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Decals will be required to dispose

Get yours now before enforcement begins

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

Bradford residents who use the solid waste collection sites are asked to use the month of November to obtain a decal for their vehicle in order to continue using the sites.

Property owners will show proof they pay the county's solid waste assessment in order to obtain a vehicle decal.

The decals will be used to prevent use of the solid waste collection sites by anyone who does not pay the assessment. This includes out-of-county residents as well as property owners in the city of Starke. Starke charges residents and businesses for its contacted garbage collection service, so they do not pay the county's special assessment. Anyone who doesn't pay it will be prohibited from dumping.

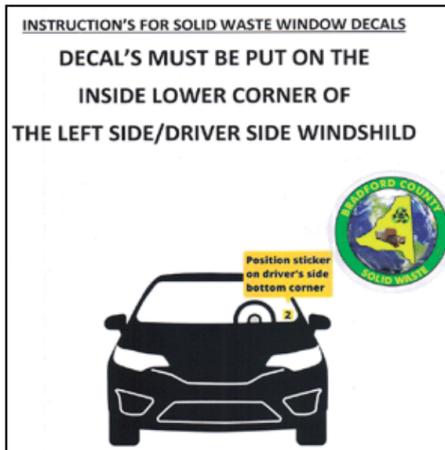
Solid Waste Director Bennie Jackson detailed the procedure for obtaining vehicle decals, saying enforcement will begin in December.

During the month of November, county property owners should take their tax bill (TRIM notice) to a solid waste collection site. DO NOT take bills to the tax collector's office or the county manager's office to obtain a decal.

Site attendants will provide assistance by applying the decal, or they can instruct the vehicle owner how to do so. The decals will be located on the lower inside corner of the driver's side windshield.

After November, anyone who cannot provide a tax bill showing they pay a solid waste assessment fee to the county will be asked to leave without disposing of their trash.

The return to a decal system for disposal comes after complaints that the sites were being used by nonresidents. Those who pay the solid waste assessment recently saw the fee increase for the first time in 36 years to help fund a revenue deficit for the service.



"We are sorry for any inconvenience or delays this may cause but please be patient with the site attendant as this is new to all of us," Jackson said.

Bradford fills 4-H position with homegrown candidate

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

STARKE — Bradford County commissioners have hired a new agent to oversee the 4-H program at the extension office.

Bailea Gnann Scarbrough has previously worked as the 4-H youth development agent for the UF/IFAS Extension in Flagler County.

Scarbrough interviewed with the county commission in September along with another candidate screened by the University of Florida Institute for Food and Agricultural Sciences.

Commissioner Chris Dougherty said it was a shame that there weren't two positions to fill, because both candidates did an excellent job. It was a tough decision, he said, adding that the extension office would be in good hands with Scarborough in charge.

County Manager Scott Kornegay said if he ever had a position to fill with a remarkable young woman, it would go to the other candidate, Emily Murphy from Union County. She is coordinator for



Bailea Scarbrough, Bradford's 4-H agent.

UF's Plant Molecular and Cellular Biology Program and previously served as a 4-H agent in Lee County.

Each candidate gave a brief presentation on their vision for the future of 4-H in Bradford County and then fielded questions from commissioners, extension staff and the public.

Scarbrough said much of what she has done to enhance the 4-H program in Flagler could apply in Bradford. Flagler programs needed to be revitalized post-COVID. She benefited from her background with livestock, but most of the six or seven 4-H clubs had that focus, and the program need to expand its reach. There was a demand from families with other interests who didn't have room to raise a pig.

By her second year on the job, the number of clubs doubled.

"It was very chaotic and difficult, but it was also very rewarding to see so many new programs started," she said.

With the assistance of knowledgeable volunteers, clubs were founded for sewing, fishing, forestry and more.

"This is all through getting out in the community, recruiting volunteers and getting good help to run these programs," she said.

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Teacher's union claims Clay schools are 'in crisis'

BY JAMES WILLIAMS
Special to the Monitor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — Vicki Kidwell, President of the Clay County Education Association, pointed out to the Clay County District school board that on its job site listing, there are 70 instructional openings, 25 of which are ESE teachers. She said the public wasn't well aware that the number of classrooms without teachers was that high.

"I'm thinking about these students, and I'm feeling like this is a crisis," she said. "Nothing can replace a high-quality teacher for every student."

Less training, more support needed

Kidwell added that only 75% of today's new hires were certified, which means, in some cases, they didn't take public education classes or graduate from an education course with a bachelor's that trained them how to teach.

"So, it's going to take time and support for them to become effective educators," she said. "How can Clay County District Schools avoid losing new educators who need time and support to become future leaders?"

