

Bradford County Telegraph

USPS 062-700 — Starke, Florida

Thursday, Nov. 14, 2024

146th year, 18th Issue — \$1

Tiger's Den preschool on the chopping block

School board eyes \$600,000 deficit

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
dan@bctelegraph.com

Facing a budget shortfall of over \$600,000, Union County School Board members began considering a wide range of budget cuts during a Nov. 5 workshop, including shutting down the district's preschool, The Tiger's Den.

Finance Director Renee Prevatt told school board members that the district had lost over \$3.5 million in fund balance over the past few years because of state-mandated salary increases without corresponding revenue increases.

Superintendent Mike Ripplinger said the district has already

implemented a hiring freeze and is carefully evaluating the need to replace retiring personnel.

Prevatt also presented school board members with the impacts of other possible cuts, including reducing summer hours for district personnel, reducing paper and copying costs, eliminating one health benefit the district pays for employees, cutting a cell phone stipend the district provides to some workers, and asking sports teams, parents, or community organizations to help pay for transportation to extracurricular activities.

Ripplinger told board members he could save around \$100,000 a year by reducing the summer hours of district employees. He added that the district pays around \$334,000 a year for summer work, and unlike the regular school year, the state does not



pay FTE money for students attending summer school.

However, with annual losses of around \$230,000, the district-operated childcare is a significant target for board members seeking to eliminate the district's deficit.

Prevatt said that Federal COVID money had reduced the Tiger's Den losses over the past few years, but that funding has run out.

Prevatt told board members that if they implemented all the cuts she

outlined in her report, the district would still have a \$46,000 deficit.

She added that the board needs to start making decisions about budget cuts in January to realize the needed savings.

Ripplinger added that if the board chose to cut summer hours, employees should be notified as soon as possible so that those who rely on summer income could adjust their household budgets accordingly.

See TIGER'S, page 4



WORTH NOTING

GardenFest returns to Starke

GardenFest is a one-day program, open to the public, with presentations on a wide range horticultural and environmental subjects. It's a time of learning, sharing and making friends with those who have a common interest in gardening and conservation.

On Friday, Nov. 15, GardenFest will be held at the Gov. Charley E. Johns Conference Center in Starke. In addition to a variety of speakers, the garden clubs of District IV will be selling items of interest to gardeners, including plants. The event runs from 9 a.m. to 2:40 p.m. The registration fee of \$20 (\$25 at the door) includes morning refreshments and beverages. Attendees are asked to bring their own lunch and coffee cup.

Master Gardeners can earn 4 CEUs for attending.

For more information, contact Pat Caren 352-339-3673 or pmrc423@gmail.com.

Fall Market Friday and Saturday

The Woman's Club of Starke's second annual Fall Market will take place this Friday and Saturday, Nov. 15 and 16, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Woman's Club, 201 N. Walnut Street in Starke. Come enjoy rummaging through past treasures and visiting with local vendors to find the perfect holiday gifts — crafts, wreaths, candles, clothing, jewelry and more.

Hometown Grounds will be providing food and drinks for purchase.

Fairgrounds food distribution

A communitywide food distribution hosted by Feeding Northeast Florida and True Vine Ministry will take Tuesday, Nov. 19, at 9 a.m. at the Bradford County Fairgrounds.

Food boxes often include fresh produce, deli and bakery items, dairy and some meats. Inventory is subject to availability. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Honoring and helping vets who paid the cost for freedom

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
cliff@bctelegraph.com

Veterans exemplified sacrifice and service in helping their country. Now, it's the country's turn to help them.

Retired Maj. John Crews spoke about how some American veterans struggle after their time of service during the Jones-Langford-White American Legion Post 56 Veterans Day ceremony on Nov. 11 at Starke's Charles J. Schaefer Veterans Memorial Park.

Crews, who is Post 56 adjutant as well as JROTC instructor for Bradford High School, said freedom and liberty have a cost that is often in the form of blood and tears.

"All of us who have had to go to faraway lands to defend our collective ideals, to defend our way of life, know the toll it takes and the destruction it can cause, both to the enemy and to those of us who return," Crews said.



Retired Maj. John Crews

Crews said the Stop Soldier Suicide website reports that veterans are at a 72-percent higher risk for suicide and that suicide is the second-leading cause of death for veterans under the age of 25. He added that an America's Warrior Partnership/Duke University study indicates that the number of suicides by veterans is underreported.

"As veterans, we have to stay together to help our fellow veterans, especially those of the younger generation of war fighters," Crews said. "The military and the VA are failing to help solve these issues."

That's where organizations such as American Legion, Veterans of Foreign War, Disabled American Veterans and AMVETS come in, Crews said, explaining that they're safe places for veterans to talk to other veterans — people who share the "sacred brotherhood of commitment and service."

However, Crews said the sad news is that many of these organizations are dying because of lack of membership and society's lack of concern in supporting them.

"These groups are in existence to help veterans talk through their troubles and cultivate emotional support for one another," Crews said, adding, "It is my belief that if we can reach out to our fellow veterans — especially the Global War on Terrorism in Iraq and Afghanistan war veterans — and help them through their wartime traumas, perhaps, just perhaps, we can stem the flow of veterans' suicide and reduce the amount of societal anxiety almost all of us experience when we come home and our time in service has ended. In some cases, these organizations and the services they provide to others may be the only thing keeping folks alive."

See VETS, page 2

Starke withholds economic investment for further answers

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
mark@bctelegraph.com

There is still no consensus among Starke city commissioners to join the Northeast Florida Economic Development Corporation.

Commissioner Bob Milner, who recently rejoined the city commission, has worked with the still relatively new economic development board and urged the commission to place investment in the corporation on last week's agenda. Following that discussion, the issue was tabled. Although commissioners expressed support for the corporation's work, there were still questions about its goals and how the city fits in.

Amber Shepherd, the corporation's strategic alliance business partner, visited the commission in June to introduce herself and the organization, and to request Starke's participation. Municipal membership is \$10,000. The funding supports the corporation's goal to market the area and recruit business to move here, providing jobs

and expanding both the economy and tax base.

Northeast Florida Economic Development Corporation is a private nonprofit and has replaced the Bradford County Development Authority, which was a publicly appointed board. The corporation has declared its mission "to benefit the community by increasing employment opportunities and the establishment and expansion of business and industry."

It says it will do so by encouraging public-private partnerships, coordinating planning and development, leveraging resources, and providing and developing leadership for economic and development activities, as well as any other community development activities it deems a priority. The corporation serves Bradford and Union counties, as well as small portions of other counties, including Alachua, Clay and Putnam.

The response from Starke months after that June meeting has

been no response. Although city administrators were invited to attend the closed board meetings, investment wouldn't buy the city a position on the board of directors. Starke would have a seat at the table, participate in the conversation, but would not have a vote.

That was a sticking point for commissioners in June and remained one with the conversation resumed Nov. 5. Patricia Evans with Capital City Bank and a director on the economic development corporation asked for the commission's financial support.

"Your contribution would make a direct impact on our ability to attract businesses, support local entrepreneurs and bring meaningful opportunities right here to our region," she said.

Commissioner Milner, who did have a seat on the board of directors prior to taking office, supports the organization and tried to explain why it is necessary that they operate out of

the Sunshine.

"As far as expansion of current business, bringing in new business, bringing in new employees, the EDC is able to do things that government cannot do. Very simply, because when I was on there, all I can tell you is there are people meeting with not only with Amber, but with the board, and if any word of it gets out, they're gone. And that's unfortunate, but that's the way business is done by private business," Milner said.

From the corporation's perspective, the privacy of its conversations with businesses and developers is essential. They say businesses require it. Having those conversations in public could jeopardize discussions developers are having in other counties. So, when it comes time for the board of directors to discuss and take a vote, everyone is asked to leave.

That being the case, Milner said the city has a lot to gain from membership

See ANSWERS, page 4

Help us provide families with joy and happiness this Thanksgiving!



TITAN CHEVROLET
Under New Ownership!



1018 N Temple Avenue, Starke, FL 32091
www.titanchevy.com
(904) 964-7500

Drop off canned goods and non-perishables at Titan Chevrolet in Starke, FL.

NOT JUST A DEALERSHIP, BUT A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY!





Jones-Langford White American Legion Post 56 Commander Norman Dowdy (left) and Bradford High School JROTC Cadet Ezra Green are pictured during the national anthem. Green provided the prayer that followed.

VETS
Continued from page 1

out. Join, participate, donate your time and continue to fight for what is right for all of us.”

Crews, after being introduced by Post 56 Commander Norman Dowdy, began his talk by clearing up the confusion that “many of us, including veterans” have distinguishing between Veterans Day and Memorial Day.

“Memorial Day honors dead service members who gave the ultimate sacrifice, while Veterans

Day celebrates those who survived and continue to serve our country, honoring those who defend us against our enemies, both foreign and domestic, defending us against threats to our republic and our way of life,” Crews said.

The ceremony also consisted of Boy Scouts Troop 70 Scoutmaster David Lee recognizing Hunter Ruble for attaining the rank of Eagle — the highest rank in Scouting. Lee said being able to put the fact you’ve attained the Eagle rank on a job application lets a potential employer know that you are one who can set a

goal and then strive to attain it.

Ruble is the fifth Scout under Lee who’s attained the rank.

“Let me tell you about Eagle,” Lee said. “It’s hard. It’s not a gimme. He worked hard for it like the other four.”

Ruble assisted Bradford High School JROTC cadets in a ceremony in which several U.S. and state flags — including the U.S. flag at Charles Schaefer Veterans Memorial Park — were retired.

“The flag, when it is in such a condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way — preferably by burning,” JROTC Cadet Noah Stoerh said. “As you can tell, our current flag flying today has seen its fair share and has done its duty for our country, county and citizens. Today, we will retire it — and several others — with the dignity and respect it deserves as

a symbol of our great country.”

As cadets cut flags into pieces for incineration, Stoerh said, “The U.S. flag is more than just some brightly colored cloth. It is a symbol of our nation. Seven red stripes and six white stripes — together, they represent the original 13 colonies that gained us liberty.

“The red stripes remind us of the lifeblood of brave men and women who were ready to die for their country.

“The white stripes remind us of purity and cleanliness of purpose, thought, word and deed.

“The blue is for truth and justice, like the eternal blue of the star-filled heavens.

“The stars represent the 50 sovereign states of our union.

“The U.S. flag should be treated with respect when it’s flying and should be treated with respect when it’s being retired. The American Creed states: It is my duty to my country to love it, to respect its constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag and to defend it against all enemies.

“Therefore, we retire flags with dignity and respect when they become worn, torn, faded or badly soiled.

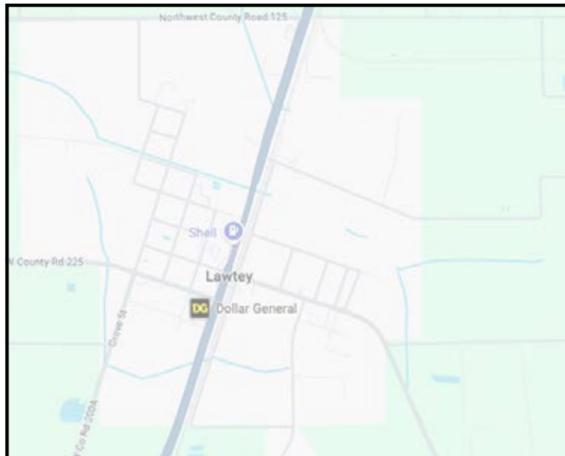
“A flag ceases to be a flag when it is cut into pieces.”

Stoerh noted that the blue, star-filled section is left intact “because no one should ever let



Presenting the colors are Bradford High School JROTC cadets (l-r) Taylor Touchton, Noah Stoehr, Melissa Harding and Nicholas Salazar.

the union be broken.”



Middleburg Road Park

The recreation department will hold its monthly meeting on

November 18th, 2024, at 6:00 pm

Held at city hall

The public is invited to attend and address their concerns regarding Middleburg Road Park.

Beautiful things happen when citizens and government work together!



Bradford High School JROTC Cadet Noah Stoehr talks about how flags are retired in accordance to the U.S. Flag Code.



Bradford High School JROTC cadets (l-r) Rebecca Wall, Karan Shifflet and Michael Hamilton cut a flag into strips so it can be incinerated as part of a retirement ceremony.



Bradford High School JROTC Cadet Ryan Jay salutes as pieces of a flag are incinerated as part of a retirement ceremony.



Nikita Narvab
Client Experience Manager



The best kind of facial recognition is face-to-face.

A smiling face helps open your phone and, at Capital City Bank, it helps open lasting relationships. We’re proud of our online banking and app, yet face-to-face is how we get to know you personally and match your financial needs with the best banking solutions. ccbgb.com.



More than your bank. Your banker.



Hunter Ruble, who was recognized by Boy Scouts Troop 70 Scoutmaster David Lee for recently attaining the rank of Eagle, assisted JROTC cadets in the flag-retirement ceremony.



Bradford High School JROTC Cadet Michael Hamilton raises a new U.S. flag at Charles Schaefer Veterans Memorial Park as Rebecca Wall (foreground), a fellow cadet, salutes.

Church turns 50

Believer’s Worship Center will celebrate its 50th anniversary on Sunday, Nov. 17, at 10 a.m. with guest speaker Bishop Rocky McKinley and worship with The Reflections. Lunch will be served following the service. The church is located at 8736 S.R. 26 in Melrose.

Bingo for education

Bradford Communities for Schools will host Bingo Night at the Downtown Grill on Monday, Nov. 18, from 5:30 to 7 p.m., sponsored by 12 Guys in Bow Ties, 12 Girls in Pearls. Ten games for \$20. Last game is blackout for cash prize. Food and beverage sales will also benefit the Communities for Schools.

Democrats to meet Nov. 18

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, the Bradford County Democratic Party will meet early this month, on Monday, Nov. 18, at 7 p.m. All registered Democrats are welcome and encouraged to attend. The meeting will be held at Capital City Bank, U.S. 301 North, in the conference room. For further information, please contact bradfordcodec@gmail.com.

Curtis A. “Lex” Sanders
Attorney at Law



- Personal Injury
- Divorce and Family
- Bankruptcy
- Criminal Law
- Auto Accidents
- Real Estate
- Traffic/DUI
- Wills, Trusts, Probate
- Estate Planning

(904) 964-4111

407 W. Georgia St. • Starke

The hiring of a lawyer is an important decision that should not be based solely upon advertisements. Before you decide, ask us to send you information about our qualifications and experience.

NOTICE OF CERTIFICATION OF TAX ROLL

PURSUANT TO SECTION 193.122(2)(3), FLORIDA STATUTES, KENNY CLARK, PROPERTY APPRAISER FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, HEREBY GIVES NOTICE TO ALL TAXPAYERS AND OWNERS OF BOTH REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY THAT THE 2024 BRADFORD COUNTY TAX ROLLS HAVE BEEN EXTENDED TO SHOW THE TAX ATTRIBUTABLE TO ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY AND THAT SAID TAX ROLLS WERE CERTIFIED FOR COLLECTION TO THE TAX COLLECTOR ON November 7th, 2024.

KENNY CLARK
PROPERTY APPRAISER



Teaching them about service

Bradford Elementary School shared news of a recent pre-Veterans Day visit from Clayton Riddick, father of Westin Riddick. He gave students in Natalie Whytsell's class a lesson on the U.S. military with a discussion on values like bravery. Students enjoyed trying on gear, watching videos of Riddick parachuting and then going outside and tossing their own toy parachutes, a gift to remember this special visit.



What goes up must come down.



Westin Riddick with his dad, Clayton.



Clayton Riddick helps Lee Cruger suit up.



Geared up from a great visit: (l-r) Kentzie Knipp, Braelyn Kane, Blake Carter and Kingston Strickland.

Career bridged military and law enforcement

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
dan@bctelegraph.com

U.S. Coast Guard Petty Officer Second Class Dillon Chance Bailey addressed Union County High School's Veteran's Day Ceremony.

Bailey, a member of Union County High School's 2012 State Championship baseball team, said the experience taught him about teamwork and resiliency, which he carried over to his military career.

The Coast Guard officer recounted some of his assignments in the service, including counternarcotics operations with Haitian immigrants, search and rescue missions for the El Faro, a container ship that sank during Hurricane Joaquin in 2015, and taking part in 272 maritime law enforcement boardings.

Bailey said that the Coast Guard uniquely fills the roles of both the military and law enforcement.

He added that in his current role as a Jacksonville-based recruiter, he has helped 30 applicants chart a bright future for themselves by joining the Coast Guard.



U.S. Coast Guard Petty Officer Second Class Dillon Chance Bailey

Bailey also said he was proud to participate in the Lake Butler Rotary Club's effort to place over 400 crosses and flags on State Road 121, honoring Union County veterans.

"Each cross is more than a piece of wood," he said. "It represents a life that served often, sacrificing much for our freedoms."

Remember the families

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Dan@BcTelegraph.com

One of the speakers at the American Legion's Salute to Heroes ceremony at the Keystone Heights Theme Park said Veterans Day is a time to thank service members and appreciate their families.

Marine Veteran and Post 202 member Chip Nilsen said citizens should thank the wives, parents, and children of service members because they suffer long periods without their loved ones.

"Without my wife," he said, "without the people at home taking care of things here at home, you never would've been able to do it."

Nilsen served in the Marines from 1980 to 2001, serving in Haiti, Somalia, the Persian Gulf, Bosnia, Albania, and Kosovo.

He told the crowd that in 1880, his great-grandfather came to the U.S. from Germany and joined the Army, serving in the Spanish-American War.

The speaker also recounted relatives who fought in both World Wars, Korea and Vietnam. He added that one uncle did not return from Southeast Asia.

Mayor Nina Rodenroth, Army veteran Jim Harland, AMVETS Post 86 Commander John



Marine Veteran and Post 202 member Chip Nilsen. Also pictured in the background is 202 Commander George Owen.

Givens, Post 202 Commander George Owen, and Mike Plummer of Post 202 also spoke at the event.

Church of God food Market at Melrose distribution

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

The Market at Melrose Farmers and Crafts Sale takes place the second Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Mossman Hall in Melrose, 310 S.R. 26. The market features local artists, homemade crafts, one-of-a-kind gifts, a farmers market, plants and animals.

To become a vendor, reach out to "Grumpa Curtis" on Facebook.



Thank You District 1!

Thanks for your vote of confidence. To God be the glory for our victory. I look forward to continuing to work to make District-1 and Bradford County a better place to live. I wish to thank everyone who supported, prayed for me and encouraged me during this process. I thank my opponent and his family for showing civility and courtesy during this election process and I wish him well. May God continue to bless everyone as we all work together for the good of our community. We are one community, Bradford County strong! 🙏❤️

Carelyn Brown Spooner

Paid political advertisement, paid for by Carolyn Brown Spooner, Democrat for Bradford County Commissioner-District 1

Brannan will head Judiciary Committee

Recently reelected Rep. Chuck Brannan will head up the Florida House of Representatives Judiciary Committee.

