while Green had five.

Autumn Hunt and Odom added three and two aces, respectively.

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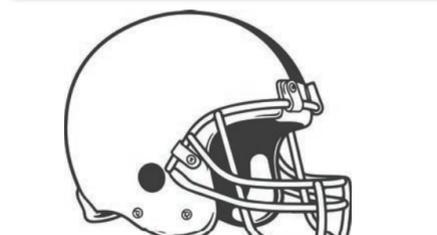
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## BHS volleyball team defeats Baldwin for 7th straight win

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Bradford High School's volleyball team won its seventh match in a row, defeating host Baldwin 3-2 (22-25, 25-22, 25-27, 25-16, 15-11) on Oct. 2.

The Tornadoses (11-4) got 15 kills from Ar'Nayshia Griffin, while Tatum Burkhalter and Autumn DeKorver each had eight. Wynter Barrington added six kills.

Kingslee Phillips and Shelby Cole recorded 23 and 12 assists, respectively, with Phillips also leading the team in service aces with five.

Burkhalter and Maduo Wei led the team in digs with 21 and 20, respectively. Phillips and DeKorver had 17 and 16 digs, respectively, while Lakelyn Sheppard had 10. Cole added eight digs.

Ky'lee Johnson had four blocks, while Barrington, Griffin and Leila Roberts each had two.

The win over Baldwin was Bradford's fourth match of the week.

On Sept. 29, the Tornadoses defeated host Baker County 3-1 (25-23, 25-23, 16-25, 27-25), getting 17 kills and five blocks from Griffin.

DeKorver and Burkhalter had 15 and 14 kills, respectively, with DeKorver adding 14 digs and three blocks and Burkhalter adding 31 digs.

Sheppard and Wei had 15 and 13 digs, respectively, while Phillips had nine. Cole and Johnson each had eight digs.

Phillips led the team in assists with 25, while Cole added 22. Barrington and Johnson had five and three blocks, respectively.

Weid led the team in aces with four. Cole added three.

The Tornadoses defeated host Palatka 3-1 (25-13, 25-22, 13-25, 25-16) on Sept. 30.

Griffin led the team in kills with eight, while Burkhalter, DeKorver and Roberts each had eight.

Burkhalter recorded 14 digs, followed by Wei with 10, Cole, Johnson and Sheppard with nine each and DeKorver with seven.

Barrington and Griffin each had two blocks, while Cole led the team with 13 assists. Phillips added 11 assists.

On Oct. 1, Bradford defeated visiting Hilliard 3-0 (25-11, 25-9, 25-13).

DeKorver led the team in kills with nine, while Burkhalter, Johnson and Roberts each had five.

Cole and Phillips each had a team-high nine digs, with Phillips also recording 17 assists.

Weigh and Burkhalter had eight and seven digs, respectively, while Sheppard had five.

Barrington, DeKorver, Griffin, Johnson and Roberts had two blocks each, while Burkhalter and Johnson each had three aces.

Bradford concluded the regular season this past Monday with a match at Fort white and will next compete in the District 4-3A tournament. Seedings and matchups weren't known by deadline.

## Keystone volleyball team sweeps Hawthorne

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Keystone Heights High School's volleyball team defeated visiting Hawthorne 3-0 (25-9, 25-11, 25-8) on Oct. 6, improving to 15-8.

Stats were unavailable by deadline.

The Indians went 1-1 in their two previous matches.

On Sept. 30, they lost 3-0 (25-17, 25-22, 25-23) to visiting Newberry, getting 11 kills from Mia Rivera and 10 kills and 10 digs from Kadence Massey.

Kaleigh Marquart had 28 assists, while Rachel Blank and Bella Cumbo each had six digs.

Mackenzie Castevecchi had two blocks.

Keystone bounced back for a 3-1 (25-21, 25-19, 25-27, 25-22) win at Palatka on Oct. 2.

Rivera had 22 kills, eight digs and two blocks, while Massey had 15 digs, nine kills and five aces.

Castevecchi added five kills, while Cumbo had 12 digs.

Marquart recorded 38 assists, while Kaylyn Chapman had two blocks.

The Indians played Interlachen this past Tuesday and were scheduled to end the regular season at Clay on Wednesday, Oct. 8, at 7 p.m.

Keystone will play in the District 5-3A tournament next week. Seedings and matchups weren't known by deadline.

## Union County volleyball team gets 3-0 win over Dixie Co.

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
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Union County High School's volleyball team won its fourth match in a row with a 3-0 (25-10, 25-14, 25-19) victory over visiting Dixie County on Oct. 6.

Stats were unavailable by deadline.

The streak began with a 3-1 (23-25, 25-11, 25-18, 25-23) win over visiting Keystone Heights on Sept. 25.