She told the board these statistics could mean that students might be split between classes, creating



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cohorts with 25 students or more.

Students have no math teacher

"That feels dire to me," Kidwell told board members. "I was a first-grade teacher for over 20

years. When I see there's no junior high math, science, or reading teacher in a classroom because the job is posted and students have a rotating sub, it feels like it should be (considered) a crisis. It feels like it should be the top priority for Clay County District Schools because I can't imagine not having a math teacher for the whole first quarter."

Kidwell said the 2022-23 school board agenda from May to August showed the district had 57 concluded employments and 121 resignations for the 2022-23 school year. There have been three concluded employments and 50 resignations just from the first two months of 2023-24.

"Some might look at these numbers and say, oh, that's not unusual or abnormal," Kidwell opined, "but I don't think that 70 teacher vacancies in October are normal or usual if the district is serious about retaining educators so that every student has a dedicated, certified teacher in their classroom."

Kidwell urged the board to listen when teachers and her group: the Clay County Education Association, bring problems and to act on those issues.

"I urge you to be ready to show your dedication to retaining and valuing educators when we meet to continue bargaining, and we discuss compensation and working conditions that really make teachers want to leave," she said.

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Emergency medical director responds to recent critics

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Special to the Times

LAKE BUTLER — There are almost always two sides to every story, and this is true of the public comments made by several people, including two former employees of the Union County Emergency Medical Service, Sergio Fernandez and Lance Thornton, at the recent Union County Board of Commissioners on Oct. 16, 2023, and the people they were complaining about.

In the interest of fairness, the Times decided to look into the comments and allegations made in that meeting and tell the other side of the story, with interviews with UCEMS Director Toby Witt and the county's human resource department. The comments from the meeting have been covered in a previous article.

Witt said the comments made at the meeting were simply a continuation of a past situation at the EMS station. When Witt came in has said he found the operation in a state inappropriate for a medical service.

"I started work at a time the department was in danger of shutting down," Witt said. "The department did not have the staff to function and called in a private company to run some calls. We only had one unit on the road many times. I had to get medics in here fast. People who could hit the ground running. Many of them were not comfortable at the start and no one was or is perfect. This was true of both the existing staff and the new hires. I chose to put experience in the work as a priority rather than time spent on the staff here and that led to several disgruntled employees. I was just trying

to get the best possible people in here to serve the county residents."

Witt added that when he walked in the door the medical director had passed away and his replacement was not responding to calls.

"I had to put people in some difficult positions to keep things going," he said. "One of the people I brought in was Lt. Mike Broshar, a paramedic. This is who the two former employees were talking about at the meeting. He came to us with 30 years of experience, and we were lucky to get him, but the two men in question did not like him from the start. He was out running calls as soon as he started here, despite the fact he was new here, and a lot of people resented him. He has been working in emergency

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WORTH NOTING

Art Walk in Melrose

Come to the Melrose Artwalk on Friday, Nov. 3, at 5 p.m. when Mossman Hall will feature handymen Kelvin Ordway and Tom Sensible.

Author and illustrator Tom Sensible will be premiering his new, homegrown book, "Bear and Moose Visit Boring Old Melrose." Don't miss the book signing! Woodworking artist Kelvin Ordway will be auctioning a beautiful, one-of-a-kind game table. All revenue from the first 100 book sales and silent auction go directly toward the purchase of the Mossman property.

The Food Truck Rally will also return.

Fall festival benefits Bradford Arc

The Arc of Bradford County is hosting a fall festival at its expanded location in Hampton, (10501 Hampton Ave., the former elementary school) on Saturday, Nov. 4, beginning at 10 a.m.

The family-friendly event will include the Arc's annual Cow Patty Bingo fundraiser. Enter for \$50 for a chance to win the \$1,000 prize. All proceeds from this and other raffles and giveaways will benefit intellectual and developmental differences.

Entry is free and there will be a vendor market, free concessions (hot dogs and popcorn) and shaved ice for sale.

Veterans honored with lunch and information

Organizations are working together on a Veterans Day program that will include recognition of World War II veterans and a barbecue lunch for all attendees.

Veterans will be provided with the opportunity to discuss disability eligibility and applications for new, and existing claims with the VA Benefits Assistant Michael Sheppard. Others invited to speak include David E. Kratzer and Leon Caffie, both retired U.S. Army officers.

The event will take place Saturday, Nov. 11, from 10:30 a.m. to noon at 730 Old Lawtey Road in Starke and is sponsored by Bradford County Faith Community Center, Church of God By Faith and Gainesville District Women's Ministry.