Upon the announcement this week, Brannan released the following statement:

"I am humbled and honored to have the confidence of incoming House Speaker Daniel Perez and be selected for the House Leadership Team for 2024 - 2026. I am also excited for my new role as Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee dealing with civil and criminal justice issues. With 30+ years in law enforcement as a former deputy U.S. marshal, deputy sheriff, and longtime chief investigator for the Baker County Sheriff's Office, I have a unique perspective and practical experience in the workings of the court system. My life has literally been spent on the courthouse block in public service.

"This will be my fourth chairmanship since being elected to the legislature in 2018 having previously served as Gaming Regulation sub-chairman, Criminal Justice and Public Safety Policy sub-chairman, and Justice Appropriations sub-chairman. I believe these last four years of subcommittee chairmanships in these areas have prepared me well for the role of overall Judiciary chair.

"There are 120 members of the Florida House and it is indeed humbling to be selected for this nine member House Leadership Team. Since first running for the legislature in 2018, I promised

my constituents I would be a leader in Tallahassee for them, not a back bencher. I pledge to continue to be out front for our constituents by building relationships with fellow House members, promoting sound Judiciary policy, continuing to make Florida a law and order state, putting aside reserves to pay down debt, balancing our budget, keeping our overall fiscal house in order, and also keeping our state and environment clean. All of this with the goal to make Florida a better place to live and work. God bless the great state of Florida!"

D.R. BAKER CONSTRUCTION

CBC1258123

Custom Homes and Remodels

Dalton R. Baker
Owner

352-266-8587

daltonbaker@gmail.com
www.drbakerconstruction.com

<p>THE ORIGINAL BRADFORD • UNION • CLAY COUNTIES</p> <h3>REGIONAL CHURCH DIRECTORY</h3> <p>Supported by Nearby Local Businesses, Services & Merchants who encourage you to</p> <p>Worship in the house of the Lord... Somewhere this week!</p>		
<p>JBS JACKSON BUILDING SUPPLY</p> <p>"I am the way, the truth & the life. No one comes to the Father but through me" John 14:6</p> <p>Starke 904-964-6078 Lake Butler 386-496-3079</p>	<p>R ROBERTS INSURANCE</p> <p>EXPERIENCE, SERVICE & GREAT RATES</p> <p>Starke Keystone Heights Middleburg Lake Butler</p> <p>904.964.7826 352.473.7299 904.282.7655 386.496.3411</p> <p>www.georgerobertsins.com</p>	<p>Bryan's ACE Hardware</p> <p>Starke 904-964-4642 Melrose 352-475-2400 Keystone Hts 352-473-4006</p>
<p>Southland Surveying & Mapping, Inc.</p> <p>Professional land surveying and mapping services since 1975</p> <p>www.SouthlandSurvey.com</p> <p>386-496-3107 Licensed AL, FL, GA</p>	<p>A NAME YOU HAVE COME TO KNOW AND TRUST</p> <p>Ferreira Funeral Services</p> <p>Starke Funeral Home Chapel 904-964-5757 Lake Butler Chapel 386-496-1400</p>	<p>FOUNDATION CHURCH</p> <p>200 N. Walnut St. • Starke</p> <p>(904) 964-6864 foundationchurch.cc info@foundationchurch.cc</p>
<p>JONES-GALLAGHER FUNERAL HOME</p> <p>Distinguished Caring Service for Over 50 Years</p> <p>Joe Gallagher - Owner</p> <p>Starke 904-964-6200 Keystone Heights 352-473-3176</p>	<p>Starke Lake Butler</p> <p>DLPbank Interlachen</p>	<p>Rev. Diane M. Wilson Pastor</p> <p>First Presbyterian Church of Starke 821 E. Call Street Starke, FL 32081</p> <p>"With God All Things Are Possible" Matthew 19:26</p> <p>Email: info@firstpresstarke.org DWilson@firstpresstarke.org Phone: 352-466-9327 Cell: 352-966-1221</p>
<p>Clay Electric Cooperative, Inc.</p> <p>Competitive Rates, non-profit, right here in your community</p> <p>A "Touchdown Energy" Cooperative</p> <p>Keystone District Office 352-473-4917 • clayelectric.com</p>	<p>After Church on Sunday Come to Powell's Dairy Freeze</p> <p>"Home of the Foot Long Steak"</p> <p>Stop by for Ice Cream on Wednesday Night!</p> <p>US 301 NORTH • STARKE, FL</p>	<p>Come Worship with us STARKE SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH</p> <p>Church • Saturday 11:00 a.m. School • Saturday 10:00 a.m. 1649 W. Madison St • Starke, FL</p>
<p>DOUGLAS BATTERY OF STARKE</p> <p>We rebuild starters, alternators, generators.</p> <p>Auto • Marine • Cycle Batteries</p> <p>407 N. Temple • 964-7911</p>	<p>REGIONAL OUTREACH HERE</p> <p>thousands weekly</p> <p>904.964.6305</p> <p>classads@bctelegraph.com</p>	<p>Morgan Road Baptist Church</p> <p>3784 NW CR 233 Starke</p> <p>Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday School 9:45am Sunday Evening Worship 6pm 964-4422 Wednesday Evening 7pm</p>

Armed with consultants, Bradford will consider future of planning services

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
mark@bctelegraph.com

Bradford County will be spoiled for choice when it comes to consultants for engineering and related services, including the possible replacement of North Central Florida Regional Planning Council's land planning services.

County commissioners approved a slate of nine companies, all of which responded to a request for qualifications for engineering and/or surveying and mapping services. After applications were received, reviewed and ranked, all were found to be responsive.

By entering a professional services contract with each, the county will be able to assign projects to the company best suited for the job, according to Commissioner Chris Dougherty.

The top ranked firms included CHW, which has had an ongoing contract with Bradford County. The others at the top with an average score above 90 points were North Florida Professional Services, Gresham Smith and Half. The other five were Kimley Horn, Ticoi, Mittauer and Associates, JBPro, and Team Fishel.

Their engagement was further discussed after the board declined to renew an agreement with the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council for

comprehensive services.

Confidence in the council's dedication to serving the county has been questioned before, but some on the board appealed for the council to be given another chance. The primary complaint was responsiveness — that the planning council didn't have the workforce to deal with local matters in timely manner. To maintain its agreement with Bradford County last year, the council also lowered its annual price to \$13,000.

County Manager Scott Kornegay has been in favor of a change.

"So that's something we need to consider as we move forward," Kornegay said when Dougherty asked that the agreement with the council be pulled from the consent agenda for further discussion. "I do know there's been some problems with the current planning council that we've just not been able to overcome. I know they lowered the price for us last year, and we were going to give them another year to for their performance to improve. ... (Zoning Director Randy Andrews) isn't here today, not to put words in his mouth, but he and I both believe that that we could do better."

Once specific example was a request from the commission for the council to draft changes to the land development code requiring new subdivisions to have paved

roads so no future neighborhoods are left with impassible dirt roads following storms. The county cannot spend public money to improve private roads, leaving residents to fend for themselves.

According to Kornegay, Andrews made the request months ago, but there has been no response from the council.

"That's one of the big hold ups, and there have been a couple others as well," he said.

Dougherty said the council, which services as the Gainesville Metropolitan Traffic Planning Organization, has also had issues complying with requests from the Florida Department of Transportation. One concerned the planning council's budget.

"The 80-20 rule basically means within their budget that they have to spend at least 80% of that funding. So within that funding, they were way low of that 80%, and part of that 80% could have been for them to be able to hire additional staff, which we all know that that's been an issue as far as response from the planning council and not having anybody there to answer any questions at any time," Dougherty said.

The discussion will be continued as Chairwoman Carolyn Spooner pointed out the issues with Alachua County were news to the rest of the board, and she didn't want to make an uninformed decision. But the

agreement with the council was pulled from the agenda.

The board did approve engaging with all nine engineering firms for ongoing services, with Kornegay saying commissioners could select one of them or all of them.

Spooner pointed out the scoring for many was very close, complicating the selection of just one. Dougherty moved to approve the entire list.

"We're going to find that some of these provide services that some others might not, and when it comes down to a particular project or anything that may apply to their particular discipline, then I think that, it's good to be able to just pull that book out of the library and say, 'Here's a company that does that service,' and we're ready to go. We're under contract with them, and we move forward," he said, adding he has worked with counties that have dozens of contracts with consultants they can call upon as needed.

There is no cost to the county for having these ongoing agreements. The county would only pay for services performed, one of which could be planning. Kornegay said he would look at which of the companies provide comprehensive planning services and bring that list back to the board for consideration.



Canova awarded for bringing funds, resources to BC schools

School Board Member Cheryl Canova, who also serves as president of the Bradford County Education Foundation, was recently recognized for work by the Consortium of Florida Education Foundations. According to the consortium, the Jim McKenzie Consortium Champion Award is presented annually to a local education foundation leader who exemplifies its values of collaboration, connection, leadership and excellence. Canova received the award for actively engaging with the consortium and sharing time and resources with colleagues. Her nomination for this year's award followed her engagement with the consortium over many years. "She has tapped into new resources and funding for Bradford County students and teachers offered by the consortium and eagerly shares their all-volunteer education foundation's best practices in fundraising and program work with colleagues across the state." See pg 13.

TIGER'S

Continued from page 1

31 jobs lost during 1999 crisis

During its last financial crisis, the school board was unaware of an approaching budget crunch and had difficulty making payroll.

In May 1999, state auditors discovered that the school district had a \$1.1 million deficit

for the 1998-1999 fiscal year and that a false accounting entry had covered up the overspending.

According to a grand jury report, then-Finance Director David Dose falsified an entry in the district's books, which recorded a \$1.2 million state grant that the district had never received and never applied for.

Dose told investigators that Superintendent Eugene Dukes directed him to make the entry, but Dukes denied the claim.

The grand jury declined to issue indictments resulting from the state attorney's investigation

but criticized the school board for a 10-year pattern of overspending. The panel also criticized the board for not acting on red flags signaled in audits over the previous decade.

The deficit resulted in the district cutting 31 jobs, including 12 teacher slots. The school board also agreed to a state-led recovery plan.

In his testimony before the grand jury, Dose described "years and years of not bad finances, but they were poor and getting worse," according to a news account.

Private operator possible

Ripplinger told the board that if the district stopped operating the daycare, one termination date might be June 30, 2025. He added that a private operator could be recruited to take over the childcare operation and pay the district rent for the building.

"Union County only has two, what I would call, official daycares," he said. "That's the Tigers Den and Little Rainbow's."

The superintendent added

that Union County parents need childcare operators.

"People have to go to work," he said. "So, me personally, if it's something that we're not going to continue, I would like to be able to find a replacement that could come in and continue to provide services to not only our employees but the people of Union County."

No bad decisions

The superintendent also emphasized that the district's financial condition is not because

of prior bad decisions.

"We're not here because of bad decisions," he said. "We are here in part because of our own successes, but we just simply don't have the revenues to continue to do all of the extras that we have been able to do."

Ripplinger acknowledged that some of the board's cuts will be unpopular. He added, however, that given the recent closure of the West Fraser sawmill and the loss of 130 jobs, the school board's actions will not have nearly such a negative impact.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

NEWSPAPERS CONNECT COMMUNITIES

74% of Americans believe it is important to have a local newspaper. Newspapers define the culture of a community.

Source: America's Newspapers 2023 Local Newspaper Study

Union County Times
Lake Region Monitor

Allow us to Reintroduce ourselves at our newly designed website:
www.BCTelegraph.com
read YOUR local tri-county area news online & mobile

ANSWERS

Continued from page 1

even without a seat on the board of directors.

Commissioner Janice Mortimer expressed support for economic development and said she would vote in favor in investing money in the corporation's work, adding that Shepherd was doing a phenomenal job. But she also had questions about what she said was a "transparency issue" in the way the corporation operates. Starke's investment would not guarantee it disclosure of what the EDC is working on or a role in decision making. The corporation alone deciding its priorities were a concern for her.

The corporation's literature states that government investors at the \$10,000 level will get benefits customized to their needs.

"I don't know what that means," Mortimer said. "Does that mean that there's going to be a formal arrangement, something in writing to say what we're going to get for our \$10,000? Does that mean you're going to work with city staff to determine what the needs and the desires of the city?"

Mortimer said a trip the corporation took to Washington, D.C., included county staff and a county commissioner, but the city was not included. Representation and a voice in the decision making is important to the city, she said.

Speaking of representation, Mortimer had also previously called out the lack of racial diversity on the board of directors. Since then, she said that has been corrected, but

the addition to the board of directors did not have a "vested interest" in Starke's economic development. There are no directors from the city of Starke, she said. She provided the names of two possible candidates, but they were never contacted.

There is overlap between the investors and those selected for the board of directors. The investor list includes primarily businesses, and some of those businesses are owned by board directors. Bradford County is the only government member. It does not have seat on the board, but County Manager Scott Kornegay attends meetings, and Drew Mullins and Jimmy Crosby with the city of Starke have been invited since day one, according to Milner.

Mortimer consulted attorney Scott Walker about the legality of the EDC's closed meetings as well as the legality of spending public funds with a private group. Walker said the corporation is listed as a private nonprofit and is not required to meet in the Sunshine as government is. It is also fine to make the donation if it can be shown to serve a public purpose. Starke has, for example, donated public funds to nonprofit groups supporting education, public health, recreation, etc.

"So, you could say, if we're going to provide this entity money, then you have to come back to us and show that the money has been used for a public purpose. Specifically, how did you use the money for economic development, or public private partnership or some kind of arrangement?" Walker said.

Mortimer said she needed those answers before she could vote to invest the requested funds. She asked for the issue to

be tabled.

Commissioner Scott Roberts echoed Mortimer's support for economic development, adding the problem has always been getting everyone on board. The corporation will have a "heck of a challenge" getting support from everyone, including "nonbusiness people."

"Really what we're talking about is relationships. Strengthen the relationship with us as a board," he said, referencing the corporation's existing bond with the county. "I don't want to speak for Commissioner Mortimer, but I think what she was saying is we don't feel a part of this yet."

The board voted 4-1 to table the discussion for another time, with Milner dissenting.

Milner questioned what more the EDC could do to convince the city commission, adding that the county involvement reflects the county's financial investment. Shepherd is already at work for the county, he said.

"The unfortunate thing is, the city of Starke has never, never — and I've lived here 53 years — had a single person working on economic development. That's not the chamber of commerce. Economic development is trying to bring jobs. Everybody wants jobs. Our staff can't do it, period, through no fault of their own. It's not a grant writing position, Mr. Mayor. It is a lot of work that goes into that EDC," Milner said.

Mayor Andy Redding said the other commissioners need more time.

"I think that the rest of the commissioners — and you may be up to speed more so than we are — is that we want to get full clarity on that. We want to get understanding as a stakeholder of what that entails, so we can be

fully invested in that as we move forward," he said.

EDC Director Dawn Strickland asked for specifics, saying Shepherd had already presented the corporation's purpose and goals to the commission. Mortimer clarified that the presentation was generalized and not specific to Starke.

Mayor Redding asked his fellow commissioners to communicate specific questions and concerns to staff so they can be communicated with the corporation and the corporation can provide answers.

Editor's note: Bradford County Telegraph is an investor in the Northeast Florida Economic Development Corporation.

Soil and water conservation board meets

The Bradford Soil and Water Conservation District will meet at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 19, at the Bradford County Extension Office, 2266 N. Temple Ave. in Starke. Filing a petition for an administrative hearing for the Chemours draft industrial wastewater permit FL 0000051 will be discussed.

Meetings are open to the public and can be attended in person or by Zoom. Contact Paul Still at 904-368-0291 or stillpe@aol.com for more information and the Zoom link.

McNeal replacing Tallman on Union County Commission

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Special to the Times

Some records will be set at the next meeting (Tues. Nov. 19, 2024) of the Union County Board of Commissioners when Melissa Dukes McNeal takes her seat, filling the board's District Three seat.

As far as the records go, she will be the first woman to fill that seat. Along with Donna Jackson (District One), she will be part of the first instance in which the board has had two female members.

Commissioners elected or reelected in the August Primary Election will all be sworn in at 2 p.m. in the board meeting room.



Melissa Dukes McNeal

McNeal said she is looking

forward to taking her place on the board. She had decided to run for the seat when she found out that the former holder of the District Three seat, veteran commissioner Jimmy Tallman, would not be running again.

"I knew Jimmy Tallman would be retiring and knew that with the changing times, I saw a need for someone to fill that seat who would work to preserve all the good things about our county — helping it grow and progress while staying true to our county's roots," McNeal said.

To prepare for her running for a position on the board, McNeal attended all of the meetings held in the past two years to learn the ropes and also to be informed of

issues she would be walking into the middle of, as well as allowing her to be mentally prepared for her new role. She said she plans to be a full participant in the conducting of county business as it comes before the board during her first year, but also to spend time learning and researching matters involved with her new position. She added that she had never served as an elected official before and wanted to be sure she learned the finer details of serving her constituents and other county residents.

McNeal said the county needs managed and planned growth, especially in job creation. She said that one of her concerns in this area was the careful location

of such businesses.

"Everywhere in the county is somebody's home, their backyard, and growth cannot be allowed to affect their quality of life and lifestyle," McNeal said.

The incoming commissioner, 34, is a seventh-generation Union County resident and a Union County High School graduate. She has been married to Tim for 15 years and has six children (three girls and three boys). She homeschools the children and owns a cut flower business, selling warm- and cool-season annuals. Her parents own and operate Dukes Family Farm adjacent to the flower farm, and McNeal also has duties in that operation.

Tim is a subcontractor and owner of Residential Window Solutions in Lake Butler. He installs and replaces windows and doors, primarily for the Pella Company but also for others.

McNeal said she is prepared for a busy schedule, adding her commission duties to her other responsibilities as a mother and entrepreneur. Still, she said meeting the needs of Union County voters will be her priority.

The McNeal family attends Harmony Free Will Baptist Church and Melissa and Tim are heavily involved in the church's youth programs. They are also active in Union County 4-H and county sports with their children.

Second annual Serve Day impacts community

BY AMBER J. CRAFT
Special to the Telegraph

Cross Church's second annual "Serve Day" descended upon Starke on Sunday, October 13th, with approximately 150 eager members spreading throughout the community seeking clean-up and service opportunities to make a difference through acts of service.

The members gathered at Cross Church for a short service and prayer before dispersing to various duties. The central theme echoed in the message was that Jesus came to serve others, not to be served. Therefore, the congregation was encouraged to enter the world and serve as Jesus did.