Indi Knox had 16 kills and 12 digs, while Morgan Smith had 11 kills. Jailyn Simmons and Mallory Waugh added nine and eight kills, respectively, with Simmons also recording three service aces and Waugh recording 12 assists, 11 digs and four blocks.

Abby Williams led the team in assists with 25. She also had 10 digs and four aces.

Bella Johns had a team-high 24 digs to go along with three aces.

Bayley Staier had 14 digs and five aces.

On Sept. 29, Union defeated visiting Newberry 3-1 (18-25, 25-12, 25-18, 25-19), getting eight kills each from Knox, Simmons, Smith and Waugh.

Knox led the team in digs with 23, while Johns had 22. The Tigers also got 15 digs from Staier, 13 digs from Waugh, 11 digs from Williams and nine digs from Simmons.

Williams had 20 assists and three aces, while Waugh added seven assists.

Johns and Simmons each had

three aces, while Simmons also had three blocks.

The Tigers defeated visiting Bell 3-0 (25-21, 25-18, 25-23) on Sept. 30. Stats were unavailable by deadline.

Union (16-7) played Baker County this past Tuesday and will end the regular season with a road match against Bell on Thursday, Oct. 9, at 6:30 p.m., following a junior varsity match at 5:30 p.m.

The Tigers will next play in the District 6-Rural tournament. Seedings and matchups weren't known by deadline.

## Charlie Zink is medalist for Bradford in win over Keystone

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
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Bradford High School's Charlie Zink placed first as the Tornadoses defeated visiting Keystone Heights in boys golf on Oct. 2.

The Tornadoses had a team score of 168 to the Indians' 182.

Zink made par on seven holes to finish with a score of 38. He was four strokes ahead of teammate Avery Burgin, who had a birdie and made par on three holes in shooting a second-place score of 42.

Bradford's Steven Carter and Keystone's Baylor Ford tied for third. Each made par on four holes to finish with a score of 43.

The Indians' Landon Spence, who made par on three holes, shot a fifth-place score of 44, while the Tornadoses' Patrick Pendarvis, who made par on two holes, shot a sixth-place score of 45.

Bradford's Tucker Griffis and Keystone's Sammy Wach each shot a 47 to tie for seventh. Each made par on two holes.

Keystone teammates Will Begue and Jackson McDaniel each had a score of 48 to tie for

ninth. Begue made par on two holes, while McDaniel made par on one.

The Tornadoses' Mason Stone and the Indians' Nate Bardier finished 11th and 12th, respectively, with scores of 49 and 51. Stone made par on two holes, while Bardier made par on one.

Bradford entered the match off a pair of second-place finishes on Sept. 29 and Sept. 30.

The Tornadoses played Trinity Christian in Jacksonville on Sept. 29, finishing with a team score of 185, which left them trailing the Conquerors by five strokes.

Carter, who made par on four holes, shot a 42 to tie for second with Trinity's Brennan Bachtell. The duo finished one stroke behind medalist Zachary Hidalgo of Trinity.

Griffis, who made par on one hole, had a score of 47 to finish in a two-way tie for fourth.

Burgin and Pendarvis each shot a 48 to tie for sixth. Burgin made par on one hole.

Zink, who made par on two holes, had an eighth-place score of 49, while Stone, who made par on two holes, shot a 50 to finish in a two-way tie for ninth.

On Sept. 30, Bradford hosted Middleburg and Trinity Christian. Middleburg won the match with a score of 155, while Bradford and Trinity had scores of 159 and 167, respectively.

Zink, who made par on seven holes, had a score of 38 to tie for second with Middleburg's Logan Wahlstrom. The duo finished two strokes behind medalist Colton Taylor of Middleburg.

Carter and Griffis each shot a 40 to tie for sixth. Carter made par on six holes, while Griffis made par on five.

Burgin had a score of 41 to finish in a two-way tie for eighth. He had a birdie and made par on four holes.

Pendarvis, who made par on five holes, finished in a three-way tie for 10th with a score of 42.

Stone made par on three holes and shot a 15th-place score of 48.

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# Camp Blanding Museum C-47 looking good as new

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
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An airplane on the grounds of the Camp Blanding Museum and Memorial Park can no longer fly, but it looks as if it just rolled off the assembly line, thanks to Herb Sellers of Kingsley Lake and local painter Steve Rodriguez and his company, Steve's Painting.

Sellers donated \$9,000 to the Camp Blanding Museum to fund the restoration of a C-47 Skytrain. For him, it was much more personally than simply wanting to give new life to a piece of history. Sellers' father, also named Herb, jumped from a C-47 during the Normandy invasion on D-day. He was a member of the 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment.

"He was only 19 years when he jumped out," Sellers said of his father.