UCHS Veterans Day ceremony features former TOY

Union County Schools will host its annual Veterans Day event on Friday, Nov. 10, at 9 a.m. in the high school auditorium. The guest speaker will be Kenneth M. North, a retired command sergeant major in the U.S. Army. He is also a former JROTC instructor for Union County Schools, where he was named Teacher of the Year.



Strong opposition to circuit court consolidation

Bradford County hasn't weighed in

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

A controversial proposal to consolidate Florida's circuit courts has equal experts, local lawmakers and concerned citizens uniting in opposition. The plan, which aims to

streamline the state's judicial system by merging some of its 20 circuit courts, is facing mounting resistance as critics argue that it could jeopardize the effectiveness and accessibility of justice in the Sunshine State.

Bradford County has not jumped on the bandwagon.

Florida's circuit court system currently comprises 20 separate circuits, each responsible for a specific geographic region. The proposal on the table — proposed by House Speaker Paul Renner — seeks to reduce the number of circuits, merging smaller jurisdictions into larger ones. The request follows mergers within the appellate court system. Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice Carlos Muniz appointed a committee to solicit public comment and make a recommendation to the legislature.

Advocates argue that this consolidation will lead to cost savings and more efficient

administration of justice, while opponents raise concerns about the potential consequences.

They argue that by merging circuits, local communities might lose the ability to resolve cases in a timely and efficient manner. They believe the current courts have a close connection to the local needs and issues of their communities. Critics believe that larger, consolidated circuits could lead to less personalized justice and create a disconnect between the courts and the people they serve.

"Bigger government is less responsive, less efficient and less effective than government closer to the people it serves. More distant state attorneys, public defenders, and judges will do harm to all the citizens of Florida, and, most importantly to us, the citizens that we represent in Alachua County," Anna Prizzia, chair of the Alachua County Commission, wrote in a letter to the committee.

That letter was among many from like-minded judges, state attorneys, public defenders and law enforcement officials recently presented to the Bradford County commissioners.

Brian Kramer and Stacy Scott, state attorney and public defender for the Eighth Judicial Circuit, which serves Bradford County, addressed the board about the fiscal impact of consolidation as well as the loss of local control.

Kramer said both offices have been good stewards of the money they receive from the county commission, and it has been years since they have requested a budget increase. If the county is consolidated with another circuit, the funding process could change, and commissioners could find themselves working with other people.

While the state pays for the salaries of employees in the state attorney's and public defender's offices, the county pays for computers, telephones and offices in the courthouse, but there is also a shared IT

budget with other counties in the circuit. That is the budget that should concern the county commission, he said. For example, different circuits use different management systems, and a merger would require combining those systems at an unknown cost and timeline. It would be up to the state attorney and public defender for the new circuit to decide.

Kramer said a lot is unknown about how the circuits would be consolidated. He questioned whether the leaders from a larger circuit would even be willing to show up to a commission meeting and defend their need for a more money. While Kramer said he and the county have never disagreed, if the county wanted to disagree with the attorney for a larger circuit, that disagreement could end up in court.

"Government closest to the people is what is best for people, and I'm hoping that you all are going to agree with me and that you would take the position that consolidating Bradford County with any more counties is a bad idea," he said.

Scott characterized the proposed consolidation as hasty and without strategic planning.

"Basically, in a four-month time span, a committee of lawyers and judges who have their full-time jobs, on the side are studying the entire criminal justice and civil justice system in the state of Florida to come up, on a very short timeline, with a recommendation as to whether or not to change the 20 existing judicial circuits to some unknown, smaller number. Not to look at whether we need more judicial circuits because the state has grown so much, but only at whether we should take our existing circuits and bunch them together and make them bigger," she said.

No map or plan has been disclosed, she said, adding that the possibilities are unlimited once the legislative process begins.

"There is bipartisan opposition to this plan across the state," she said.

In addition to the unknown cost and timeline of what would be "a massive disruption," according to Scott, no one understands the impact to litigants whose cases are already in court and will continue to be in court during the process.

She said it seems large circuits serving millions of people are the model they want north Florida's smaller circuits to emulate.

"We all know that we live here for a reason. That we are a community that knows each other. We are a community where all of you all will be at the county fair and at the Christmas parade, and helping kids raise livestock and supporting our programs. And so is Mr. Kramer, and so am I. And that's the way we ought to keep it," she said.

"My concern with consolidation is the fiscal concern and the loss of local identity and local control over our justice system. And yeah, sure, do I have a personal interest? Yeah. If we get merged with Jacksonville, I'm not going to be your public defender, because I can't run in that district. Right. But that public defender will be concerned with Duval County and the massive numbers of people there, and you will not have the same access to that person as you do to me or to Mr. Kramer," she said.