Auston McKenzie, Aubrianna Clark, Madi Bridgman



Brianna Velazquez, Ellen Reddish, Mellissa Reddish, Tina Gunger, with Starke Fire Rescue's Kelly Outlaw and Ashley Moore

Connecting with seniors

This is W.D. Beck's second year volunteering at Windsor Health and Rehabilitation Center with Cross Church. He believes it's essential to always make people feel like they matter and are not forgotten.

"We feel that we are not saved to be served, but to serve like Jesus did. So, we want to touch people, especially in places like this, because a lot of them don't even have visitors. A lot of them have families that could be living far away. We want them to feel the love and know that they're appreciated and worth something," Beck said.

With tensions rising in the country due to stressors like election politics, weather disasters, and other conflicts, Beck feels it's important to acknowledge the pain others are going through right now, especially our eldest citizens.

"People are hurting," he said. "We know that people are suffering right now. Well, these guys suffer daily, every week, every month, every year, and we just want to reach out and touch them. We just want to come and let them know that somebody is out there thinking about them. We want them to know they have not been forgotten."

Beck explained that there's also a surprising benefit when serving others.

"When you're doing something that the Lord has called you to do," he explained, "you feel like you're fulfilling not only his purpose, but he's fulfilling a purpose in your life because we need this as much as they need that."

Beck added that it isn't just the seniors that are affected. The children also benefit from seeing firsthand what a life of service can teach.

"Look at these little kids," he said. "They're learning something that they won't be taught anywhere else. And so yeah, we feel that purpose, and we want them to know that."

Free Car Wash

Cross Church's "The Way" youth group members coordinated a free car wash at DLP Bank in Starke. Participants showed energy flagging down passing cars to entice them to pull in and get a vehicle bath.

Luke Stucky, 18, has been involved for the past couple of years with Cross Church volunteering on the worship team, the production team, and leads a middle school small group of boys.

Stucky said he's drawn to serve in his church, particularly on Serve Day because he likes to



Brittney Davis, W.D. Beck, Blake Davis

give back to the community and make a difference.

"One of our key values is to go out and make a difference," he said. "And so, we like to dedicate this day to just going out in our community and serving all over the town in as many ways as we can."

Service for Stucky started young.

"God intervened in my life at a young age," he recalled, "and I just want to be more like him every day. And he loves people, and so he calls us to love our neighbors. So that's the best way I can do it."

Stucky said the biggest draw of being part of a church community is the love and support given without judgment.

"It's just the way that we love on each other and the way that we hold each other accountable, but to a level where we're not going to harp on you," he explained. "Because we all make mistakes and we're not perfect, and God knows that, and he loves us anyway. But just being able to have that small group of people who love you with all your mistakes and all your problems that you have going on, but they still accept you with open arms and point you towards where you need to go."

Rainbow Center Clean-up

David Burnett was in charge of power washing the Rainbow Center building. He emphasized the importance of serving within a supportive congregation.

"The biggest thing is community," he said. "I mean, all through everything, through the Bible, even when Jesus sent the disciples out, he sent them out two-by-two to be together, not be separated amongst everybody."

Burnett recognized that the larger the community, the more

chance there is to connect with others similar to oneself. From those connections, a shared rapport is born.

"Even with a church of 400 plus [people] every week, there's still so many people you meet. I mean, I've been going there since it started, and there's still people every week that continue to meet new people."

When asked what personal benefits he receives from serving, Burnett responded, "It's freeing for me. It's being able to get out and do something for somebody else and not expect anything out the other end."

Delivering Cookies to First Responders

Melissa Reddish, Brittany Bradley, Mallory Parkinson, Teegan Bradley, and their team stopped for a second before delivering cookies to the Starke Fire Department, the Bradford County Sheriff's Office, HCA Florida Starke Emergency, and other first responder organizations to give a reason why Serve Day was important to them.

"It's just to show the love of Jesus Christ to others, and just show them that maybe in their darkest times, that they can reach out to the Lord," Parkinson said.

Service 365

Justin Durrance, Executive Pastor of Cross Church, encouraged members to remember that service can happen every day of the year over and above Serve Day.

"That's where we really encourage our small groups to see where there's a need and to meet them. Not just on this day, but any day, just to be out in the community."

Durrance also shared that the church's approach to meeting

new people is to connect first.

"Rather than just bombarding people with Jesus and the Gospel," he suggested, "let's first build a relationship through acts of service or kindness, and then we can share the Gospel with them."

After the Service Day activities, volunteers met back at Cross Church for lunch and fellowship time.

The sentiment stated repeatedly on this day was that anyone is welcome to join the Serve Day events or attend any weekly service.

"We see lots of different people with different backgrounds that are coming. Some who have rough backgrounds, some who have some church hurt. Maybe they weren't treated well in the past. And they're coming,

and they're seeing something different, which is what we want," Durrance said. "We're seeing younger people come. We're seeing some with just varying backgrounds and stories, but they're able to come find community and hear the Gospel. And you know, that's what we want."

NOTICE

DR-529
R. 12/09
Rule 12D-16.002
Florida Administrative Code

TAX IMPACT OF VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD

Bradford County Tax Year

Members of the Board						
Honorable	Kenny Thompson		Board of County Commissioners, District No.		2	
Honorable	Daniel Riddick		Board of County Commissioners, District No.		4	
Honorable	Sheila Cummings		School Board, District No.		1	
Citizen Member	Mike Prescott		Business owner within the school district			
Citizen Member	Matthew Carlton		Homestead property owner			

The Value Adjustment Board (VAB) meets each year to hear petitions and make decisions relating to property tax assessments, exemptions, classifications, and tax deferrals.

Summary of Year's Actions <small>Enter whole numbers only. Do not include commas. Example: for \$1,222,333 enter "1222333"</small>						
Type of Property	Number of Parcels				Reduction in County Taxable Value Due to Board Actions	Shift in Taxes Due to Board Actions
	Exemptions		Assessments*			
	Granted	Requested	Reduced	Requested	Withdrawn or settled	
Residential			6	6	\$ 0	\$ 0
Commercial			7	7	\$ 0	\$ 0
Industrial and miscellaneous					\$ 0	\$ 0
Agricultural or classified use					\$ 0	\$ 0
High-water recharge					\$ 0	\$ 0
Historic commercial or nonprofit					\$ 0	\$ 0
Business machinery and equipment			1	1	\$ 0	\$ 0
Vacant lots and acreage					\$ 0	\$ 0
TOTALS					\$ 0	\$ 0

All values should be county taxable values. School and other taxing authority values may differ.
*Include transfer of assessment difference (portability) requests.

If you have a question about these actions, contact the Chair or the Clerk of the Value Adjustment Board.			
Chair's name	Daniel Riddick	Phone	9049666327 ext. 6327
Clerk's name	Rachel Rhoden	Phone	9043683981 ext. 3981

Celebrity chef cooks up comedy and cuisine at library

When at the table in China, burping is ok, but blowing your nose is not

BY DAN HILDEBRAN AND AMBER J. CRAFT
Special to the Telegraph

Celebrity Chef Warren Caterson entertained and informed around a dozen audience members during his Chinese cuisine cooking class at the Bradford County Library on Wednesday, November 6.

Audience members received a brief history of Chinese cuisine, recommendations on cutlery, a complimentary copy of the recipe being made that day, and a food sample.

But before the Sarasota-based chef explained the ins and outs of Chinese cooking to the Bradford crowd, he first described the differences in table manners between dining rooms in Starke and Shanghai.

Caterson said belching and chewing with your mouth open is not only acceptable in the world's second most populous country but encouraged. He said the practices demonstrate that guests are enjoying their meals.

"The only real taboo in Chinese cuisine and eating is don't blow your nose," he added. "That must be universal. The second one is don't pass gas at the table. Again, that's pretty much universal."



Chef Warren Caterson told a Bradford County Library audience that the four main cooking techniques in China are chowing, which is stir-frying, steaming, deep frying, and loong, which is cooking in a broth at a low temperature.

The chef said the four main cooking techniques in China are chowing, which is stir-frying, steaming, deep frying, and loong, which is cooking in a broth at a low temperature.

Caterson added that while most chowing in China and at Chinese restaurants is done in a wok, he advises his students to stir-fry in a regular frying pan or skillet instead.

"The reason why is that woks are not made to be cooked on American stoves," he explained. "When you see a wok in a Chinese restaurant or a Chinese home, that wok sits inside the coals, so the heat comes up on the side—real hot on the bottom—and the heat comes up on the side. You can't get that on a stovetop. The only thing that gets really hot in a wok on a stovetop is the bottom."

Make exquisite food at home

In an interview before the library workshop, Caterson explained his passion for cooking quality food while being mindful of your wallet.

"You can go to an expensive steak restaurant, order an \$85 steak, and then every side item is an a la carte added charge," the chef said. "I can show you how to make that same steak and side items for a fraction of the cost and in 10 to 15 minutes."

The ability to make exquisite food at home gives people the opportunity to taste things they may not otherwise have the travel time or budget to experience. It's an opportunity to share time with family in the kitchen and make memories.

Chef Warren's recipes are particularly attractive to the public because of the cost-efficient way he chooses his ingredients.

"You'll be able to use the ingredients you buy more than once, and you'll be able to find them in your local grocery stores," he said.

Gourmet meals without the gourmet price

Chef Warren's expertise extends beyond Chinese cuisine. He has over 65 different-themed

cooking shows, many of which feature holiday-themed recipes and recipes from all over the world.

Caterson has been visiting the Bradford County Library for over a decade, delivering mouth-watering cooking shows for the public. He travels all over the state, cooking for the masses and providing original experiences to the public, including at food and wine festivals, home and garden shows, conventions, and other events across the country.

"I'm a people person," he said. "I love people. I love getting in front of an audience and creating an experience for them, and having them leave with something that they can recreate themselves. Fast food is getting more expensive. Cooking gourmet meals without the gourmet price or exotic ingredients is the benefit."

Chef Warren is also a full-time writer who studied at the Southeast Institute of Culinary Arts. He is the award-winning author of "Table for Two—The Cookbook for Couples," "Table for Two—Back for Seconds," and "Cooking Outside the Lines—Musings of an Extemporaneous Chef" (Winfield & Scott Press).

All can be found online at Amazon and Barnes and Noble. For an autographed copy, you can purchase his cookbooks directly from his website at www.ChefWarrenCaterson.com.

As someone who grew up in a family that loved to cook

and whose household on Long Island Sound bustled every weekend with dozens of aunts, uncles, cousins, and neighbors, he learned early on the benefit of good food and good drink with good friends.

He invites you to drop by if you're ever in Sarasota. There's always something cooking, and there's always enough.

3 upcoming shows at the library

In addition to his November 6 appearance, Chef Warren will be at the Bradford County Library on the following dates:

Jan. 15: Indian Cuisine – Healthy, Simple, and Filled with Flavor. Find out why traditional Indian cuisine is not only layered with flavors and textures but is incredibly healthy as well.

Feb. 19: Cuban Cuisine – Robust and Tasty! Learn why this Spanish, Caribbean, and African-influenced cuisine is getting raves beyond the strongholds of Tampa and Miami.

March 26: Japanese Cuisine – Moving beyond Ramen Noodles! Learn the techniques of steaming and stir-frying that will help you create delicious recipes with wonderful textures, tastes, and aromas.

Local author features Bradford's animals, Starke in new mystery series

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
dan@bctelegraph.com

Amber J. Craft self-published Paws & Prints: A Bradford County Animal Shelter Miniseries this August to help bring awareness to all the adoptable dogs and cats available at Bradford County Animal Services.

"I'm a writer by trade, so I wanted to do something using my skill set," she said. "I got the idea for a short book series featuring real shelter animals as the heroes in every story who help the protagonist solve a mystery."

The writer added that she thought featuring shelter animals in her books might make them more appealing to adopt.

The Overcrowding Issue

Craft and her daughter, Kayla, have served as foster moms on and off over the past two years for many of the county's animals awaiting forever homes.

"The constant need for fosters and adoptive homes is suffocating," she said. "The emotional toll it takes to ensure they all get homes is an avalanche of guilt constantly crashing down. No sooner does the shelter get them out to safe homes and rescues than ten more are brought into the facility."

"Kayla and I have worked with the shelter and have seen how they constantly pull miracles out of the air in the eleventh hour working with what they have, but



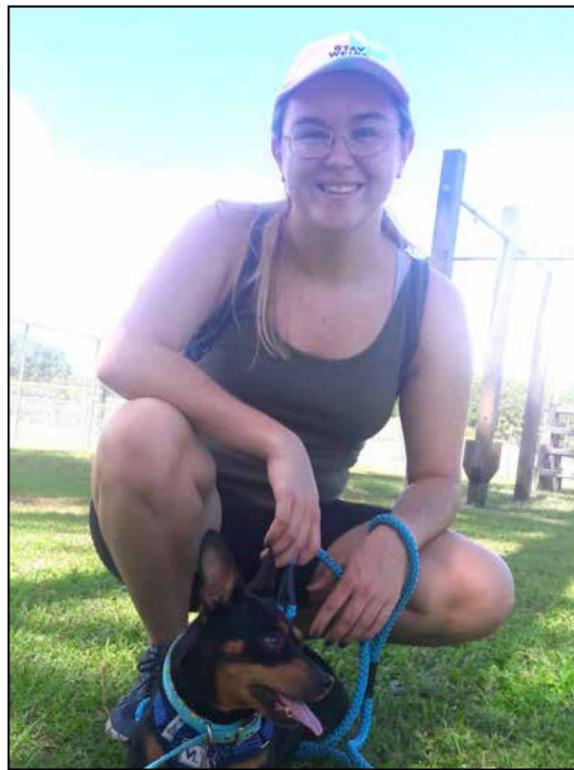
Amber J. Craft

it's just too much for two staffed people to find homes for an entire community's lost animal population," she continued. "They could use so many more volunteers and foster homes, not to mention more adopters, to take these sweet babies home forever. Thank God for Kelly Thomas, Tina Meng, and Tracy Collins, who volunteer relentlessly alongside shelter staff to find homes and rescues for them all."

Not easy, but worth it

Craft said it's not always easy to foster, but it's always worth it. Sometimes, having to say goodbye is the worst.

"The overwhelming majority of animals we've taken into our homes have been the sweetest souls," she recalled. "Almost every single one has been house trained and gotten along



Kayla is a 22-year-old college student and legal assistant working on creating her own bookkeeping side business.

with our own dogs. Watching their personalities shift from terrified and shy to playful and loving once taking them from the shelter environment into our home is bittersweet. They're all so deserving of a home. I want to keep them all. Kayla's the one who has to tell me no."

Kayla is a 22-year-old college student and legal assistant working on creating her own bookkeeping side business. She explained that she is often the voice of reason.

"With four dogs of our own," the 22-year-old said, "I remind her that for every new dog we adopt, there is one less spot for a foster dog, and we can help find a home."

Immortalizing Starke Through Story

Craft hopes these books will be used with the Bradford County Library's Read to Shelter Animals events. During these free adoption events, children and teens pair up with shelter animals and read stories to them.

"I've published this series on Amazon and made it free to read with the Kindle Unlimited membership," Craft said. "All you have to do is open the Kindle app, and it's right there for you. It's a great deal and makes tens of thousands of books easily accessible."

Craft explained that her stories are lighthearted and plucky,

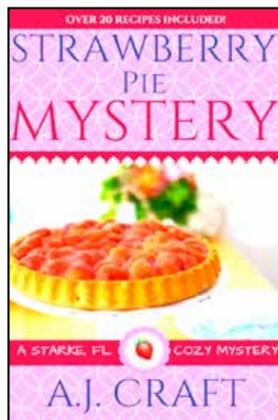
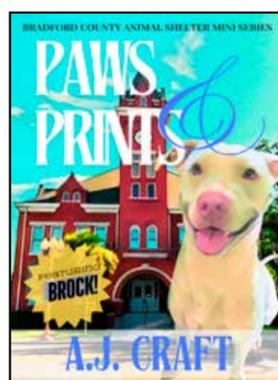
but what makes them the most fun for locals to read is that several recognizable settings are featured from all over Starke in the book.

"I'm in love with downtown Call Street," she said. "It's like a perfectly preserved time capsule full of the echoes of memories of people who have long come and gone mixed with the good people still operating businesses today. It's the ideal cozy mystery setting. And as a reader of cozy mysteries, I love being able to go to real places that I've read about and imagine stories playing out in front of me. That's why I wanted to honor Starke by writing a series that held fun little stories within this town. The characters in the stories are all fiction, but the settings are recognizable."

Starke's Strawberry Sass

Craft has previously published a different Starke, Florida cozy mystery fiction series beginning with the first book, Strawberry Pie Mystery (Amazon), set in the city. The series has a strawberry-flavored dessert theme as an homage to Starke's annual strawberry festival.

"Stella Rae Walker is a wacky bakery owner who likes to foster animals. She toddles around the town, usually falling apron-deep into a sweet mystery or two," she said. "This series explores a little bit of Starke's history and brings delicious fictional characters into



Craft has previously published a different Starke, Florida cozy mystery fiction series beginning with the first book, Strawberry Pie Mystery (Amazon), set in the city.

a very real world." "I see myself long down the road into my retirement sitting in my periwinkle cottage, typing out cozy mysteries set in this town, baking cupcakes, and living vicariously through my characters—rocking chair, arts and crafts, foster dogs, and all," the writer added.

For more information on Amber Craft's books, visit AmberJCraft.com.

Democratic Women meet Nov. 21

The Democratic Women's Club of the Lakes Area will meet early this month, on Thursday, Nov. 21. They will focus on an election postmortem and make plans for the holiday season. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. with doors opening at 6:30. All Democrats are welcome. Meetings are held at the Melrose Center, 309 S.R. 26, Melrose, FL 32666. For further information, please contact 352-235-4161 or Info@dwc-la.org.

COUNT DOWN

Reach your local lake region customers

BLACK FRIDAY

We're here to help!

JOHN RYAN TILLMAN
JOHNRYAN@BCTELEGRAPH.COM
904-964-6305 OFC
904-796-3534 CELL

DARLENE DOUGLASS
DOUGLASS80@EMBARQ.COM
904-796-0781 CELL

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

Dennis Alton, 50, of Middleburg, was arrested by Bradford deputies on November 4 for failure to appear.

Da'Qoun Blackshear, 26, of Melrose, was arrested by FHP troopers on November 7 for possession of drug equipment, hit and run, possession of marijuana, fleeing and alluding, resisting an officer, possession of cocaine, driving with a suspended or revoked license, and reckless driving.

Christopher Bonnet, 38, of Belleview, was arrested by Bradford deputies on November 5 for vehicle theft and larceny.