Sellers said his father, who passed away at the age of 71, didn't think he'd even make it to the ground due to heavy enemy fire.

"They said you could walk on the tracers," Sellers said. "Forty percent in his group that jumped out didn't make it to the ground. They dropped them 5 miles off target."

Sellers said his father was one of the people instrumental in obtaining the plane for Camp Blanding. It was carried in three pieces by helicopter from Alabama.

That was more than 30 years ago. Weather and time took their toll on the plane.

"This thing was a mess. A total mess," Sellers said.

The job was like no other Rodriguez had worked in his 32 years as a painter.

"It was the neatest thing," Rodriguez said, adding, "I enjoyed doing it."

Rodriguez said he looked up planes from the World War II era on his phone in the attempt to get the color of paint just right. He and his crew also painted the



**Herb Sellers stands next to the C-47 at the Camp Blanding Museum and Memorial Park. Sellers, whose father jumped out of a C-47 during the invasion of Normandy on D-Day, donated the money to have the plane cleaned and painted.**

stars and stripes on the plane's body and wings.

"It turned out really great," Rodriguez said.

Sellers' friend and fellow Kingsley Lake resident Dub Murphree concurred.

"He actually painted the inside of the engines on the front to make them look like working engines," Murphree said. "What a nice job he did there. It's just really amazing."

People viewing the plane used to be able to hear a recording made by Sellers' father. The device that played the recording quit working, but plans are to repair it. Sellers again provided the necessary funds.

Sellers' father made the recording at the age of 68. It begins with some facts about the plane itself: "This aircraft is the Douglas DC-3. The Army

version is the C-47, and the Navy version is the R4D. In the Army, during World War II, it was used extensively for carrying cargo, passengers and in combat towing gliders, dropping paratroopers and for resupply. The 508th Parachute Regiment that trained at Camp Blanding was dropped in training and combat from the C-47."

The recording then provides some details about the 508th, which was formed at Camp Blanding in October 1942. It went to Fort Benning, Georgia, for jump qualification, with Sellers' father noting that 99 percent qualified.

The regiment moved to North Carolina and Tennessee before traveling to Camp Shanks, New York. It embarked from Staten Island on Dec. 28, 1943, aboard the James Parker transport ship.

After a short stay in Northern Ireland, the 508th went to Nottingham, England, to prepare for the invasion of Normandy.

Sellers' father states in the recording that the 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment's 14th jump was into Normandy "near the Merderet and Douve rivers, which were flooded over their banks by the Germans." The recording goes on to note that the regiment's 15th jump — also a combat jump — was into Holland and that the 508th "never failed to reach its objectives, nor gave any ground to the enemy."

The regiment was committed to combat 18 months after its activation at Camp Blanding. It was committed to 180 of the 335 total combat days in Europe after the Normandy invasion.

Eleven months after it was committed to combat, the war in Europe was over.

Sellers' father then describes what the scene was like for paratroopers aboard a C-47 heading for Normandy's Cotentin Peninsula. The only light that early morning came from tracers from the 100 or more machine guns on land. Flak bursts were everywhere. The plane, which is at about 450 feet, is slowing, pitching and yawing.

At about 450 feet, plane is slowing and pitching and yawing.

The recording recounts the jump master's words: "Men, this is what we've trained for. I wish you all godspeed, and I'll see you on the ground. Stand up and hook up. Sound off for equipment check."

Following the equipment check, the jump master says, "Follow me. Diablo!"

"Diablo" was the battle cry for the 508th, which was nicknamed the "Red Devils."

After playing the recording for a Telegraph-Times-Monitor journalist, Sellers, with tears in his eyes, said, "It still stirs my heart."

"Can you imagine jumping out

with 80 pounds of equipment on you in the darkness, and you're only 450 feet above the ground? You're hoping that parachute is going to open," Sellers said.

With admiration in his voice, Rodriguez said, "I've got to give it to those guys for being so young at the time, so far away from home."

Then, looking at the C-47 he and his crew worked on, Rodriguez added, "It's pretty neat to know that's what they jumped out of."

Sellers is appreciative of Rodriguez's efforts and thankful for Murphree being a "facilitator" in getting Rodriguez involved. Murphree knew Rodriguez, who had done some work for him.

The job on the plane isn't completely done. Murphree said Camp Blanding has someone who will re-canvas the control

surfaces — ailerons, elevators and rudder — which will then be painted by Rodriguez.

Then, Sellers' main mission will be complete, but he'd love to see the C-47 project lead to other restoration projects on the memorial park, which also includes various World War II-era tanks, trucks and artillery weapons as well as monuments. Sellers said he plans to contact various veterans' groups about possibly sponsoring such projects.

The Camp Blanding Museum and Memorial Park are located right inside Blanding's main gate (5629 S.R. 16 West). The museum's hours are noon-4 p.m. daily.