Kramer and Scott failed to get the county commission to immediately vocalize opposition to circuit court consolidation as others have done. Instead, commissioners will look further at the information presented, and speak individually with their attorney and with Kramer and Scott, if they choose, to develop the county's position.

Kramer and Scott agreed more time is needed to gather information and consider what is best, but unfortunately, there is a four-month time frame, and that is part of what so many are objecting to.



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1	06.01 - Millwork	11/9/23 / 11:00 AM	12/4/23 / 2:00 PM
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1	08.03 - Glass & Glazing	11/9/23 / 11:00 AM	12/4/23 / 2:00 PM
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1	09.02 - Hard Tile	11/9/23 / 11:00 AM	12/4/23 / 2:00 PM
1	09.05 - Carpet & Resilient Flooring	11/9/23 / 11:00 AM	12/4/23 / 2:00 PM
1	09.09 - Painting & Waterproofing	11/9/23 / 11:00 AM	12/4/23 / 2:00 PM
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Pre-Bid Conferences will be held at Union County Emergency Operations Center at 35 Northeast 1st Street, Lake Butler, FL 32054 at the above listed dates and times. Pre-Bid Conferences are not mandatory although bidders are encouraged to attend.

Interested bidders are required to complete Ajax Building Company, LLC's pre-qualification process. Only bidders meeting pre-qualification criteria may bid. Bidders must submit a completed experience questionnaire and financial statement on the form entitled "Bidder Qualifications Questionnaire", incorporated herein by reference. The subcontractor's financial condition must demonstrate that adequate fixed and liquid assets and equipment are available to properly perform the Subcontract. Bids may be considered non-responsive if bidder has not completed the prequalification process.

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County and airport cooperating on economic development

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
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Bradford County and the Keystone Heights Airport Authority are jointly requesting state funds to build a connector road between the original entry road and the secondary access road the county constructed earlier this year.

Funding would also be used for deceleration and turn lanes on State Road 100 for both entrances. The county recently received authorization to tie in the second road to the highway, according to County Manager Scott Kornegay.

The Airport Authority's David Kirkland thanked the commission for all the support it has shown throughout the process.

Past requests for legislative funding have not all been successful.

Opening access to airport property provides new opportunities for businesses along S.R. 100, Kirkland said.

Plans are to use the proposed connector road running parallel to S.R. 100 to provide frontage property for businesses along the highway. The original entrance will be gated and used for emergency access only, and the new access road will become the primary entrance.

Aerospace Company MHD Rockland already has plans to locate a new campus thanks to the road Bradford's road department built, according to Kirkland.

He thanked Kornegay for

the work on trying to obtain the former state surplus site on U.S. 301 south of Starke, which MHD Rockland would use as warehouse space. The county manager confirmed the company is very excited about the opportunity.

"They've already spent money and time on in anticipation of a Bradford County being able to take possession of the building," he said.

The county is also asking the state for additional financial support to extend Starke water and wastewater lines out to the bypass, purchase a fire engine and fund county road projects through FDOT grants.

Open house for women's support program

Chesed House will hold a community open house at its location in Starke, 425 N. Temple Ave., on Saturday, Nov. 4, from 2-5 p.m. The program serves pregnant women through housing, spiritual and material support.

Emerick will speak to historical society

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Union County Historical Society will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 7, at 6:30 p.m. Betty Emerick will display some of her paintings and give the history of her families, both Andrews and Emerick.

The museum is located at 410 W. Main St. in Lake Butler.

Believer's Market in Melrose

Believer's Worship Center, 8736 S.R. 21 in Melrose, will hold a market event on Nov. 4 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Vendors may sign up by calling 386-614-6430.

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medicine longer than any of the other employees, and he may very well do things differently from the way they were taught, but that does not make his methods wrong. He has worked for multiple services over the years and has had no complaints on his record and no derogatory action on his state license.”

Witt said the dislike showed itself in the personal interactions in the station and on calls and continued when his desk became flooded with incident reports concerning Broshar.

An incident report is written by a staff member to report any misbehavior or impropriety he or she sees in other staff members while on a call. It is told in the opinion of the writer and is reviewed by both Witt and the medical director.

Witt said the reports were petty and trivial.

“The silliest one was that he failed to clean a stretcher after a call — and that is not even his job.”

The reports kept coming and were reviewed as required by law and none proved to be factual. The number of reports grew so high that Witt finally told everyone to just come to him and make their reports in person and he would call the medical

director into the discussion if necessary.