Tavaris Boykin, 34, of Jacksonville, was arrested by Bradford deputies on November 5 for possession of drugs, possession of drug equipment, and driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Paula Brown, 46, of Brooker, was arrested by Bradford deputies on November 2 for failure to appear.

Jodieshia Clem, 45, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on November 6 for withholding support.

Brian Copeland, 50, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on November 7 for vehicle theft, larceny, and burglary.

Michael Dilas, 43, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Bradford deputies on November 6 for an out-of-county warrant.

Hunter Godwin, 24, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on November 5 for a probation violation.

Luis Gomez Olivio, 32, of Chicago, Illinois, was arrested by Bradford deputies on November 7 for fraud-impersonation.

Travis Harvey, 35, of Jacksonville, was arrested by Bradford deputies on November 4 for robbery, battery, and burglary.

William Heath, 27, of Lakeland, was arrested by Bradford deputies on November 6 for arson.

Katherine Hope, 59, of Newberry, was arrested by Bradford deputies on November 3 for DUI.

Willie Jenkins, 37, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on November 6 for resisting an officer and disorderly intoxication.

Rebecca Kinnaird, 39, of Hampton, was arrested by Bradford deputies on November 7 for larceny.

Michael Massey, 40, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on November 2 for lewd and lascivious behavior, resisting an officer, intimidation, battery, and criminal mischief with property damage.

James McCloon, 52, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on November 4 for animal cruelty.

Ashley Parrish, 39, of Gainesville, was arrested by Bradford deputies on November 2 for withholding support.

Pascual Reyes Bautista, 48, was arrested by Bradford deputies on November 7 for vehicle theft and driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Carol Sanders, 47, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on November 5 for battery.

John Sanford, 56, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on November 6 for DUI.

Aaron Stevens, 22, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on November 4 for resisting an officer and animal cruelty.

Mark Stevens, 21, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on November 4 for animal cruelty.

David Tingle, 50, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on November 4 for dealing in stolen property.

Harriet Waldron, 41, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on November 7 for a probation violation.

Markis Williams, 46, was arrested by Bradford deputies on November 2 for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Latasha Wilson, 35, was arrested by Bradford deputies on November 6 for child neglect.

Union

None reported

Clay

None reported



Students raise money for American Cancer Society

Keystone Heights High School Principal Laurie Burke (left) and Athletic Director Chuck Dickinson presented Tiffany Thibideau of the American Cancer Society with a \$1,033.40 check during halftime of the football team's October 25 game with Palatka. Students raised the money during a pink-out tailgate event before the game. During the pregame festival, students could purchase food and compete for prizes in a carnival-like atmosphere.



Drive 4 UR School scores \$3K for athletic programs

Bradford High School Principal Chris Coffey and North Florida Technical College COE Clerk Sherry Ruszkowski signed up participants in the Drive 4 UR School event on Friday, November 8. Participants earned \$20 for Bradford athletics when they test-drove a Murray Ford vehicle around the block from the college and completed pre- and post-ride surveys. The event raised around \$3,000. Representatives from DLP Bank cooked complimentary hotdogs at the event, and Bradford FFA students sold Boston Butt pork cuts nearby.

Heroes honored during Krawlin' for the Fallen

BY JENN SAMSEL
Special to the Monitor

This past weekend's 10th annual Krawlin' for the Fallen event, which took place at Keystone Heights Airport, was a memorial to remember.

The community brought their Jeeps and trucks, taking part in honoring all the nationally fallen police officers and K-9s who dedicated their lives serving to protect the people who were killed in the line of duty.

The event opened Saturday morning with a ceremony, followed by trail riding, obstacle courses, and mudding.

At noon, there was a moment of silence, recognition of survivors, officers, and donors, and a memorial survivor ride at night.

Over 300 Jeeps and trucks lined up at night, paying their respects with blue lights and flags that honored each fallen survivor of the officers and their families with support.

Friends, family, colleagues, and the general public attended the event to pay tribute and support the families.

According to Off-Road United, Krawlin' for the Fallen is one of Florida's largest off-road events. Over 2,000 participants showed off their jeeps and trucks, bringing together law enforcement and the community for fellowship and fun.

"The event is a weekend event where we invite survivors,



The community brought their Jeeps and trucks, taking part in honoring all the nationally fallen police officers and K-9s who dedicated their lives serving to protect the people who were killed in the line of duty.

families of law enforcement officers who have been on duty, to come out and enjoy a weekend of family fun, and know that we're always supporting them, even though they've lost so much. We give them a little bit of hope at the end of the day," said Christine Johnson, Event Coordinator.

"I love that there is so much support for our first responders, law enforcement, and families," Johnson added. "The outdoor community is just an amazing group to support us."

The event coordinator also thanked vendors, volunteers, and the Lake Region for their

support. "It's a great event for everybody to come out to and show their love and support," said Johnson.

There were plenty of activities for non-off-roaders, including numerous police, fire, boat, and helicopter displays, as well as food, raffles, music, and vendors.

Plus, it was a perfect photo opportunity with the famous Star Wars Storm Troopers, who took plenty of photos with their fans.

Numerous law enforcement agencies across North Florida attended the event, including the Nassau County Sheriff's Office, Putnam County Sheriff's Office,



Krawlin' for the Fallen Staff: John Womack, Jeannie Womack, Jessica Sepulveda, Nancy Beth Holmes, Clint Grover, Ray Tremblay, Jimmy Holmes and Christine Johnson

Bradford County Sheriff's Office, Clay County Sheriff's Office, and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

The University of Florida's Trauma One helicopter and Bradford County Fire Rescue were in attendance, too.

Rachel Moran, of Island Off-Road said she has been a volunteer for the event for eight

years. "We do registration," she said. "I'm like a house mom. I create all the flyers and other tasks for Chrissy. I am a support system."

Moran added that Island Offroad produces a separate event that benefits veterans, the Gold Coast Down Syndrome

Organization, Krawlin' for the Fallen, and some of the local

food banks in her area. "When my event comes up in March, Chrissy and her staff come out to help," she said.

For information regarding the event, visit Off-Road United or Krawlin' for the Fallen or email them at offroadunited@gmail.com.

Food distribution at True Vine

A communitywide food distribution hosted by Farm Share and True Vine Ministry will take place Tuesday, Nov. 26, at 10 a.m. at True Vine Outreach Ministry in Starke.

Food boxes often include fresh produce, deli and bakery items, dairy and some meats. Inventory

is subject to change based on availability. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Get help quitting

Quitting tobacco isn't easy. Finding help should be. If you're ready to quit, join the next Tools to Quit Tobacco group. Virtual options by computer and phone are also available.

This free, one-time two-hour group will give you tips on how to deal with triggers and withdrawal symptoms and how to prevent relapse. You'll also receive up to four weeks of free nicotine patches, gum or lozenges.

This group more than doubles your chance of quitting for good. Pre-registration is required. Call 866-341-2730 to reserve your spot.



RUSS WADE

Attorney at Law

620 East Main Street
Lake Butler, FL 32054
(Across from Subway Plaza)

386-496-9656

Probate • Family • Wills • Adoption • Litigation • Corporate

Brooks looks over his shoulder at past in latest book

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
cliff@bctelegraph.com

Bert Brooks likes to tell stories, but insists that the publication of "Over My Shoulder a Backward Glance" will be the last time he does so in written form.

"Over My Shoulder a Backward Glance" is the fifth book written by Brooks, a sixth-generation Floridian who grew up in Union County.

Brooks, who'll be 80 in December, said his wife, Alecia, recently told the members of their church that he had stated he would write no more books, which resulted in groans and disbelief. Brooks, a self-proclaimed "court jester" who makes it difficult for people to determine if he's ever telling the truth, insisted he was serious. His wife, however, said, "No, I don't believe that. I believe come winter, when he doesn't have anything to do, when he can't get out in the yard, when he gets laid up, he's going to start writing again."

Brooks' response?
"The woman is lying through her teeth."

He noted that the statement was made in a Baptist church, so maybe it's wise to believe that he has in fact written his last book. Perhaps his wife simply wishes it wasn't his last book. Brooks said she's told others that writing keeps him out of trouble.

Feigning shock, Brooks asked, "What's that supposed to mean?"

Whether it kept him out of trouble or not, the writing and self-publishing of "Over My Shoulder a Backward Glance" had Brooks waxing nostalgic. The title comes from something Paul Harvey once said.

"Well, he's gone to Heaven, so I might as well just use that," Brooks said, adding, "I like his take on things."

The self-published book, which can be purchased at bertbrooks.com.

Mind antiques

In the preface of "Over My Shoulder a Backward Glance," Brooks writes about his interest in antiques — not the items of days past that you find in stores and have a high dollar value, but the memories of how life used to

be. "I guess most of my antique collection is in my mind," Brooks wrote as part of the book's preface. "Sort of stored there like an old Model A, which is stored under a log shelter."

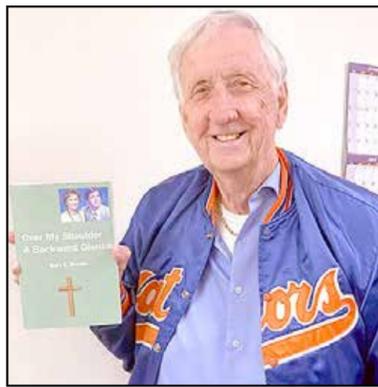
Brooks, the son of Whit and Iris Brooks, grew up at the intersection of Brown Still and Carl Brown roads. In his book, he writes of his family's split-rail fence and the wooden bridge that spanned Bluff Creek. As he described it, "A towheaded boy could sit on the bridge with a cane pole and catch warmouth perch that came from the Suwannee River to the Santa Fe River."

"It was country all the way," Brooks said.

He writes about his grandmother Ella Carlton, whom he describes as his "granny with an attitude." She was responsible for him getting his first job as a preacher. She told him he was going to interview to fill an opening at the church his great aunt went to. He was 15.

"God blessed me," Brooks said, noting that he was hired to preach the second and fourth Sunday of each month.

Bert Brooks, who grew up in Union County, holds the copy of his latest — and what he says is his final — book, "Over My Shoulder a Backward Glance." The title came from something Paul Harvey once said.



In "Over My Shoulder a Backward Glance," he also reminisces about being a "barefooted, country boy" walking from the school bus to a friend's house because he could enjoy a cold Pepsi there.

"We couldn't afford them," Brooks said.

Another reason to stop at this friend's house was the fact that the friend's mother "fixed the best sweet potatoes I've ever eaten in my life."

Brooks said his mother told him not to eat at his friend's

house because she was cooking supper for him, but he couldn't resist.

"I had sweet potatoes and Pepsi-Cola. Are you kidding me? I would eat up there often — three to four times a week," Brooks said.

Life's experiences and reminisces may be part of the book, but Brooks said it's not an autobiography.

"It's about people," he said. "I don't think it's about me. I didn't write about me. That's my story, and I'm sticking to it."

Writing it all down

Brooks has chronicled his life's events and the people he's met in more than just book format. During his time pastoring churches, a friend who was a preacher encouraged him to keep a daily diary.

His home office is filled with those diaries.

"Everything is stacked, but I can find everything in a heartbeat," Brooks said.

Brooks said his wife has asked him if he can clean his office, saying, "It looks all jumbled." He has replied by saying, "It's a man's office."

Jumble or not, Brooks has references to his "circuitous journey" as a pastor and missionary, going back and forth from between Florida and Canada as well as to Georgia, Ohio and "Lord knows where."

Brooks was the music minister at a Baptist church in Austintown, Ohio, when one of the church deacons told him the Pentecostal quartet "down the street" needed to replace its bass

See BROOKS, page 10

Highly Rated Local Businesses!

Craig Falstreux Heating & Air, Inc

228 S Walnut St,
Starke, FL 32091
(352) 792-4426



"My ac broke! They came and fixed it right away. Now it works perfect! The charge was so small. I was very lucky I called them."

The Chiropractic & Injury Clinic of Starke

601 E Call St, Starke, FL 32091
(904) 964-8018



"Amazing experience, everyone is so nice, patient, and kind. I love going here and will definitely be back. If I could rate them 10 stars I absolutely would!"

Hearing Aids Today

450 S Lawrence Blvd,
Keystone Heights, FL 32656
(352) 877-4471



Affordable Hearing Solutions
"This is the place to come to! I went many years between hearing exams. Very professional and compassionate in taking care of their customers. They are family owned and operated!"

Bradford County Sheriffs Office

945-B N Temple Ave, Starke, FL 32091
(904) 966-6161



"I need to take a minute to recognize my jail command team, the people I'm surrounded by. Each unique and strong in their own areas. There is nothing anyone asks of them they don't do and almost always with a smile. They take care of business and take care of people at the same time."

JBS Jackson Building Supply

"Serving Our Community For Over 60 Years"

- LUMBER & BUILDING MATERIALS
- PAINT, LADDERS & SUPPLIES
- ELECTRICAL & PLUMBING SUPPLIES
- METAL ROOFING & SHINGLES
- DOORS & WINDOWS
- HAND & POWER TOOLS
- HOME & FARM HARDWARE
- BATHROOM VANITIES
- HOT WATER HEATERS
- LAWN & GARDEN

STARKE
US-301S
964-6078

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6

LAKE BUTLER
145 SW 6th Ave.
496-3079

Robert's Insurance

986 N Temple Ave, Starke, FL 32091
(904) 452-7784



"The insurance agency helps keep the insurance prices down." "Always a great place to visit and get help!"

Durrance Pump

864 N Temple Ave STE C,
Starke, FL 32091
(904) 964-7061



"Great hometown people. They do excellent work and clean up behind themselves. Super friendly it was great doing business with them and I have them on speed dial for any future needs I may have. Highly recommend them"

Turners Automotive & Transmission

135 Commercial Cir, Keystone Heights, FL 32656
(352) 473-3404



"I moved to Keystone in August of last year. Since then I have taken my vehicles to Turner Auto. It has been years since I had a trustworthy mechanic and I am thankful for their honesty and efficient service. I highly recommend to friends, family, and you!"

Bradford County Eye Center

292 Lafayette St,
Starke, FL 32091
(904) 964-8076



"Excellent experience! No waiting and no hurrying to get you out. Everything was explained so I understood it, no questions unanswered. I kind of felt like I was their only patient!"

City of Starke

209 N Thompson St,
Starke, FL 32091
(904) 964-5027



"Every time I come to do business with the City of Starke, the customer service is always amazing. The staff is helpful and friendly."

Andrews Site Prep

(386) 867-0572
Services 20
different
counties!



"They went above and beyond for our needs. They are very respectful people. I would recommend them to anyone!"

Teal Tile Carpet One

131 N Cherry St, Starke, FL 32091
(904) 964-7423



"Teal Tile was great helping us replace the tile in our master bedroom. Sierra was particularly helpful with the selection and ordering of tile and scheduling the installation of the tile."

Phillip McDonald Plumbing

740 S Orange St,
Starke, FL 32091
(904) 964-3737



"I would definitely use this company again in the future. They showed up on time. Zach was very respectful and went over everything that needed to be done."

The Struggle Bus Mobile I.V.

www.strugglebusventures.com

"My mom and I love visiting The Struggle Bus anytime they are in town for our infusions and boost injections. Both give us the energy and immune defense we need and the staff is ABSOLUTELY amazing"



DLP Bank

811 S Walnut St, Starke, FL 32091
(904) 964-7830



"Very welcoming bank. They learn and know you by name and will not stop until they have helped with whatever your needs may be. I love this bank."

CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

3760 State Rd 21,
Keystone Heights, FL 32656
(352) 875-6079

**10:00 AM - Adult Bible Class
11:00 AM - Worship Service**

Miller HVAC Services, Inc.

(904) 626-0963
Serving Northeast FL



"HIGHLY RECOMMEND! We have used Miller HVAC for years. At first to get our super old out dated AC kick started back when it would die, they were always Johnny on the spot and had us up and running super fast. Thomas is extremely knowledgeable. Then we used them to purchase and install our new unit. Honest, dependable, family owned and operated. Wouldn't go anywhere else!"

Hometown Health & Wellness

110 Nightingale St,
Keystone Heights, FL 32656
(352) 664-7702



"Our family loves Hometown Health and Wellness. Bryan Kirkland is professional and helpful for so many health needs. Highly recommend!"

C & S Site Prep

22787 NW 34th Ave,
Lawley, FL 32058
(352) 235-1210



Land Clearing, Driveway, Culverts, Excavation, Ponds, House Pads, Drainage, Grading, Erosion Control, Dirt, Lime Rock, Asphalt, Sand, Crushed Concrete, 57 Stone

Stor-Mor of Starke

12046 US-301,
Hampton, FL 32044
(386) 339-7543



"Great customer service! The owner is very confident in Stor-Mor sheds and is well knowledged about all the different kinds that they sell!"

GAME ON 2024 8 FOOTBALL CONTEST

YOU COULD WIN \$50 CASH

IN THE WEEKLY TELEGRAPH/TIMES/MONITOR

FOOTBALL CONTEST

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL CONTEST SPONSORS!



1 *The Villages Buffalo vs. Bradford Tornadoes*

MIRACLE AUTOMOTIVE

620 N Thompson St
Starke, FL 32091
904-368-1114

2 *Holmes County Blue Devils vs. Union County Tigers*

SPIRES IGA

610 SW 1st Street
Lake Butler
386-496-3361

3 *Texas Longhorns vs. Arkansas Razorbacks*

DURRANCE PUMP

864 N Temple Ave. • Starke
(904) 964-7061

4 *Cincinnati Bearcats vs. Iowa St. Cyclones*

LAKE AREA TITLE

Keystone Hts Location
7404 State Road 21
Keystone Heights, FL 32656
(352) 473-9009

Lake Butler Location
25 East Main Street
Lake Butler, FL 32054
(386) 496-8238

5 *LSU Tigers vs. Florida Gators*

CLYATT WELL DRILLING

5941 SW State Rd 121 • Lake Butler, FL
386-496-2488

6 *Tennessee Volunteers vs. Georgia Bulldogs*

WILLIAMSON'S FOOD STORE

840 N SR 21 • Melrose, FL
352-475-1144

7 *Ohio St. Buckeyes vs. Northwestern Wildcats*

REDDISH & WHITE, CPAs

134 E. Call St. Starke, FL
904-964-7555

8 *Missouri Tigers vs. South Carolina Gamecocks*

JACKSON BUILDING SUPPLY

Starke Lake Butler
904-964-6078 386-496-3079

9 *Boston College Eagles vs. SMU Mustangs*

BRYAN'S ACE HARDWARE

251 East Walker Drive • KH

Keystone Heights 352-473-4006 Starke 904-964-4642

10 *Utah Utes vs. Colorado Buffaloes*

CRAIG FALSTREAU HEATING & AIR

134 E Call St. Starke, FL
904-964-7555

11 *Virginia Cavaliers vs. Notre Dame Fighting Irish*

THORNTON & CO. REALTY

50 West Main Street
Lake Butler, FL
904-364-6890

12 *Clemson Tigers vs. Pittsburgh Panthers*

TEAL TILE

131 N. Cherry St.
Starke, FL
904-964-7423

TELEGRAPH/TIMES/MONITOR WEEKLY FOOTBALL CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Pick the Week's Winners

★ **Win \$50 Cash**

ENTER one TEAM Winner in space for each of GAMES OF THE WEEK:

★ **Deadline: 5 pm FRIDAY***
DROP BY OR EMAIL US YOUR ENTRY
see rules below***

Biz 1 _____ Biz 10 _____
Biz 2 _____ Biz 11 _____
Biz 3 _____ Biz 12 _____
Biz 4 _____ Biz 13 _____
Biz 5 _____ Biz 14 _____
Biz 6 _____ Biz 15 _____
Biz 7 _____ Biz 16 _____
Biz 8 _____ Biz 17 _____
Biz 9 _____

****Tiebreaker Score:** _____
Total points scored by both teams in the **GATORS** game

This Weeks Winners:

Margaret Bowen & Richard Werts
missed 4,
won w/ exact same tiebreaker

Congratulations!