Admission to the museum is free, but donations are appreciated.



**These two photos show how the plane looked before cleaning and painting and how it looks today.**

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### BHS' Fuhrman is 1st against KHHS in Oct. 2 golf match

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
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Bradford High School hosted Keystone Heights High School in a girls golf match on Oct. 2, with the Tornadoes' Alexis Fuhrman earning medalist honors.

Fuhrman, who made par on one hole, finished with a score of 47, putting her eight strokes ahead of second-place finisher Rebecca Binet of Keystone.

The Tornadoes' Sarah Rantz took third with a score of 59.

Keystone's Jillian Huntley and Jasmine Walls placed fourth and fifth, respectively, with scores of 66 and 69, while teammate Ila

Miller had a sixth-place score of 74.

The Indians had a team score of 264.

Bradford doesn't have a full team, with Fuhrman and Rantz being the Tornadoes' only players.

### Warriors down Indians 52-0

BY MELANIE CRABTREE  
Special to the Telegraph-Times-Monitor

West Nassau took a 34-0 lead into halftime and tacked on 18 after intermission, sending the Keystone Heights High School football team home from Callahan with a 52-0 loss on Oct. 3.

The Warriors (7-1) scored first, with Andi Atazia running the

ball for a touchdown and kicker Gavin Velazquez sealing the extra point.

West Nassau's Chris Messer, Avery Griffin, Smo Green, and Cameron Johns reached paydirt before halftime, and Velazquez punched three more extra points through the uprights, giving the Warriors a 34-0 lead.

The only blemishes in the home team's offense were three missed extra points.

Johns, Levi Ansley and Blaine Coker continued the Warriors' touchdown blitz in the second half.

Keystone Head Coach Steve Reynolds emphasized effort over the scoreboard, saying that despite the game's outcome, he appreciated the passion and hard work his players exhibited.

"Even though the team is young, their passion to learn the sport, to compete and to earn a

victory as a team continues to grow," Reynolds said. "Victories are not given; you have to earn them."

Reynolds added that the team would continue to learn from its mistakes, fix them and work hard every day.

Quarterback Hunter Crumpton led the Indian ground game with 64 yards on 32 carries. He also completed one pass to Luke Bacorn for 6 yards.

Defensively, Trase Wooden, Pete Bostic and Josiah Bardier each had two tackles. Bacorn, Caleb Alvers, Coy Campbell, Logan Madden-Moore, Connor Mooneyham and Micah Screen all notched one stop.

The Indians (0-6) celebrate homecoming on Friday, Oct. 10, when they host District 5-2A opponent Santa Fe (4-2) at 7:30 p.m.

### UCHS

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performers, resulting in a sight to see as more than 200 took to the field to celebrate homecoming. The senior class was announced as the winner of the skit competition, with the sophomores taking second, the juniors third and the freshmen fourth. First place in the parade float competition went to the juniors, followed by the sophomores in second, freshmen in third and seniors in fourth. The seniors won the spirit competition, with

the juniors finishing in second, the sophomores in third and the freshmen in fourth.

Zarephath received the second-half kickoff, with Union's defense getting a third-down sack from Erick Lasseter that forced the Eagles to punt.

A good punt return by Jeffrey Brugh put the Tigers at their own 42. The offense, aided by a personal-foul penalty, moved the ball, with Ivey eventually taking the ball around left end for a 5-yard touchdown with 2:42 left in the third quarter. Merriex completed a pass to Brugh on the two-point conversion, making the score 22-16.

The Eagles' air attack struck again as Zarephath scored on an 85-yard play to go up 28-16. The two-point conversion attempt failed.

Union's defense turned it up a few notches in the fourth quarter, getting stops from Lasseter, Edward Durant and Wyatt Elixson.

With 6:15 left in the game, Ivey twisted and turned his way into the end zone for his third touchdown. Brugh added the PAT to leave the Tigers trailing 28-23.

The Tigers had a chance late

when Durant, getting an assist from Elixson, blocked a punt, which allowed the Union offense to take over at the Zarephath 40-yard line. Despite several penalties against the Eagles that kept the drive, the Tigers couldn't get the ball into the end zone to pull out a victory.

Union has a bye and will return to action on Friday, Oct. 17, when it travels to Ocala to play Trinity Catholic at 7 p.m. Trinity, which will have a bye this week, too, is 2-4 and in the midst of a four-game losing streak.

## BMS wins SMAC

Bradford Middle School capped a 7-0 season by winning the Suwannee Middle Athletic Conference championship trophy with a 30-18 win over Baker County on Oct. 7 in Starke. Please see next week's print issue for complete coverage. A complete story will also be posted later this week at [www.BCTelegraph.com](http://www.BCTelegraph.com).

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