“Upon looking into the reports neither the medical director nor myself found anything even mildly negative,” Witt said. “It was simply a witch hunt by disgruntled employees. Since these two have been gone (the past 7-8 months) we have had zero complaints or problems. If Mike were that bad and that much of a problem, I would still be getting complaints about him, and I am not.”

“Sergio did not need to discuss incident reports in a way that could identify the patient (a violation of HIPPA laws),” Witt continued. “All of his reports were checked, and if he does not agree with the decisions made by myself and the medical director, he can come and talk to us about the problems he says he has seen, not broadcast them in a public meeting.”

Witt said the department has gone from being about to shut down due to staff and equipment shortages—and would have been shut down by the state had it been widely known—to a smoothly functioning operation with experienced employees and dependable equipment. He added that the department does not deserve the negativity it is getting from the public and a few disgruntled employees who have an ax to grind.

“It’s all just sour grapes from

both of them,” Witt said. “It was obvious they did not like me, the way I was running the department or Mike.”

According to the Union County Human Resources records (those available to the press as some contain legally protected information) Fernandez, while still employed by EMS, had requested to be moved from full-time employment to call time, listing his reasons for requesting the change.

He was instructed to list the dates and times he was available to work so as to be fitted in on the on-call schedule, but never did so, nor has he filled any shifts.

His name was purged from the call time list in October, as is done every year along with several others in several departments.

Thornton was placed on suspension for insubordination and improper conduct and, when called in to discuss a corrective action plan, refused to read or sign the document.

He refused because he said he would not work with Broshar. He was told that he must sign the document or continue on suspension and legal advice on the matter was to terminate him.

After this he appeared before the Board of County Commissioners to request that they allow his termination to be changed to a resignation, which they allowed.

County, Co-op team up for grant

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Special to the Times

LAKE BUTLER — Clay Electric Cooperative is planning some big projects in the coming months, with funding from a federal grant program through FEMA.

However, the grant will be administered by the Florida Department of Energy Management and is being applied for through Union and several other Florida counties the co-op serves.

The Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Grant Program is designed to provide funds for infrastructure projects that help reduce the risk posed by natural disasters like hurricanes.

Since Clay Electric is a not-for-profit business, it could not apply directly for the grant, so it asked administrators in the

counties it serves to apply on its behalf as partners in a project that will benefit their populations.

There is no cost to Union County for this grant or the improvements that are planned to be made with it.

If approved, the planned projects will cost almost \$35 million, with grant funds accounting for about \$26 million and Clay Electric paying the remainder as matching funds.

According to Derick Thomas from Clay Electric, about \$6 million in projects are slated for Union County.

In a short presentation to the Union County Board of Commissioners, Thomas thanked the county for help with the application provided by the Union County Sheriff’s Office, Union County Emergency Management and Clerk of Court, and Comptroller Kellie Rhoades.

The counties involved will apply

for the grant with Clay Electric as a sub-applicant. Thomas was at the meeting to get approval for the project from the board before the application was submitted, which was granted unanimously.

In Union County, the funds will be used to replace a generator at the Lake Butler Regional Medical Center (\$1.8 million), back feed and substation hardening to mitigate total line loss (\$1.8 million), transmission line hardening (\$16.2 million) and distribution line hardening (\$14.8 million). The overall objective is to avoid any avoidable power outages during a natural disaster storm, minimize damage to the power transmission infrastructure to make repairs quicker and more accessible, and attempt to prevent power outages, if not entirely by making them shorter. The total time projected for the project is three years.

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Scarborough was adamant about getting younger kids involved in the Cloverbuds, a program for 5- to 7-year-olds. She took that on herself.

“We just learned about generally Head, Heart, Hands and Health, your opportunities in 4-H, and that was probably one of the most rewarding experiences for me,” she said. Everyone who aged out of Cloverbuds this past year joined another interest club.

As for the most important thing she has done as an extension agent, it is building trust. That included showing real support for a popular archery program which had been neglected by a prior agent. Being present and involved is important to the volunteers, parents and youth, she said.

Scarborough hopes to enhance already strong programs in

Bradford County, including poultry, equine and livestock, and offer new opportunities.

Another positive in Bradford are the strong community partnerships with 4-H. She looks to grow these partnerships and program participation. In-school and after-school programs are a good way to recruit more youth, including in private schools and the new charter school. She would also like to see Bradford 4-H’ers return to leadership positions at the district, state and national levels. She wants to retain older members because 4-H and FFA are both different and complimentary experiences.