ENTRANT INFO:
Name _____
Address _____
City/zip _____
Email _____
Phone# _____
or _____

CLEMONS FIELD SERVICES

21280 NW 62nd Ln, Starke, FL 32091
(352) 494-0122

Bulldozer Award: Offensive Lineman of the Week

Edward Durant Hunter Cochran Ted Westbrook

13 *Boise St. Broncos vs. San Jose St. Spartans*

MURRAY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP SUPERSTORES

Murray Ford Superstore 904-964-7200
MurrayFordStarke.com STARKE, FL
Murray Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram 904-964-3200

14 *Atlanta Falcons vs. Denver Broncos*

EVAN DOUGLAS CONSTRUCTION, INC.

352-745-0935

15 *Kansas City Chiefs vs. Buffalo Bills*

NORTH FLORIDA PHARMACY

405 S. Lawrence Blvd
Keystone Heights, FL 32656
352-478-2057

16 *Jacksonville Jaguars vs. Detroit Lions*

QUALITY PLUMBING

QUALITY-PLUMBING.COM
LIC#FC043073
(904) 966-0665

17 *Las Vegas Raiders vs. Miami Dolphins*

PIPELINE CONSTRUCTORS INC.

2117 N Temple Ave
Starke, FL 32091
(904) 964-2019

18

YOUR BUSINESS CAN BE HERE!

* CONTEST RULES 1. Anyone (except Telegraph/Times/Monitor employees and their immediate family members) is welcome to enter. One entry per person per week please. Persons winning one week are not eligible to win again for at least three weeks. 2. When picking up winnings, the winner will have their photograph taken for the paper. 3. Entry must be on an official form from the BCT/UCT/LRM and submitted to one of our drop off locations: BC Telegraph, 131 W. Call St., Starke; Spires Market in Lake Butler; Capital City Bank in Keystone Heights OR *** email a photo/scan of your official entry form to CONTEST@BCTELEGRAPH.COM — ALL entries due before 5 p.m. on Fridays. Entrants consent to be added to our email list and having photo taken for paper. Fill in all the blanks with the name of the team you think will win, matching the biz & card numbers. The person who picks the most games correctly will win \$50 cash from the pool of BCT/UCT/LRM entries. 4. **In case of a tie, the total points scored in the GATORS' game this week is the tie breaker. Please fill in the points you think will be scored by the GATORS and their opponent, combined, in the tie breaker blank. (For instance, if the score of the game was GATORS 19, OPPONENT 7, the correct tie-breaker score is 26 points). 5. Decision of the judges is final. A second, follow up tie-breaker will be used if necessary. Results will be tabulated on Monday and winners notified by telephone. Don't forget to list a phone number where you can be reached. INFO: 904-964-6305. [GATORS WILL BE USED FOR TIEBREAKER.]

Obituaries

DAR donates trees to Soldiers Freedom Outdoors

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
cliff@bctelegraph.com

With its November meeting taking place one week prior to Veterans Day, the Daughters of the American Revolution, Col. Samuel Elbert Chapter, took part in a tree-dedication ceremony at Soldiers Freedom Outdoors, a nonprofit organization that serves veterans locally at Camp Freedom.

The DAR group donated a lemon tree and a lime tree, with President Anne Smoak saying, "These trees are planted in commemoration of our American veterans and to the glory of God."

Smoak and Charlotte Carlee spoke verses of scripture from Genesis, Deuteronomy, Ezekiel, 1 Corinthians and Revelation that had to do with planting and trees. Carlee provided the brief ceremony's closing prayer, asking God to provide "thy richest blessing on our sincere effort to add beauty to the world."

"We plant this small, living thing with a hope and an expectation that it will grow strong, beautiful and useful — a joy for generations yet to come," Carlee said.

Prior to the ceremony, the DAR members heard from Soldiers Freedom Outdoors Chairman Dan DiMarco, who talked about the origins of the organization and what it does. Soldiers Freedom Outdoors is in its 13th year. It began at DiMarco's home in Hawthorne, offering veterans two fifth-wheel RVs to stay in.

The organization has been at its current Camp Freedom, which consists of more than 300 acres, since 2013. The property includes a house, situated near Indian Lake, that veterans stay in.

"We do four-day retreats for our veterans at no cost," DiMarco said. "It doesn't cost them a penny. When they come here, it's all home-cooked meals except on Friday nights when we do pizza."

DiMarco described it as veterans' home away from home. Veterans can enjoy a variety of activities, including fishing, hunting, kayaking and riding horses.

"Or you can sleep," DiMarco said, adding, "They pick and choose what they want to do."

The retreats provide ecotherapy, which is healing through nature.

"I started this because a lot of times veterans need to know you've got their back or that they're cared about — you love them — or they just need a second ear to listen to them, to let some of that stuff out that they normally wouldn't talk about with their family."

Camp Freedom does more than host the four-day retreats. It offers one-day events, such as water-sports days for the whole family and a Horses 101 program for children of military families. It also hosts beekeeping and blacksmithing classes, giving veterans new hobbies to occupy their time.

The classes and one-day events can help lessen the



Members of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Col. Samuel Elbert Chapter, are pictured with two trees they donated to Soldiers Freedom Outdoors. Pictured are: (front, l-r) Virginia Walkup, Patti Priest, Pat Goode, Tara Hildebran, Susan Lucas, Sue Plaster, June Keefe, Anne Smoak, Carole Montgomery, (back, l-r) Judy Jull, Soldiers Freedom Outdoors Chairman Dan DiMarco, Paula Marcus, Charlotte Carlee and Peggy Cason.

anxiety veterans may have about attending one of the four-day retreats.

"It's less pressure on the veteran," DiMarco said, adding that the veterans may come away thinking, "Man, that four-day retreat might be good."

Soldiers Freedom Outdoors expanded into Mississippi this year, utilizing 175 acres of what was a Girl Scouts camp. It also provides fishing and hunting opportunities in South Carolina.

"I haven't shared this with anybody, but I just got a phone call from a lady who's got a ranch in Montana, on the Wyoming-Montana border," DiMarco said. "They want to do something with us up there."

One of the DAR members asked DiMarco about all-women's retreats. He said Soldiers Freedom Outdoors will host such retreats if requested to do so by a women's organization. Otherwise, the retreats are co-ed.

"We tried to do a lot of women veterans retreats, but a lot of them didn't show," DiMarco said. "Here's a reason: A lot of them have kids and feel guilty for leaving (them), and at the last minute, they have anxiety and just cancel or are a no-show."

DiMarco said a lot of women feel more comfortable at co-ed retreats.

"They served with men," DiMarco said. "They fit right in."

A DAR member asked if the organization had a need for volunteers and if volunteers needed any special training. The answer was Soldiers Freedom Outdoors can always use more volunteers, who only need to possess a care for others.

"There's no specific training," DiMarco said. "If you love helping our veterans, and you want to serve, that's all you need."

Visit soldiersfreedomoutdoors.org for more information.

Veterans Day facts

Carole Montgomery shared some facts about Veterans Day with her fellow DAR members.

—It was originally called Armistice Day. Hostilities in World War I ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 when the armistice, or peace agreement, with Germany went into effect. Armistice Day began as a celebration recognizing the victory of the Allied forces of World War I. It was renamed Veterans Day by President Dwight Eisenhower in 1954 and is now dedicated to veterans of all wars.

—Veterans Day has no apostrophe because it's a day that belongs to all veterans.

—Veterans Day hasn't always been observed on Nov. 11. In 1968, Congress passed the Uniform Holiday Bill, which ensured three-day weekends for federal employees on Veterans Day, Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day and Columbus Day. President Gerald Ford returned Veterans Day to Nov. 11 in 1975.

—Arlington National Cemetery holds an annual Veterans Day service, which includes guards laying a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, at 11 a.m. on Nov. 11. A parade of colors, presented by various veterans' organizations, is also held.

—New York City's Veterans Day parade, which began in 1919, is the oldest and largest such parade in the country.

—The first known Veterans Day celebration in the U.S. was held in Birmingham, Alabama, on Nov. 11, 1947. A World War II veteran named Raymond Weeks, a native of the city, organized

the event, which included a parade and other festivities. He was awarded the Presidential Citizenship Medal by President Ronald Reagan in 1982.

—Canada and Australia honor their countries' military personnel on Nov. 11, but they call it Remembrance Day. The United Kingdom marks Remembrance Day on the second Sunday in November.

—The Veterans Day Moment of Silence Act was passed in 2016, signed by President Barack Obama. At 2:11 p.m. Eastern Standard Time each Veterans Day, the current president will order a moment of silence lasting two minutes.

—Americans honor veterans on many other holidays: Medal of Honor Day (March 25), Vietnam War Veterans Day (March 29), POW/MIA Recognition Day (April 9), Armed Forces Day (third Saturday in May), Women's Veterans Recognition Day (June 12), Korean War Veterans Armistice Day (July 27), Purple Heart Day (Aug. 7) and Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day (Dec. 7).

—Millions of Americans have served. According to the Census Bureau in 2021, there were 16.5 million veterans living in the United States, which is about 6.4 percent of the adult population. Sixteen million Americans served in World War I and World War II. In 2022, just over 167 of them were still alive. Also, 1.8 million served in the Korean War, 2.7 million in the Vietnam War and 650,000 in the Gulf War.

"This year on Veterans Day, be sure to thank a veteran for their service and, even better, strike up a conversation about what they did when they were in uniform," Montgomery said. "Without them, our country would not be what it is today."

Franklin Birt

Franklin George Birt, 76, died Thursday, Oct. 31, 2024, at Haven Hospice E.T. York Care Center in Gainesville.

Survivors are his cousins, Oscar Estes, Pat Crawford, Man Estes, and Christy Curtis.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, Nov. 12, at Hampton Cemetery with Pastor John Hodges officiating.

Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke. 904-964-6200 www.jonesgallagherfh.com.

Joseph Kelley Jr.



Joseph Wesley Kelley Jr., of Brooker, passed away on Saturday, Nov. 2, 2024, at North Florida Regional Medical Center, at the age of 80. Born on Aug. 14, 1944, in Gainesville, he lived a life marked by dedication, both in his professional career and in his personal relationships. He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Florida and a master's degree in aerospace engineering from Georgia Tech. For over 30 years, he made Georgia his home and worked for Lockheed Martin, where he made significant contributions to aerospace industry. Following a distinguished career, he retired approximately 10 years ago and chose to return to Brooker to be closer to family, underscoring the value he placed on relationships and roots. An individual of many interests, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, and playing golf. These activities were not just hobbies for him; they were integral to his character and a means through which he connected with friends and family alike. He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph Wesley Sr. and Muriel Lee Sapp Kelley; and a sister, Judy Roberts.

Wesley is survived by his brothers, Willard Kelley and Randel "Randy" Kelley; and his cherished nephews and nieces, David Kelley, Stephanie Kelley, Joseph Kelley, Elizabeth Kelley, Debra Kelley, Laura Williams, and Eric Williams.

A graveside service to honor and celebrate his life was held on Friday, Nov. 8, at Dedan Cemetery in Brooker. Family, friends, and all whose lives he touched were invited to come together to pay their final respects.

Archer-Milton Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Mr. Wesley Kelley. 386-496-2008 www.archerfuneralhome.com

PAID OBITUARY

Celeste Melton



Celeste Diana Melton, born Feb. 1, 1966, in Ft. McPherson, Georgia, has gone to be with Jesus on Saturday, Nov. 2, 2024, in DeLand. She was preceded in death by her loving daddy, Chaplain (Maj.) Leonard Thomas Melton, U.S. Army-Retired; sister, Robin Melton Hickey; niece, Sabrina Williams; maternal grandparents, Jesse and Louise Messer; paternal grandparents, Lonnie and Norma Melton; and her granddaughter, June Mattox. She was a loving and proud mother to her son and his family, Kyle and Kendra Mattox and their four children. She was a devoted and loving daughter to her mother, Katherine Melton; a loving sister to her brothers and sister, Jonathan (Jonboy), Robert, and Robin; a cherished aunt to many nieces and nephews; and a caring niece to many aunts and uncles. Celeste was a great friend to anyone who knew her; she truly never met a stranger. She had a love of life and a heart for animals. She loved her little chihuahua, Abby, as well as her dog, "Doobie," who preceded her in death. She devoted her career, just like her life, to the service of others with years of experience in doctor's offices, restaurants, and veterinary clinics.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, Nov. 17, at Cornerstone Baptist Church, 13797 SW CR 227, Starke 32091. The viewing will be at 2:30 p.m., with the service following at 3:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Cornerstone Baptist Church in Starke, where Celeste's daddy served faithfully as pastor for many years.

Arrangements are made by Archer-Milton Funeral Home of Lake Butler. PAID OBITUARY

Linda Tierney



Linda S. Pardee Thrasher Tierney, 75, of Keystone Heights, died Saturday, Nov. 9, 2024, at her residence of 38 years. A native of Jacksonville for 35 years before moving to Keystone Heights, she was a member of Fresh Start Fellowship Church of Keystone Heights.

Surviving her is her husband of 45 years, Philip E. Tierney Jr.; three children, Tommy Thrasher, Tony Thrasher, and Jennifer Tierney; her mother, Ruth A. Pardee, who died in 1997, has four sisters, Alice Herdon, Penny Lakosky, Nancy Hinton, and Betty Mckinley; three granddaughters, Kasie Trahan, Korey Mears, and Katelyn Sepulveda; two great-grandchildren, Aubry MckKray and Dylan Mears; and her best friends, Donna Ard, Joy Fanelli, Sue Wiggins, and Teri Battan. PAID OBITUARY

BROOKS

Continued from page 8

singer. That led to him becoming a member of The Temple Tones.

The same week he was hired, he lost one of his fingers in a

drill-press accident at the General Motors factory he worked at. That was on a Wednesday. On Friday night, Brooks was singing in the first of three weekend performances by The Temple Tones.

Brooks' preceding book, "Sunday Meetin' Time Down South," chronicles many of those

experiences, which his latest book comes with a Temple Tones CD.

A wonderful life

Besides "Sunday Meetin' Time Down South" and "Over My Shoulder a Backward Glance," Brooks has written the books

"Cracker: The Life and Times of Ella Carlton," "Old Oaks: The Civil War in North Florida" and "Views from My Rocking Chair."

While he's devoted time to writing books, his wife devotes time to reading books. Brooks said his wife returns from the public library with seven books, which she'll read in a week.

"She just reads all the time," Brooks said. "We go to ballgames, she's reading. We go fishing, she's reading. We go out hunting, she's reading. We try to go to bed, she's reading. Did I miss one?"

When asked if she reads his books, Brooks laughed and said, "That's a good question." It's another example of Brooks filling that role of "court jester," but in all seriousness, he said God called him to do three things: preach, sing and write. He accomplished all three.

"It's been a wonderful life," he said. "I'm ready to go home, so to speak, because I think I've done everything I could."

Brooks claims that life will now consist of landscaping the 7 acres he and his wife purchased in High Springs not long ago. That and the effects of getting older (diminished eyesight, etc.) have him believing he's written his last book.

His wife doesn't believe that. Many others don't believe that.

Does Brooks believe that? "I've got to figure out if I'm going to keep my word," he said.

We're here for you... Your loved one NEVER leaves our care...

To help celebrate a life...to help say goodbye.

Whether your loved one wanted a traditional funeral or a more casual way to bring family and friends together, we'll help your remembrance be something special. Let us ease the burden and help you celebrate a life in a wonderful way.

Complete Funeral Arrangements • Pre-planning Assistance • Cremation Services • Monuments

Out of Town Arrangements • Spacious and Intimate Facilities • Off Street Parking

P. Steven Futch
Funeral Director

Joe Gallagher
Owner/Funeral Director

Kelli Parks Moreland
Funeral Director

Austin Gaver
Funeral Director

Laura Crews
Office Manager

620 East Nona Street
(corner of SR 100)
Starke
904.964.6200

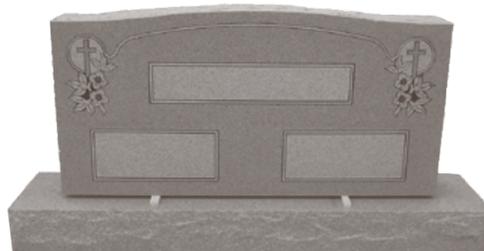
JONES-GALLAGHER
FUNERAL HOME
jonesgallagherfh.com

340 E. Walker Drive
(SR 100)
Keystone Heights
352.473.3176

Only on-site crematory in Bradford, Union & Lake Region area

Charles Custom Memorials

Serving Families in North Florida since 1973



The area's largest supplier of Colored Granite
When Quality Counts, You Can Count On Us

STARKE OFFICE OPEN 8:30 to 5:00 MON-FRI
Hwy 301 North, Starke • 904-964-2010
(Next to Best Western)

Primary Location in Lake City at 561 NW Hilton Ave.

CharlesMonuments.com

Member of Better Business Bureau
Monument Builders of North America
Florida Monument Builders

FL Lic. # F037700

Whitehead wins region with fastest 200 IM time in state

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
cliff@bctelegraph.com

Union County High School's Eva Whitehead continues to make a big splash each year in the sport of swimming, with her latest accomplishment winning the school's first-ever championship at the regional level.

Whitehead, a junior, swam her way to the Region 1-1A title in the 200-yard individual medley on Nov. 5 at The Bolles School in Jacksonville, earning All-American status for her time and setting a new Bolles School pool record.