Scarborough was born and raised in Bradford County. She attended school in Keystone Heights and grew up in the Clay County 4-H and FFA programs. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in agricultural education, communication and leadership at UF, and she is currently at work on her master’s

degree.

Through the end of her undergraduate time at UF, Scarborough said she wasn’t aware of what she wanted to do until she accepted an internship with the Clay County extension office where she was asked to build a new STEM lab for the 4-H program with funding from the Clay Electric Foundation. A few years after deciding on a career in extension, she was hired by Flagler County 4-H.

Scarborough has been commuting from Starke to Flagler four to six days a week and said she looks forward to working close to home.

The commission voted 4-1 to hire her. Commissioner Carolyn Spooner voted against the hire, not because she was opposed to the appointment, but because she was not able to attend the interview and didn’t feel informed enough to vote in favor.

Brooker festival a big fundraiser

School needs PTO members

BY CAROL MOSLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Everyone agreed that the Brooker Community School’s first fall festival was a resounding success.

Board Chair Suzanne McRee said the school took in about \$24,000. She raved about the legacy of the school and had some fascinating meeting minutes from the 1950s through 1964, when the festival was a part of the Brooker Elementary. At one event the school took in about \$400.

There was a table at the event exhibiting photos of students and staff through the decades. To honor the legacy, there will be a Brooker Elementary School reunion in February for former students from 1943 through 2021, which is when the school closed.

After reveling in the success

of the first festival, the board focused on the new business at hand. Security of the premises was a major concern. Principal Felecia Moss pointed out that the resource officer wants changes made to the current fencing. The most pressing need is for fencing that will block entrance to the playground and cafeteria/auditorium once inside the perimeter gate.

Other requirements are the removal of barbed wire from some areas and a need for 6-foot height instead of the current 5 feet. An estimate came in at \$3,500, which the Board felt was excessive, so strides are being taken to accomplish the task at a better rate.

Establishing a volunteer policy was identified as an important task, and a draft was presented for the board to consider. Despite the enthusiasm of parents to volunteer for field trips and special events, what is most needed is a dedicated group to form a Parent Teacher

Organization. To do so requires a board of directors and registering the organization as a nonprofit entity.

In addition to being an important bridge between parents and teachers, a PTO is eligible for certain grants not available to charter schools directly, making it an important part of raising funds. If you are the parent of a Brooker Community Charter school student, and you would like to be more involved, contact the school for more information about getting started.

Finally, it was acknowledged that the school is hoping to increase enrollment. The board will look into forming a recruitment committee to assure parents are made aware of the opportunity for their child to attend a small, community school. As a public charter school, there is no fee to attend and students do not need to live in Bradford County.

The next event being planned is Breakfast with Santa.

Turkey Trot and food drive

Bradford Elementary School’s Turkey Trot will serve as a food drive for the community, with donations reducing the cost of entry.

The Turkey Trot will take place at the school track (new school location) on Saturday, Nov. 18, at 9 a.m. Preregister by Nov. 10 for a free T-shirt. There will be prizes for best turkey costume in multiple age groups, ages 0 and up.

Turn in registrations at the school. Entry is \$25 for adults, \$20 for ages 4-18, and free for 3 and under. Bring five nonperishable food items and receive \$5 off your entry fee.

Church of God food distribution

Starke Church of God by Faith and Farm Share plan food distributions on Thursday, Nov. 2 and 16, from 9:30–11:30 a.m. This is a drive-thru distribution. The church is located at 730 Old Lawley Road in Starke. This distribution may begin early depending on the arrival of the food truck.

Giveaway at RJE

A communitywide food

distribution hosted by Feeding Northeast Florida and True Vine Ministry will take place Wednesday, Nov. 8, at 8:30 a.m. at the RJE Complex in Starke.

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.

New River Baptist Church for a family fun fall festival. For more information call 904-796-2359.

Fall Festival at Old Providence Baptist

Old Providence Baptist Church will be hosting a fall festival on Saturday, Nov. 4, from 4 until 8 p.m. Attractions include games, trunk-n-treat, and chili/hotdogs. All activities are free, and everyone is invited. The church is located at 9316 NW C.R. 245, Lake Butler.

Fall festival at New River Baptist

New River Baptist Church, located at 16703 SW 144th Ave. in Brooker, will hold its Fall Festival on Saturday, Nov., from 4–7 p.m. There will be a meal at 4 p.m. with games and activities for the children from 5–7. They will also have their much talked about cakewalk from 5–7.

There will be plenty of food, candy, popcorn, cotton candy, snow cones and much more for both children and adults. Join

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McRae Elementary School student Makayla Sherouse's winning artwork.

AMVETS Post 86 wins Americanism award

BY NATALIE GILSTRAP
Special to the Monitor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – AMVETS Post 86 recently received the prestigious 2023 National Americanism Post Award. This award was made possible through the organization's dedication to furthering the ideals of Americanism and to the eight McRae Elementary School students who won in the AMVETS Americanism Program contest.

"It's actually very rewarding," said Tanya Marheine, District X Commander and Department of Florida Americanism/AADAA Chairperson.

On Monday evening, the organization held a recognition ceremony to recognize key players who contributed to receiving the award. The ceremony consisted of Marheine speaking to the audience and presenting a slide show of the Americanism contest winners

along with their drawings and essay on "What does freedom look like?"

Nehemiah Hershey, Parker Wilson, Steve Gibson, Carter Cloutier, Kendrek Blackshear, Makayla Sherouse, Grayson Roberts, and Olivia Yount were the winners.

Marheine also presented the 2023 National Americanism Post Award to the Ladies Auxiliary in honor of their efforts and contribution.

In addition, the event had Post 86 AMVETS Riders be awarded the National Recognition for Quality Chapter Award for 2023 and a donation made to Soldiers Freedom Outdoors. The ceremony concluded with the group presenting awards to Charlie Woinski and recently passed away former Ladies Auxiliary Madame President Nancy Keefner for their service and dedication to the organization.

"Miss Nancy Keefner was a huge player in this," said

Marheine. "If it wasn't for her, our Madame President Nancy Keefner, I'm not sure we could've received this huge award from nationals."

AMVETS Post 86 is a nonprofit civic organization that is dedicated to providing support to veterans everywhere.

The VA Hospital and the Fisher House Foundation are some of the many organizations that AMVETS Post 86 helps support. In addition, they are heavily engaged with their community.

"We do community involvement. We help the homeless, we do senior citizen dinners, we do Veterans Day, and we participate in the ROTC programs," said Marheine. "Just a lot of community things we do here."

The group also provides scholarship opportunities to high school seniors and hosts fundraisers to support community projects. Lastly, they donate to the local food pantry.

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Justice Department: Clay schools failed English learners

The U.S. Justice Department said it reached a settlement with Clay County Public Schools that will force the district to improve its English instruction to non-English speakers.

In a news release, DOJ said its investigation found that the district did not provide English learner students with the language instruction needed to become fluent in English and failed to provide non-English speaking parents with important school information in a language they could understand.

"The department also found that English learner students could not meaningfully participate in core content classes, like math, science, and social studies, and did not receive individualized academic and behavioral supports that are available to their peers," the federal agency said. "In the face of these shortcomings, the

district failed to take timely corrective action to ensure equal access."

"Students who are learning English have the right to engage in coursework alongside their peers, and schools must take action necessary to make that right a reality," said Assistant Attorney General Kristen Clarke of the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division. "The Justice Department will continue to hold schools accountable when they fail to deliver on our collective promise of equality. This agreement will help ensure that English learner students in Clay County are given the tools necessary to succeed and strive in the classroom."

The Justice Department said the district cooperated fully with its investigation and, after receiving the results of the inquiry, committed to improving its services for English learner

students. As part of the settlement agreement, the district has agreed to revise its policies and improve its services so that students can learn English and fully participate in the district's educational experience.

"School districts must provide English learner students with appropriate services to overcome language barriers," said U.S. Attorney Roger Handberg for the Middle District of Florida. "We are pleased that the Clay County School District has agreed to embrace its obligation to meet the language needs of its English learners so that students can learn English and fully participate in the district's educational experience. Equal access to educational opportunities is at the heart of civil rights protections for our youth and students are entitled to equal access despite any language barriers they may have."



Clay School District Police remove Bruce Friedman from the podium after he refuses to stop reading from a book available at school libraries. Image: Clay County Public Schools.

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Less students, less money

At the same October meeting, Constance Higgenbotham, president of Clay County Education-Retired, thanked the board for its support but said she had told a legislative delegation that Clay County needs more funding since a drop in the number of students in public

schools could cost the district \$9 million.

Higgenbotham added that the rules were not the same for private schools and public schools, and they should be put on a level playing field.

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Free books, school supplies and more

Foundation supports Clay County public schools

Clay Education Foundation President Carolyn Krall and Vice President Heather Obermiller visited the Keystone Heights Rotary Club to discuss the foundation's activities.

The pair told the club that the nonprofit has donated over \$100,000 in school supplies to teachers through its Tools for Schools shopping events. In addition, the foundation has provided over 675 preschoolers with one free book a month from birth through age 5 through the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, awarded over \$50,000 to

teachers for classroom innovation projects, and provided over 1,000 students with financial literacy and career planning resources.