At the previous week's District 1 meet, Whitehead placed third in the 200 IM behind Bolles swimmers Ella Gotham and Lucy Mejia Arce. She dropped four seconds from her time at the Region 1 meet, finishing with a time of 2:01.45. Gotham was second with a time of 2:03.20, while Arce was third with a time of 2:03.65.

The three swimmers have the fastest times in all of Class 1A and will enter the Friday, Nov. 15, state finals as the first, second and third seeds.

Whitehead had the fastest region-level time in all of the state's classifications (1A, 2A, 3A, 4A). The closest swimmer



Eva Whitehead stands by the pool at Bolles, where she not only won the Region 1-1A championship in the 200 IM, but where she established a record for that school's pool.

to her was Brynn Laviguer of Class 4A Sarasota Riverview, who had a time of 2:02.64.

At state, Whitehead will also compete in the 100-yard breaststroke after swimming a fourth-place (and personal-record) time of 1:03.93 at the Region 1 meet. That placed her ahead of Bolles swimmer Grace Higdon (1:04.86) and behind Bolles swimmers Victoria Edgar (1:02.19), Gracyn Lanning (1:02.39) and Savannah Branon (1:03.48).

At state, Whitehead will be the event's sixth seed.

With UCHS never having had a swim team prior to 2022-23, Whitehead has, of course, given the school several firsts. In 2022,

she became the first-ever UCHS student-athlete to qualify for the swimming state finals, which she has now done for three straight years. In 2023, she was the school's first-ever district champion, winning two events at that year's District 1 meet.

The state meet will be held at the Florida Aquatics Swimming and Training center at 4635 S.W. 67th Ave. in Ocala. Prelims will begin at 9 a.m., with the finals set for 5:30 p.m.

Admission is \$13 per session in advance via gofan.co and \$16 per session the day of the event. Sessions are prelims only, finals only and all-day.

Gates open approximately an hour prior to each session.

Elixson, Rantz golf in regionals

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
cliff@bctelegraph.com

Bradford High School's Sarah Rantz and Union County High School Zoe Elixson competed in the Region 1-1A girls golf tournament on Nov. 6 at Tallahassee's Golden Eagle Golf and Country Club, with Elixson finishing in a two-way tie for 30th out of 71.

Elixson shot an 18-hole score of 106, making par on two holes. She was the fourth-highest finisher from a public school.

Rantz was in a three-way tie for 66th with a score of 140.

UCHS girls hoops team starts regular season Nov. 18

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
cliff@bctelegraph.com

Union County High School will start the regular season in girls basketball with a home game against Cedar Key on Monday, Nov. 18, at 6 p.m.

The Tigers will travel to play St. Francis on Tuesday, Nov. 19, at 6 p.m.

Trio wraps up KHHS cross-country season at region meet

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
cliff@bctelegraph.com

Keystone Heights High School had three competing in the Nov. 8 Region 1-2A cross-country meet at Cecil Field Golf Course, with boys team member Ryder Thomas earning a 25th-place finish.

The Indians have qualified at least an individual, if not its whole team, in the regional-level boys race for the past 11 years. Thomas is just the third Keystone runner in that time to earn a top-25 finish, joining Tyler Griffin (23rd in 2023) and Alex Guy (sixth in 2018).

Thomas, competing in a field of 114, crossed the finish line in 17:27, improving upon his regional time from last year by 1:40. He just missed out on qualifying for state. The top four individuals not on the top eight teams earned the right to advance. They were Wakulla's Henry Lewis, who was second overall

(15:57), Florida High's Ben Kyvik, who was fifth (16:39), Bay's Lundon Faile, who was 14th (16:58), and Wakulla's Emil Bendeck, who was 20th (17:16).

Keystone's Noah Yara also ran in the boys race, placing 47th with a time of 17:54.

The 108-member girls race included the Indians' Olivia Griffin, who placed 66th with a time of 23:09.

HCA, KHHS hoops teams play each other on Nov. 18

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
cliff@bctelegraph.com

Hope Christian Academy and Keystone Heights High School get regular-season basketball play underway when their boys and girls teams play each other on Monday, Nov. 18, at Hope.

The varsity girls teams will play at 6 p.m., following a junior varsity boys game at 4:30 p.m. The varsity boys will play at 7:30 p.m.

Hope's varsity teams will play at First Christian on Tuesday, Nov. 19, with the girls playing at 6 p.m. and the boys playing at 7 p.m.

Huntley leads KHHS girls soccer team in 8-0 district win

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
cliff@bctelegraph.com

Kayden Huntley scored four goals for the Keystone Heights High School girls soccer team, which defeated District 4-3A opponent Palatka 8-0 on Nov. 8 in Keystone for its second straight win after a loss to open the season.

After Huntley scored the Indians' first goal in the seventh minute, the team got few good looks until Huntley found the net again in the 20th minute.

Keystone (2-1) almost scored off a Halea Lam corner kick in the 29th minute, but found the mark approximately four minutes later when Huntley scored on a kick from approximately 20 yards out, putting the Indians up 3-0, which was where the score stood at halftime.

It didn't take long once play resumed for Huntley to get her fourth goal of the night as she sent a rainbow shot into the net in the 42nd minute.

Kaylee Park made the score 5-0 when she scored in the 51st minute.

The Indians later scored three

goals in an approximate four-minute span, with shots by Lam and Tayler Buchanan finding the mark before Park enforced the mercy rule with her score in the 65th minute.

Buchanan led the team in assists with three, while Lam had two.

Palatka rarely put itself in position to score, with Keystone's Aspen Krohn having to make only three saves.

Keystone opened the season with a 3-1 loss at Class 5A Columbia on Nov. 5. Lam scored the lone goal, while Krohn made 11 saves.

The Indians bounced back by defeating Class 5A Ridgeview 2-1 on Nov. 7 in Orange Park. Buchanan scored a goal and assisted on another, which was scored by Park.

Krohn made seven saves.

Keystone played district opponent Eastside this past Tuesday and will travel to play Class 2A P.K. Yonge on Friday, Nov. 15, at 5 p.m. The Indians return home to play 2A Newberry on Monday, Nov. 18, at 5 p.m. before traveling to play 2A Fort White on Tuesday, Nov. 19, at 5 p.m.

KHHS boys soccer team ties Rams in district match

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
cliff@bctelegraph.com

Keystone Heights High School scored three second-half goals in a 3-3 tie against District 4-3A opponent Eastside in a Nov. 8 boys soccer match in Gainesville.

The Indians (1-1-1) trailed 2-0 at halftime, but got two goals from Aaron Wiley in the second half — one off a penalty kick and one off a Luke Brunt assist.

Brunt scored the team's other goal.

Keystone opened the season with a 1-0 win over Class 2A Williston on Nov. 5 in Keystone. The match was scoreless until Trenton Noble headed in a free kick by Brunt in the final 30 seconds.

Goalie Elijah Ortiz made 22 saves.

On Nov. 6, the Indians traveled to play 2A Crescent City, losing 5-1. Noah Jaramillo scored the lone goal.

The Indians host district opponent Palatka on Friday, Nov. 15, at 7:20 p.m. and play again at home on Monday, Nov. 18, against Class 2A Newberry at 7 p.m.

On Tuesday, Nov. 19, Keystone travels to play 2A Fort White at 7 p.m.

Tornadoes and Tigers to host playoff football games Nov. 15

2nd seed BHS to play The Villages

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Bradford High School's football team dropped from the top spot in the Florida High School Athletic Association/MaxPreps Region 2-Class 2A power rankings, but by doing so, the Tornadoes now get to host a first-round playoff game.

The second seed Tornadoes (8-1) will play the seventh seed Villages (5-4) in a Region 2 quarterfinal game on Friday, Nov. 15, at 7:30 p.m.

Bradford had the best record in all of Region 2, but was leapfrogged by two-time defending state champ Cocoa, which is now the number-one seed with a 6-3 record.

The power rankings take into account wins, losses and strength of schedule.

If the Tornadoes defeat The Villages, they'll host a Region 2 semifinal game against either third seed Newberry (8-2) or sixth seed Palatka (7-3).

Bradford is making its 10th straight playoff appearance and is looking to win a first-round game for the sixth straight year.

The Tornadoes have six first-round wins in the past seven seasons.

This is Bradford's 25th season in the playoffs. The Tornadoes have a postseason record of 28-22 after going 4-1 and finishing as Class 2S state runner-up to Cocoa last year.

The Villages, which is in its 22nd year as a program (the school opened in 2000), is in the postseason for only the 10th year. The Buffalo have a 4-9 playoff record and have never advanced beyond the regional finals.

The Buffalo missed the playoffs the last two years after qualifying for four straight seasons.

The Villages played against seven teams that finished the regular season with winning records, going 3-4. The wins were 36-24 over Class 6A South Lake, 35-14 over Class 3A Crystal River and 27-26 over Class 3A Mount Dora. The losses were 38-0 to Class 4A Lecanto, 22-0 to Class 3A Tavares, 54-0 to Cocoa and 21-20 to Class 2A Astronaut.

All the teams with winning records that The Villages played qualified for the playoffs.

The Buffalo are scoring an average of 23 points per game, while opponents are averaging 24 points per game.

Offensively, The Villages is averaging 119 passing yards per game. Junior Patrick Harding has completed 42 of 87 passes for 466 yards and six touchdowns, while sophomore Jadence Kennedy is 37 of 62 for 562 yards and six touchdowns. Each has thrown two interceptions.

Seniors Jon-Jon Harding and Bradee Powell lead the receivers. Harding has 29 catches for 346 yards and two touchdowns, while Powell has 23 catches for 286 yards and two touchdowns.

Sophomore Omari Hill has 250 yards and five touchdowns on 12 receptions.

The Buffalo rushing attack, which averages 95 yards per game, is primarily senior Maleek Williams, who has 857 yards and 13 touchdowns on 218 carries.

3rd seed UCHS to play Holmes Co. Blue Devils

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Union County High School's football team will begin the Rural Class playoffs with a home game against 14th seed Holmes County on Friday, Nov. 15, at 7:30 p.m.

The Tigers (8-1) had been the top team for most of the season in the Florida High School Athletic Association/MaxPreps Rural power rankings, but fell to number three in the final rankings, which determined playoff seedings. Hawthorne (7-1) moved up to number one, while Madison County (6-3) is second.

Wins, losses and strength of schedule went into determining power rankings.

If Union defeats the Holmes County Blue Devils (6-4), it will host a second-round game against sixth seed Pahokee (6-3) or 11th seed ChIPLEY (7-2) on Friday, Nov. 22.

This marks the Tigers' eighth straight year in the playoffs and their 27th year overall. Union has a 41-23 postseason record after going 2-1 in 2023. That was the fifth straight year the Tigers went 2-1 in the postseason.

See BHS, page 14

See UCHS, page 14

The Genuine. The Original.



Overhead Door Company of Gainesville
• Garage Doors & Openers • Springs, Cables & Sections Replaced
• Residential & Commercial • Free Estimates • Licensed & Insured
Sales - Installation - Service
352-468-2733 www.OverheadDoor.com

The Matthews Museum (Bradford County Museum) Needs Volunteers!

- * Show visitors around the museum.
- * Share interesting facts about Bradford County.
- * All of this in a climate controlled location.
- * Students can earn Community Service Points.

To find out more

Contact: Chuck Kramer
(904) 964-5001 or (904) 364-6977



Legal Notices

Legals for the week of Nov. 14, 2024

BRADFORD

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

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

AND
Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, Block 10, of the Town of Hampton, Section 30, Township 7 South, Range 22, East, and Lots 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12, Block 10, of the Town of Hampton, Section 30, Township 7 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida. Bearing date the 28th day February, AD. 1990, recorded in official records Book 408, page 0344. In the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Bradford County, State of Florida.

(This is a second sale on this property due to an error in the legal description by the title company on the first sale dated March 13, 2024)
Name in Which Assessed: TERESA A EVANS; WILLIAM T LANEY; MARTHA G LANEY
Name on last tax roll, if different: TERESA A LANEY ET AL
All of said property being in the County of Bradford, State of Florida. Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the BRADFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, STARKE, FL on the 12/18/2024, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.

Denny Thompson,
Clerk Of The Circuit Court
Bradford County, Florida
BY: Kanetra Jenkins
KANETRA JENKINS,
Deputy Clerk
Contact the Tax Deed Office at 904-966-6280 to obtain the amount necessary to redeem.
DATED: October 21, 2024
DATE OF PUBLICATION: OCTOBER 24, 2024; OCTOBER 31, 2024; NOVEMBER 7; NOVEMBER 14, 2024

10/24 4tchg 11/14-BCT

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

CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO: 2024-CA-000273

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

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: SAMPSON LAKE PROPERTIES, Inc.
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to QUIET TITLE to the following property in Bradford County, Florida: A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING ERRONEOUSLY DESCRIBED IN THE OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 1960 PAGE 342, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA. SAID PARCEL BEING PORTIONS OF THE PLAT OF SAMPSON CITY, HAVING BEEN RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 1, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA. SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
COMMENCE AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINE OF SR 225 AND THE CENTERLINE OF SEABOARD COAST LINE RAILROAD AND RUN NORTH 46 DEG. 31 MIN. 44 SEC WEST, A DISTANCE OF 1418.47

FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 34 DEG. 50 MIN. 33 SEC. EAST, A DISTANCE OF 50.56 FEET, TO THE NORTHEASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF COUNTY ROAD 225, TO A 1/2-INCH CAPPED IRON ROD (PLS 5098), FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN NORTH 34 DEG. 50 MIN. 33 SEC. EAST, ALONG THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF ORB 2056 PG 458, A DISTANCE OF 155.20 FEET TO A 1/2-INCH CAPPED IRON ROD (PSM 5500); THENCE RUN NORTH 35 DEG. 05 MIN. 01 SEC. EAST, ALONG THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF ORB 1960 PG 342, A DISTANCE OF 119.63 FEET TO A 1/2-INCH CAPPED IRON ROD (PSM 5098), BEING THE WESTERN MOST CORNER OF THAT PARCEL, A CEMETERY, EXCEPTED PER ORB 1415 PG 252; THENCE RUN SOUTH 54 DEG. 55 MIN. 57 SEC. EAST, ALONG THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF THAT PARCEL EXCEPTED PER ORB 1415 PG 252, A DISTANCE OF 234.68 FEET TO A 5/8-INCH IRON ROD WITH NO IDENTIFICATION; THENCE RUN NORTH 53 DEG. 01 MIN. 26 SEC. EAST, A DISTANCE OF 806.38 FEET TO A 2-INCH PIPE WITH NO IDENTIFICATION; THENCE RUN SOUTH 38 DEG. 59 MIN. 18 SEC. EAST, ALONG THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF LOTS 15-LV AND 16-LV OF AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION SURVEYED BY JOSEPH G. KNAPP "BREAMWOOD POINT LAKE LAKEVIEW AND BREAKWOOD LAKEVIEW" AS FILED WITH BRADFORD COUNTY OFFICIAL RECORDS AS MISC. MAP BOOK 1 PAGE 43, BOTH LOTS ALSO BEING DESCRIBED IN ORB 1470 PG 0265, A DISTANCE OF 256.93 FEET TO A 1-INCH IRON PIPE, BEING THE SOUTHERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 15-LV; THENCE RUN SOUTH 58 DEG. 16 MIN. 54 SEC. WEST, ALONG THE NORTHWESTERLY LINE OF LOT 14-LV PER SAID BREAMWOOD POINT LAKE, A DISTANCE OF 50.26 FEET TO A 1-INCH IRON PIPE (NO ID), ALSO BEING THE WESTERN-MOST CORNER OF SAID LOT 14-LV; THENCE RUN SOUTH 39 DEG. 00 MIN. 58 SEC. EAST, ALONG THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE AND THE SOUTHEASTERLY PROJECTION OF SAID LOT 14-LV, A DISTANCE OF 146.85 FEET TO A 1/2-INCH ILLEGIBLE CAPPED IRON ROD; THENCE RUN SOUTH 43 DEG. 16 MIN. 47 SEC. WEST, ALONG THE NORTHWESTERLY LINE OF ORB 1861 PG 216 PARCEL 5, A DISTANCE OF 110.28 FEET TO A 1/2-INCH CAPPED IRON ROD (LS 6209), SAID POINT ALSO BEING THE PRESUMED INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINES OF SECOND STREET AND ISABELLE STREET OF SAMPSON CITY, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1 PAGE 1 IN THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF BRADFORD COUNTY; THENCE RUN SOUTH 46 DEG. 40 MIN. 52 SEC. EAST, ALONG THE PRESUMED CENTERLINE OF SAID SECOND STREET AND THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF ORB 1861 PG 216 PARCEL 5, A DISTANCE OF 254.13 FEET TO A 5/8-INCH IRON ROD, SAID POINT BEING THE PRESUMED INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINE OF SECOND STREET AND THE ALLEY OF BLOCK 10 LOCATED BETWEEN LOTS 1 AND 2, PER SAID SAMPSON CITY PLAT; THENCE RUN SOUTH 43 DEG. 30 MIN. 27 SEC. WEST, ALONG THE PRESUMED CENTERLINE OF SAID ALLEY BETWEEN SAID LOTS 1 AND 2, A DISTANCE OF 250.50 FEET TO A 5/8" IRON ROD (NO I.D.) ALSO BEING THE PRESUMED INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINE OF THE ALLEYS LOCATED BETWEEN LOTS 1 AND 2 OF BLOCK 10, AND THE PRESUMED CENTERLINE OF THE ALLEY LOCATED BETWEEN LOTS 2 AND 3 OF BLOCK 10 OF SAID PLAT OF SAMPSON CITY; THENCE RUN NORTH 46 DEG. 30 MIN. 07 SEC. WEST, ALONG THE PRESUMED CENTERLINE OF THE ALLEY BETWEEN SAID LOTS 2 AND 3, A DISTANCE OF 249.92 FEET TO A 5/8" IRON ROD (NO I.D.), BEING THE PRESUMED INTERSECTION OF SAID ALLEY AND THE CENTERLINE OF ISABELLE STREET PER SAID PLAT OF SAMPSON CITY; THENCE RUN SOUTH 43 DEG. 31 MIN. 04 SEC. WEST, ALONG SAID CENTERLINE OF ISABELLE STREET, A DISTANCE OF 639.82 FEET TO A 5/8" IRON ROD AND THE INTERSECTION OF SAID CENTERLINE OF ISABELLE STREET AND THE NORTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SW COUNTY ROAD 225; THENCE RUN NORTH 46 DEG. 31 MIN. 44 SEC. WEST, ALONG SAID NORTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 716.40 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Parcel ID Number: 00838-0-00000 (3440)
Property Address: SW CR 225, Starke, Florida 32091
has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on the Hildebrandt Law Firm, the Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 10300 49th Street North, Suite #207, Clearwater, FL 33762, on or before _____ or 30 days after the 1st publication, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court at its physical address or in person at 945 N. Temple Ave., Starke, FL 32091 or P.O. Drawer B. Starke, FL 32091 either before service on the Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.
WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on 18th day of October 2024.
DENNY THOMPSON
As Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: K. SMITH
As Deputy Clerk
(904) 966-6280
Hildebrandt Law Firm, LLC
Attorney for Plaintiff
10300 49th Street North, Suite #207
Clearwater, FL 33762
To be Published in: Bradford County Telegraph
10/31 4tchg 11/21-BCT

PUBLIC HEARING THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held November 19, 2024, at 5:15 P.M. at Bradford County School District Office,
501 West Washington Street, Starke Florida 32091, regarding the proposed rule for the 2024-2025 Student Progression Plan Amendment- Grading Policy for Bradford Elementary School , Bradford High School , Bradford Middle School, Lawtey Elementary School, Starke Elementary School.
11/7 2tchg 11/14-BCT

NOTICE Invitation for Bids IFB #24-01 New River Regional Landfill Class I Landfill Exposed Geomembrane Cover (EGC) Closure Phase II Construction

The New River Solid Waste Association (NRSWA) is extending an invitation for bids (IFB) for installing Phase II of the Exposed Geomembrane Cover (EGC) Closure at the New River Regional Landfill (NRRL) Class I Landfill. The successful Bidder will be responsible for installing an EGC closure and toe drain system over an area of about 21 acres of landfill side slope (3H:1V maximum slope). The successful Bidder will be responsible for providing all labor, work, materials, equipment, tools, safety, site work, geotextile, drainage sand, trench gravel, welding rod, HDPE pipe, testing, and incidentals for performing all work necessary and as required by the Contract Documents, Technical Specifications, and Drawings. NRSWA will provide the 60-mil high-density polyethylene (HDPE) textured geomembrane. The NRRL is approximately 2.5 miles north of Raiford, Florida, on the east side of State Road 121.

Bidding and Contract Documents may be examined at the NRSWA Administrative Office, 24276 NE 157th Street, Raiford, Florida, between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm Monday through Friday. To ensure that Bidders receive all addenda and/or clarifications to the Bidding Documents in a timely manner, it is mandatory that all Bidders obtain at least one set of Bidding Documents from the Engineer to be eligible to bid on this project. Copies of the documents may be obtained electronically from the Engineer by emailing a written request to bids@jonesedmunds.com. Sealed Bids can be hand delivered or mailed by private mail/package carrier to NRSWA at 24276 NE 157th Street, Raiford, Florida 32083, or sent by the US Postal Service (USPS) to PO Box 647, Raiford, Florida 32083. After the IFB opening, the bids will be examined for completeness and preserved in the custody of the NRSWA Executive Director. Bids will be evaluated and a contractor selected in accordance with the Contract Documents. All bids received after the specified time and date will not be considered. The DEADLINE for submittal is Monday, December 16, 2024, at 3:00 pm (local time). A MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING will be held at the site on Thursday, November 21, 2024, at 10:00 am (local time).
11/14 1tchg-BCT UCT

COMMISSION MEETING THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Bradford County Board of County Commissioners will have a board meeting on November 21, 2024, 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.

11/14 1tchg-BCT

NOTICE OF SALE
T & M Towing gives notice of lien and intent to sell this vehicle on Dec. 6th, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at T & M Towing storage yard located at 3687 Ambient Air Rd., Starke, FL 32091. T & M Towing reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.
2013 FORD VIN#
1FTEX1CM9DFD94039
11/14 2tchg 11/21-BCT

REQUEST FOR BIDS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Bradford County S.H.I.P. Program will receive sealed bids until 2:30 p.m. December 2, 2024 at the Bradford County Office of the County Clerk located at 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida 32091 for the following:
Renovation of residence located at:

A. 101 S. Myrtle Street, Starke, FL
B. 17843 NW 48th Avenue, Starke, FL
A mandatory walk through is a prerequisite to a valid bid. All interested bidders will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, December 22, 2024, at the Community Development Office located at 925-E North Temple Avenue in Starke, Florida. If you plan to submit a bid, a representative of your firm must attend the "walk through" of the unit to become familiar with the property and the scope of work to be completed.
No contractors shall visit the subject property for any reason without first making arrangements with the County and owner.
All contractors must have proof of Residential or General Contractor's License, proof of Liability Insurance, proof of Workers' Compensation Insurance (or Exemption Card), a statement of non-discrimination, and at least two references from previously completed jobs.
Bids will be opened at 2:30 p.m. on Monday, December 2, 2024 or as soon thereafter as possible in the presence of the Clerk or his designee, Community Development staff, and all interested persons in the Bradford County Board of County Commission Meeting Room.
The opened bids will be read into public record and preserved in the custody of the Community Development Department.
Bids will not be valid unless received by the bid deadline and in a sealed envelope marked, "Sealed Bid, S.H.I.P." and received by 2:30 p.m., December 2, 2024.

Questions to be submitted in writing to the Community Development office at kelly_canady@bradfordcountyfl.gov or Fax (904) 966-6384 no later than 3:00 p.m. Friday, November 29, 2024.
The County reserves the right to reject all bids when in its best judgment they are too high or when it is determined to be in the best interest of the County that the bids be re-advertised.
Pursuant to Section 255.0991, Florida Statutes, Bradford County WILL NOT give a local preference for this project.
It is the policy of the County to promote equal opportunity to obtain adequate housing by all persons, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, familial status, handicap, or national origin.
11/14 1tchg-BCT

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

CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 24000016CAAXMX
FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION
PLAINTIFF,
VS.
KAREN ANN WALDRON A/K/A
KAREN WALDRON, HARRIET
WALDRON, MAR-ION WALDRON
ET AL.,
DEFENDANTS.
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
(Please publish in Bradford Telegraph)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 28th day of October, 2024, and entered in Case No. 24000016CAAXMX, of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Bradford County, Florida, wherein Freedom Mortgage Corporation is the Plaintiff and UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MARIAN WALDRON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF KAREN ANN WALDRON; UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY N/J/A JIMMY LEWIS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF HARRIET WALDRON; MARIAN WALDRON; HARRIET WALDRON and KAREN ANN WALDRON A/K/A KAREN WALDRON; are Defendants. Denny Thompson as the Clerk of the Circuit Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the lobby of the Bradford County Courthouse, 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, FL 32091 at 11:00 A.M. EST on the 27th day of February, 2025, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

ALL that certain land situate in Bradford County, Florida, viz:
A part of section 27, Township 5 South, Range 21 East, Bradford County, Florida and being more particularly described as follows:
COMMENCE at the northeast corner of southeast 1/4, of the northwest 1/4 of said section 27; THENCE South 00 degrees 49 minutes 24 seconds East, 647.81 feet to the South Right of way line of the northwest 219th Street; THENCE continue South 00 degrees 49 minutes 24 seconds East, 256.25 feet; THENCE South 89 degrees 10 minutes 36 seconds West, 246.89 feet to the point of BEGINNING; THENCE South 00 degrees 47 minutes 34 seconds East, 208.72 feet; THENCE South 89 degrees 12 minutes 23 seconds West, 208.72 feet; THENCE North 00 degrees 47 minutes 34 seconds West, 208.72 feet; THENCE North 89 degrees 12 minutes 23 seconds East, 208.72 feet to the point of BEGINNING.
Together with a 30 feet ingress, egress and utility easement being more particularly described as follows:
Part of section 27, Township 5 South, Range 21 East, Bradford County, Florida and being more particularly described as follows:
COMMENCE at the northeast corner of the southeast 1/4 of the northwest 1/4 of said section 27; THENCE South 00 degrees 49 minutes 24 seconds East, 647.81 feet to the South right of way line of northwest 219th Street;

THENCE continue South 00 degrees 49 minutes 24 seconds East, 256.25 feet; THENCE South 89 degrees 10 minutes 36 seconds West, 246.89 feet to the point of BEGINNING; THENCE South 89 degrees 12 minutes 23 seconds West, 30.21 feet; THENCE North 05 degrees 58 minutes 25 seconds East, 107.81 feet; THENCE North 33 degrees 19 minutes 41 seconds East, 210.55 feet to an intersection with the South right of way line of northwest 219th Street; THENCE South 81 degrees 10 minutes 56 seconds East, along said right of way line, 32.97 feet; THENCE South 33 degrees 19 minutes 41 seconds West, departing said right of way line, 216.93 feet; THENCE South 05 degrees 58 minutes 25 seconds West, 96.95 feet to the point of BEGINNING.
And
A parcel of land containing 20.00 acres and lying partly in the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 and partly in the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 27, Township 5 South, Range 21 East, Bradford County, Florida; said parcel being more particularly described as follows:
Commence at a concrete monument found at the Northeast corner of said SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 and run South 00 degrees, 49 minutes and 24 seconds East, along the Easterly boundary thereof, 647.81 feet to a concrete monument found on the Southerly boundary of the right of way of NW 65th Avenue (a County graded road also known as Buck Lake Road) for the Point of Beginning. From Point of Beginning thus described continue South 00 degrees, 49 minutes and 24 seconds East, along said Easterly boundary 687.45 feet to an iron pipe found at the Northeast corner of said NE 1/4 of SW 1/4 thence South 00 degrees, 46 minutes and 17 seconds East, along the Easterly boundary thereof, 932.02 feet to a set concrete monument; thence continue South 00 degrees, 46 minutes and 17 seconds East, along last said Easterly boundary, 77.04 feet to an intersection with the present centerline of Water Oak Creek; thence run along said centerline the following courses:
North 67 degrees, 37 minutes, and 15 seconds West, 50.52 feet; North 09 degrees, 36 minutes and 43 seconds West, 26.57 feet; North 45 degrees, 40 minutes and 36 seconds West, 42.24 feet; North 76 degrees, 09 minutes and 40 seconds West, 23.02 feet; South 86 degrees, 34 minutes and 45 seconds West, 50.69 feet; North 40 degrees, 40 minutes and 34 seconds West, 45.74 feet; North 75 degrees, 23 minutes and 39 seconds West, 91.62 feet; North 86 degrees, 17 minutes and 37 seconds West, 123.80 feet; South 60 degrees, 51 minutes and 17 seconds West, 24.51 feet; North 76 degrees, 35 minutes and 07 seconds West, 77.47 feet; North 87 degrees, 45 minutes and 01 seconds West, 74.52 feet to an intersection with a line having a bearing of South 00 degrees, 47 minutes and 37 seconds East (said line being the Westerly boundary of the herein described parcel); thence North 00 degrees, 47 minutes and 37 seconds West, along said Westerly boundary, 32.87 feet to a set concrete monument; thence continue North 00 degrees, 47 minutes and 37 seconds West, along said line and along said Westerly boundary, 1136.61 feet to an iron rod set in the centerline of a drainage ditch; thence North 25 degrees, 15 minutes and 49 seconds East, along last said centerline, 106.89 feet to a set iron rod; thence North 31 degrees, 22 minutes and 23 seconds East, along last said centerline, 159.53 feet to a set iron rod; thence North 15 degrees, 26 minutes and 57 seconds East, along last said centerline, 207.80 feet to an iron rod set on said Southerly boundary of NW 65th Avenue; thence South 81 degrees, 10 minutes and 56 seconds East, along said Southerly boundary, 380.77 feet to the Point of Beginning. Subject to existing easements for power lines or drainage.

IF YOU ARE A PERSON CLAIMING A RIGHT TO FUNDS REMAINING AFTER THE SALE, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK NO LATER THAN THE DATE THAT THE CLERK REPORTS THE FUNDS AS UNCLAIMED. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A CLAIM, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY REMAINING FUNDS. AFTER THE FUNDS ARE REPORTED AS UNCLAIMED, ONLY THE OWNER OF RECORD AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MAY CLAIM THE SURPLUS.
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Persons with a disability who need any accommodation in order to participate should call Jan Phillips, ADA Coordinator, Alachua County Courthouse, 201 E. University Ave., Gainesville, FL 32601 at (352) 337-6237 within two (2) working days of your receipt of this notice; if you are hearing impaired call (800) 955-8771; if you are voice impaired, call (800) 955-8770.
Dated this 8th day of November, 2024.

By: /s/ Liana R. Hall
Liana R. Hall
Bar No. 73813
Submitted by:
Miller, George & Suggs, PLLC
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF
210 N. University Drive, Suite 900
Coral Springs, FL 33071
DESIGNATED PRIMARY E-MAIL FOR SERVICE
PURSUANT TO FLA. R. JUD. ADMIN 2.516
ESERVICE@MGS-LEGAL.COM
11/14 2tchg 11/21-BCT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:
Personal property of the following tenants will be sold for cash or otherwise disposed of to satisfy rental liens in accordance with the Florida Statutes, Self Storage Facility Act, Sections 83.806-83.807. Auction will be held on Nov.15, 2024 at 8:00 am at the facility 827 N. SR21 Melrose FL 32666 Phone 352-475-5000 All items may not be available on sale date.
Unit #13 Verna Hurley Personal or household items
Unit #47 Virginia Hird Personal or household items
Unit #61 Joe Eagle Personal or household items
11/7 2tchg 11/14-LRM

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:
Personal property of the following tenants will be sold for cash or otherwise disposed of to satisfy rental liens in accordance with the Florida Statutes, Self Storage Facility Act, Sections 83.806-83.807. Auction will be held on Nov.15, 2024 at 8:00 am at the facility 827 N. SR21 Melrose FL 32666 Phone 352-475-5000 All items may not be available on sale date.
Unit #13 Verna Hurley Personal or household items
Unit #47 Virginia Hird Personal or household items
Unit #61 Joe Eagle Personal or household items
11/7 2tchg 11/14-LRM

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:
Personal property of the following tenants will be sold for cash or otherwise disposed of to satisfy rental liens in accordance with the Florida Statutes, Self Storage Facility Act, Sections 83.806-83.807. Auction will be held on Nov.15, 2024 at 8:00 am at the facility 827 N. SR21 Melrose FL 32666 Phone 352-475-5000 All items may not be available on sale date.
Unit #13 Verna Hurley Personal or household items
Unit #47 Virginia Hird Personal or household items
Unit #61 Joe Eagle Personal or household items
11/7 2tchg 11/14-LRM

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:
Personal property of the following tenants will be sold for cash or otherwise disposed of to satisfy rental liens in accordance with the Florida Statutes, Self Storage Facility Act, Sections 83.806-83.807. Auction will be held on Nov.15, 2024 at 8:00 am at the facility 827 N. SR21 Melrose FL 32666 Phone 352-475-5000 All items may not be available on sale date.
Unit #13 Verna Hurley Personal or household items
Unit #47 Virginia Hird Personal or household items
Unit #61 Joe Eagle Personal or household items
11/7 2tchg 11/14-LRM

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:
Personal property of the following tenants will be sold for cash or otherwise disposed of to satisfy rental liens in accordance with the Florida Statutes, Self Storage Facility Act, Sections 83.806-83.807. Auction will be held on Nov.15, 2024 at 8:00 am at the facility 827 N. SR21 Melrose FL 32666 Phone 352-475-5000 All items may not be available on sale date.
Unit #13 Verna Hurley Personal or household items
Unit #47 Virginia Hird Personal or household items
Unit #61 Joe Eagle Personal or household items
11/7 2tchg 11/14-LRM

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:
Personal property of the following tenants will be sold for cash or otherwise disposed of to satisfy rental liens in accordance with the Florida Statutes, Self Storage Facility Act, Sections 83.806-83.807. Auction will be held on Nov.15, 2024 at 8:00 am at the facility 827 N. SR21 Melrose FL 32666 Phone 352-475-5000 All items may not be available on sale date.
Unit #13 Verna Hurley Personal or household items
Unit #47 Virginia Hird Personal or household items
Unit #61 Joe Eagle Personal or household items
11/7 2tchg 11/14-LRM

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:
Personal property of the following tenants will be sold for cash or otherwise disposed of to satisfy rental liens in accordance with the Florida Statutes, Self Storage Facility Act, Sections 83.806-83.807. Auction will be held on Nov.15, 2024 at 8:00 am at the facility 827 N. SR21 Melrose FL 32666 Phone 352-475-5000 All items may not be available on sale date.
Unit #13 Verna Hurley Personal or household items
Unit #47 Virginia Hird Personal or household items
Unit #61 Joe Eagle Personal or household items
11/7 2tchg 11/14-LRM

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:
Personal property of the following tenants will be sold for cash or otherwise disposed of to satisfy rental liens in accordance with the Florida Statutes, Self Storage Facility Act, Sections 83.806-83.807. Auction will be held on Nov.15, 2024 at 8:00 am at the facility 827 N. SR21 Melrose FL 32666 Phone 352-475-5000 All items may not be available on sale date.
Unit #13 Verna Hurley Personal or household items
Unit #47 Virginia Hird Personal or household items
Unit #61 Joe Eagle Personal or household items
11/7 2tchg 11/14-LRM

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:
Personal property of the following tenants will be sold for cash or otherwise disposed of to satisfy rental liens in accordance with the Florida Statutes, Self Storage Facility Act, Sections 83.806-83.807. Auction will be held on Nov.15, 2024 at 8:00 am at the facility 827 N. SR21 Melrose FL 32666 Phone 352-475-5000 All items may not be available on sale date.
Unit #13 Verna Hurley Personal or household items
Unit #47 Virginia Hird Personal or household items
Unit #61 Joe Eagle Personal or household items
11/7 2tchg 11/14-LRM

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:
Personal property of the following tenants will be sold for cash or otherwise disposed of to satisfy rental liens in accordance with the Florida Statutes, Self Storage Facility Act, Sections 83.806-83.807. Auction will be held on Nov.15, 2024 at 8:00 am at the facility 827 N. SR21 Melrose FL 32666 Phone 352-475-5000 All items may not be available on sale date.
Unit #13 Verna Hurley Personal or household items
Unit #47 Virginia Hird Personal or household items
Unit #61 Joe Eagle Personal or household items
11/7 2tchg 11/14-LRM

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:
Personal property of the following tenants will be sold for cash or otherwise disposed of to satisfy rental liens in accordance with the Florida Statutes, Self Storage Facility Act, Sections 83.806-83.807. Auction will be held on Nov.15, 2024 at 8:00 am at the facility 827 N. SR21 Melrose FL 32666 Phone 352-475-5000 All items may not be available on sale date.
Unit #13 Verna Hurley Personal or household items
Unit #47 Virginia Hird Personal or household items
Unit #61 Joe Eagle Personal or household items
11/7 2tchg 11/14-LRM

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:
Personal property of the following tenants will be sold for cash or otherwise disposed of to satisfy rental liens in accordance with the Florida Statutes, Self Storage Facility Act, Sections 83.806-83.807. Auction will be held on Nov.15, 2024 at 8:00 am at the facility 827 N. SR21 Melrose FL 32666 Phone 352-475-5000 All items may not be available on sale date.
Unit #13 Verna Hurley Personal or household items
Unit #47 Virginia Hird Personal or household items
Unit #61 Joe Eagle Personal or household items
11/7 2tchg 11/14-LRM

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:
Personal property of the following tenants will be sold for cash or otherwise disposed of to satisfy rental liens in accordance with the Florida Statutes, Self Storage Facility Act, Sections 83.806-83.807. Auction will be held on Nov.15, 2024 at 8:00 am at the facility 827 N. SR21 Melrose FL 32666 Phone 352-475-5000 All items may not be available on sale date.
Unit #13 Verna Hurley Personal or household items
Unit #47 Virginia Hird Personal or household items
Unit #61 Joe Eagle Personal or household items
11/7 2tchg 11/14-LRM

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:
Personal property of the following tenants will be sold for cash or otherwise disposed of to satisfy rental liens in accordance with the Florida Statutes, Self Storage Facility Act, Sections 83.806-83.807. Auction will be held on Nov.15, 2024 at 8:00 am at the facility 827 N. SR21 Melrose FL 32666 Phone 352-475-5000 All items may not be available on sale date.
Unit #13 Verna Hurley Personal or household items
Unit #47 Virginia Hird Personal or household items
Unit #61 Joe Eagle Personal or household items
11/7 2tchg 11/14-LRM

Bradford County Telegraph
USPS 062-700
Published each Thursday and entered as Periodical Postage Paid at Starke, Florida under Act of March 3, 1879.
POSTMASTER: Send address changes to:
Bradford County Telegraph
131 West Call Street • Starke, Florida 32091
Phone: 964-6305 • P.O. Drawer A • Starke, FL 32091

John Miller, Publisher

Editor:	Mark J. Crawford
Sports Editor:	Cliff Smelley
Advertising:	John R. Tillman
Typesetting:	Mary Goodge
Advertising & Newspaper Prod:	C. Hurston
Bookkeeping & Classified Adverts:	Heather Wheeler
Bookkeeping Asst:	Mary Goodge
Front office Asst:	

Subscription Rate in Trade Area
Area \$52.00 per year:
\$26.00 six months
Outside Trade Area:
\$52.00 per year:
\$26.00 six months

Lake Region Monitor
USPS 114-170
Published each Thursday and entered as Periodical Postage Paid at Keystone Heights, Florida under Act of March 3, 1879.
POSTMASTER: Send address changes to:
Lake Region Monitor
P.O. Drawer A - Starke, FL 32091
131 W. Call Street - Starke, FL 32091
Phone: (904)964-6305 • Fax: (904)964-8628

<

BCEF President Canova surprised with consortium award

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
cliff@bctelegraph.com

Bradford County Education Foundation President Cheryl Canova was presented with the Jim McKenzie Consortium Champion Award in recognition of her engagement with the Consortium of Florida Education Foundations.

Canova received the award at the ConnectED conference that was held this past September in Orlando.

"It was a surprise and an honor to be the person who was recognized for the state of Florida for my leadership with our foundation, especially since we are a small county, and we are all volunteers," Canova said.

The Jim McKenzie Consortium Champion Award is presented annually to a local education foundation leader who exemplifies the consortium's values of collaboration, connection, leadership and excellence.

"We know how tirelessly our local education foundation leaders work to lead their own



Bradford County Education Foundation President Cheryl Canova received the Jim McKenzie Consortium Champion Award in recognition of her engagement with the Consortium of Florida Education Foundations.

organization, so when they also commit themselves to growth and engage with their peers it is particularly meaningful," Consortium of Education Foundations President Mary Chance said.

Canova, the former director of the Santa Fe College Andrews Center, was nominated for her consistent engagement with the consortium over many years. She has tapped into new resources and funding offered by

the consortium to help Bradford County students and teachers and eagerly shares what the Bradford County Education Foundation is doing with colleagues across the state.

Bradford is one of six counties that have all-volunteer education foundations.

"Since I retired from Santa Fe four years ago, I have had more time to volunteer for the foundation," Canova said.

The Bradford County Education Foundation was created in 1990. Some of its recent accomplishments are raising \$100,000 through hosting World Reading Initiative events and obtaining a \$500,000 resiliency grant.

At the BCEF's Aug. 29 Leave a Legacy event, Bradford Superintendent of Schools Will Hartley said, "I can't say enough about the education foundation and all the work that they do. They do an amazing job."

The foundation hosts the welcome-back reception for school staff prior to the start of every school year as well as the annual reception for Teacher of the Year and School-Related Employee of the Year. BCEF also provides the Teacher/School-Related Employee of the Year awards.

BCEF sponsors the school- and district-level spelling bees and provides awards. It also sponsors the district winner moving on to

the state level.

Bradford High School's annual Golden B/Principal's Achievement ceremony is sponsored by BCEF, which also provides the awards and sponsors the post-ceremony reception.

These are just a few examples of what BCEF is doing to support schools.

"We have a good group of volunteers," said Canova, who gave special kudos to Lila Sellars, who has been BCEF vice president for more than 15 years.

If you'd like to know more about BCEF, visit bceducationfoundation.org. You can also follow the "Bradford County Education Foundation" Facebook page.

Available Office Building
Next to Walgreens
- Reception area
- 3 offices
We will remodel to your specifications with lease.
For info, call:
904-364-9022

Rental- Perfect Location
Next to the post office
Walnut St.
Remodeled - Could be used for office, tattoo shop, beauty, massage, or other.
\$750.00 per month.
To view, call:
904-964-6305



Calee Hinson
386-406-0119
2518 State Rd 21,
Melrose, FL 32666
"Their knowledgeable and professional attitude is a winning combination."



For Sale!



MLS #2052528



428 Magnolia Drive,
Macclenny, FL 32063

"Justis is the best! She will guide you every way possible. She's flexible, reliable and dependable!! Highly recommend in Clay County. Very honest and informative. She will help find you the best property possible! She deserves a raise! 5 stars and if I could, I would give her 10 stars!"



For Sale!

7060 Stetson St,
Keystone Heights, FL 32656

MLS #11320868

High and dry beautiful lot ready for your new home! 0.41 acres with beautiful shade trees and on the corner of a paved and gravel road. Zoned homes only, no mobile homes allowed. Minutes from town and zoned Keystone Heights Elementary School. Lending options available. SELLER OFFERING 5% BUYERS AGENT COMMISSION



SouthLand REALTY & MANAGEMENT CO

Justis Smith
352-258-4619

100 E Nightingale St.
Keystone Heights, FL 32656

justis@southland-realty.com

Featured Listings From Your Local Realtors!



MeLissa Pellerito
REALTOR®
352-494-1829 call/text
mpelleritorealtor@gmail.com
275 S Lawrence Blvd • Ste 1
Keystone Heights, FL 32656



"Absolutely amazing to work with MeLissa. Her professionalism, market knowledge, prompt attention to all matters makes her a true professional who cares about the service she provides. Thanks MeLissa!"



For Sale!

MLS #2056086



601 W Weldon Street,
Starke FL 32091



COLDWELL BANKER
SMITH & SMITH REALTY

Marty & Lisa Shaw
904-964-9222
415 E Call St,
Starke, FL 32091

"I have worked with Marty, Lisa and Austin in a professional capacity numerous times and have never had an issue with any of them. I highly recommend them and Smith and Smith Realty if you are looking to buy or sell in Bradford or the surrounding counties."



For Sale!

MLS #1241413



Lisa Shaw
904-759-2216



213 W Mimosa Drive,
Starke, FL 32091

Classified Ads - 904-964-6305



Where one call does it all!



Class Ads
11/14/24

40
Notices

EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY. All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Federal

Fair Housing Act of 1968 in which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex or national origin, or an intention to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination." Familial status includes children under

the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians, pregnant women and people securing custody of children under 18. This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate in which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that

all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. To complain of discrimination, call HUD toll-free at 1-800-669-9777, the toll-free telephone number for the hearing impaired is 1-800-927-9275. For further information call Florida Commission on Human Relations, Lisa Sutherland 850-488-7082 ext. #1005

47 Commercial Property (Rent, Lease, Sale)

TURN KEY BEAUTY SALON. Located at 144 W. Call Street, next to Walgreens. \$700/mo. 1st, last & security. Call

904-964-6305.
OFFICE FOR RENT. Located next to post office. Turn key for commercial space or specialized space. \$800/mo., first, last & deposit. Call 904-964-6305 for info.

50 For Rent

WE HAVE 2 OR 3 bedroom MH, clean, close to prison. Call 352-468-1323

NEWLY RENOVATED 2BR/2BA SW, 3BR/2BA DW Lake Butler. No pets. 18 acres for sale. Starke-Lake Butler. 1-678-438-6828

UPCOMING Lakefront

located in Keystone. 2BR/1BA \$1400/mo., 3BR/1BA \$1500/mo. No pets, lawncare included. 904-613-5715

3BR/2BA SWMH. Large shaded lot in Lawtey. No pets. Mowing included. \$1100/mo., first, last & security. Call 904-263-3377, if no answer send text.

53 A

YARD SALE; Fri. & Sat. 9am-3pm. Lots of stuff. 20932 NE 20th Lane, Lawtey. Cancel if rain.

FAMOUS Eunice multi-family garage sale; Fri. & Sat. 8am-? 5256 NW 224th St, Lawtey. Women's, men's, girls 6m-4t.

home decor and more.

53 C

BIG YARD SALE; Sat. 9am-4pm. Different items than before. 12661 SW 56 trail, Lake Butler.

57

2 kayaks 11ft, 12ft, paddles, vests, etc \$300 for all. Call 352-215-7117.

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS Southern Villas of Starke

Ask about our 1&2 BR Apartments HC & non-HC Units. Central AC/Heat, on-site laundry, playground, private, quiet atmosphere.

Located on SR-16, 1001 Southern Villas Dr. Starke, FL
Call 904-964-7295
TDD/TTY 711
"Equal Housing Opportunity"

Tri-County Classifieds

Bradford County
Telegraph Monitor
Lake Region
Times
Union County



INDEX

- | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| 40 Notice | 57 For Sale |
| 41 Vehicles Accessories | 58 Building Materials |
| 42 Motor Vehicles | 59 Personal Services |
| 43 Rv's & Campers | 60 Secretarial Services |
| 44 Boats | 61 Scriptures |
| 45 Land for Sale | 62 Vacation/Travel |
| 46 Real Estate Out of Area | 63 Love Lines |
| 47 Commercial Property Rent, Lease, Sell | 64 Business Opportunity |
| 48 Homes for Sale | 65 Help Wanted |
| 49 Mobile Homes for Sale | 66 Investment Opportunity |
| 50 For Rent | 67 Hunting Land for Rent |
| 51 Lost/Found | 68 Rent to Own |
| 52 Animals & Pets | 69 Food Supplements |
| 53 Yard Sales | 70 Money to Lend |
| 54 Keystone Yard Sales | 72 Sporting Goods |
| 55 Wanted | 74 Computers & Computer Accessories |
| 56 Trade or Swap | |

Reach All 3 Counties Bradford • Union • Clay

Worded Classified Ad up to 25 words is \$10
Classified Display Ad is \$10 per col. inch
Deadline for Classified ads - **Tuesday 12 noon**

904-964-6305
classads@bctelegraph.com



WELL DRILLING
QUALITY SERVICE SINCE 1964
24 Hr. PUMP SERVICE
964-7061
STATE LICENSE #1305
DURRANCE PUMP

Set Right Mobile Homes
Specializing In Relocations, Re-Levels, Set-Ups & Disposal
Rodney A. Carmichael, Owner
Email: set_right_homes@yahoo.com **904-364-6383**
Licensed • Bonded • Insured • Lic# 1H/1025656

HERITAGE VILLAS
Accepting Applications for 1 & 2 BR Apts
607 Bradford Court
Starke, FL 32091
904-964-6216
TDD 771
This Institution is an Equal Opportunity Provider

Orangewood Apartments
801 South Water Street
Starke, FL 32091
904-964-4214
TDD/TTY 711
Accepting Applications!
Rental Assistance!
1, 2, & 3 bedroom HC & Non-HC accessible apartments.
"This institution is an equal opportunity provider, and employer."
"Equal Housing Opportunity"

Lake Butler Apartments 1, 2, 3 & 4 BEDROOM APARTMENTS
HC & Non-HC accessible.
1005 SW 6th St.
Lake Butler, FL
386-496-3141
TDD/TTY 711.
Accepting Applications!
Rental Assistance!
"This institution is an equal opportunity provider, and employer."
"Equal Housing Opportunity"

BHS
Continued from page 11

Two of The Villages' opponents didn't record their offensive stats on MaxPreps. Based on the seven who did, opponents are averaging 150 rushing yards per game and 176 passing yards per game.

Senior linebacker Mikeen Harrison leads the team in tackles with 91. Junior linebacker Cole Logan has 77, while junior defensive back Jeremiah Wimes has 60.

The Villages has had 10 players combine for 11 interceptions, led by senior defensive back Xavier Walton, who has two.

Six players have combined

to recover 10 fumbles. Senior linebacker Connor Cook has three recoveries.

The Buffalo's last postseason win was by a 34-6 win over Keystone Heights in the 2021 Class 4A regional semifinals. The Villages, which had a first-round bye, would go on to lose 54-21 to Cocoa in the regional finals.

UCHS
Continued from page 11

The Blue Devils, who are out of Bonifay, are making their fifth straight playoff appearance and their 18th overall. They have won a first-round game the last three years and have an overall playoff record of 11-16.

Holmes has a state title to its credit, winning the Class B championship in 1965. The Blue Devils were Class 2A state runners-up in 1979 and 1987.

This year's team enters the playoffs off a win, but has only two wins in its last five games.

The Blue Devils played five teams that finished the regular season with winning records, going 1-4. The only win came in the regular-season finale by a score of 36-32 against an Opp team out of Alabama that is going to the playoffs in that state's 4A

classification.

Holmes' other games against schools that finished with six wins or more (who are all playoff bound) were a 50-14 loss to Class 4A Walton, a 12-8 loss to Rural Class Chipley, a 42-14 loss to Class 2A Marianna and a 40-20 loss to Rural Class Blountstown.

The Blue Devils are scoring an average of 29 points per game, while opponents are averaging 29 points per game.

Holmes is averaging 198 rushing yards per game, with three backs having 400-plus yards. Sophomore Bowden Bailey has 441 yards and four touchdowns on 97 carries, senior Colby Powell has 439 yards and five touchdowns on 81 carries, and senior Kenyon Pool has 437 yards and four touchdowns on 55 carries.

Another major contributor is sophomore Egan Segers, who has 351 yards and four touchdowns

on 84 carries.

The passing game accounts for only 61 yards per game, with senior Rayce Griffin attempting an average of nine passes per game. Griffin is 45 of 92 for 610 yards and nine touchdowns. He's thrown eight interceptions.

Segars is the leading receiver with 15 catches for 204 yards and four touchdowns. Senior Bradley Garrett has 13 catches for 178 yards and four touchdowns, while Pool has five catches for 121 yards and a touchdown.

Opponents' offensive stats, as recorded by MaxPreps, are available for seven of Holmes' 10 games. Based on those seven games, teams are averaging 131 rushing yards per game against the Blue Devils and 158 passing yards per game.

Senior linebacker Aiden Justice leads the Blue Devils in tackles with 111 (17 for loss). Senior linebacker Nick Chiren and sophomore linebacker Rhett Boyd have 76 and 57 tackles, respectively.

Seven players have combined to make nine interceptions. Justice and senior defensive back Brandon Dean each have two.

Five players each have one fumble recovery.

In last year's Class 1R playoffs, the Blue Devils earned a first-round bye and then defeated Chipley 26-7 in a Region 1 semifinal game. Holmes lost 28-14 to Bozeman in the Region 1 championship game.



TEAL TILE
CARPET ONE

Local Flooring Specialists • since 1976

Sales • Service • Installation

Free Estimates

COMMERCIAL & RESIDENTIAL

THANK YOU

for allowing us the opportunity to serve you for the last 48 years.

Call for DIY specials!

12 months interest free financing on approved credit.

We will beat all competitor pricing!

M-F 8:30 am - 5:30 pm
Saturdays by Appointment

• Vinyl • Carpet
• Ceramic Tile

• Hardwood &
• Laminate Floors

131 N. Cherry Street
Starke, FL 32091

904-964-7423



DISCOUNT PRICING POWER OF OVER 1,400 STORES!!

Florida Twin Theatre Visit us on-line at www.FloridaTwinTheatre.com
904-964-5451 REGULAR SCHEDULE! ★★★★★★

<p>THURSDAY 11/14 VENOM: THE LAST DANCE- 6:30 (Upstairs) THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER- 6:30 (Downstairs)</p>	<p>FRIDAY 11/15 THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER- 7:00 (Upstairs) RED ONE- 7:00 (Downstairs)</p>
<p>SATURDAY 11/16 THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER- 4:00 & 7:00 (Upstairs) RED ONE- 4:00 & 7:00 (Downstairs)</p>	<p>SUNDAY 11/17 THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER- 4:00 & 7:00 (Upstairs) RED ONE- 4:00 & 7:00 (Downstairs)</p>

- Septic Tank Pump Out
- Liftstation
- Septic System Inspection
- Septic & DF Installation
- Sump Pumps & More



Scan the QR code for our Google Reviews:



PHILLIP MCDONALD
PLUMBING AND SEPTIC
904-964-3737
CFC 1428926

(904) 964-3737

- Residential & Commercial
- Service Repairs
- Repipe
- Water Heater
- New Construction & More!



The Beginning of a Tornado Playoff Run!



THE VILLAGES BUFFALO VS BRADFORD TORNADOES
This Friday
November 15th at 7:30PM
David Hurse Stadium

Miracle Automotive Towing is a proud sponsor of Bradford Athletics!



620 N Thompson St, Starke, FL 32091
(904) 368-1114

Thanksgiving Dinner

from **SPIRES DELI**
For more information or if you need help creating your order call **386-496-3969**



SMOKED or OVEN ROASTED **TURKEY**
Dressing & Rolls
Your Choice of 2 sides
(deboned - additional \$5)



OR **HAM**
Sliced off the Bone
Rolls & Your Choice of 3 sides

\$99⁹⁹ each
Serves 8-10 at \$9⁹⁹ per person!
Turkey or Ham Only \$39⁹⁹

Sides to choose from include:
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy,
Sweet Potato Casserole,
Dressing, Broccoli Casserole,
Macaroni & Cheese, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Green Beans

See Deli Clerk for order form.
LAST DAY TO ORDER: Sun., Nov. 24.
Orders MUST be picked up by noon Weds., Nov. 27. While supplies last.