The foundation also produces the school district's annual Apple Awards, which showcases the district's teachers and school-related employees of the year.



(L-R) The Clay Education Foundation's Carolyn Krall and Heather Obermiller talk to Ginger Lee of the Keystone Heights Rotary Club.

Trinity packs 200 Christmas boxes

BY JEFFRY AND DIANE MICHEL
Trinity Baptist Church

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — A gift-filled shoebox creates a smile on the faces of poor children in other countries worldwide.

The children's Sunday School classes at Trinity Baptist Church packed 200 shoeboxes during their one-hour classes on Sunday, October 22.

Operation Christmas Child allows people through Samaritan's Purse to send these shoeboxes to over 100 countries annually during the third week of November.

The 17th annual event at Trinity Baptist started with prayer. Forty boys and girls participated in an assembly line to pack the gift boxes. Adults behind the tables lined with

hundreds of items helped to place them in the cardboard containers.

Coloring books, beach balls, homemade wooden cars, crocheted hats, school items in hand-sewn material pencil cases, and notebooks were only a few of the items that made their way into the boxes.

Each of the packers had a favorite item in the box. One girl liked the T-shirts the best. Another girl liked the crocheted hats. One boy liked the storybook. Another boy liked the beanie hats. One girl said she "loved everything."

Each child packed five boxes. They laughed and chattered and showed a lot of excitement. The adults enjoyed their jobs, too.

When the children overseas receive their shoeboxes, "The Greatest Gift of All" booklet is placed on the top of each box. The colorful booklet in the

child's language explains the Gospel about Jesus.

A Christmas card is placed in each shoebox with an email address. It is always exciting to receive a reply and sometimes even a photo. In recent years, replies have come from Angola, Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, Mali, and Mexico.

Children and adults on both sides of the ocean love these shoeboxes.

There is still time to pack a shoebox if you are interested. Free shoeboxes can be found at Johnny's Barbecue Restaurant in Keystone Heights. National Collection Week is Nov. 13-20 at Trinity Baptist Church from 10:00 AM-3:00 PM—direct questions to Diane Michel at 352-283-4761.



Bella Ford (front), Gayle Kosinski (back)



Kimber Redding, Jeff Michel



Ford Close (behind partially showing), Conner Alvers (in suit), Clara Beth Robinson (by crayons)



Brayden Hans (front), Weston Hans (back)

Code enforcement locked out

Bradford County code enforcement reported that a Hampton-area property owner under investigation for violations erected a chain across the entrance of his property, preventing officers from accessing the area.

According to records, on Nov. 7, 2022, a code enforcement officer found a recreational vehicle on the County Road 221 property owned by Robert Smith being used as a residence with no water, sewer, or power connected to the RV.

"In addition, inoperable vehicles were being stored on the property as well as an accumulation of discarded materials," the county said. "These inoperable/unregistered vehicles have been stored on this property in excess of three years."

During a June 2023 compliance hearing, Officer Glen Ward Jr. testified he had inspected the property and spoken with the respondent no less than six times since 2020 about the violations.

Smith was given 30 days to "convert" the RV into a mobile home, providing utilities to the structure and removing the vehicles and other materials from his yard.

In July, Ward reported that a chain had been erected across the property's entrance, preventing him from entering. However, he could see that some of the vehicles had been removed, but not all. He added that the RV was still not in compliance with county codes. The county began fining the property owner \$100 a day.

The following month, Ward told a special magistrate that Smith had been hospitalized and requested the county stop the daily fines. He added that he would try to help the property owner come into compliance.

After failing to hear from Smith during two successive hearings, the county imposed a \$250-a-day fine for 30 days beginning on Oct. 10. It said it would increase the fine to \$250 a day on Nov. 14 if the property had not been brought into compliance.

Permit issued for Starke Wawa

The Suwannee River Water Management District has issued an environmental resource



According to records, on Nov. 7, 2022, a code enforcement officer found a recreational vehicle on the County Road 221 property owned by Robert Smith being used as a residence with no water, sewer, or power connected to the RV.

permit for a drainage system at the site of a Wawa convenience store in Starke.

The permit's application for the 2.49-acre parcel on the northwest corner of Edwards Road and South Walnut Street is for a 6,119-square-foot convenience store with gas sales and accompanying infrastructure. The application also includes a purchase agreement from the parcel's current owners, Delmas S. and Belinda F. Fridley, to the applicant: GH&G Florida LLC. GH&G has developed other Wawas in Florida.

The plans outline a building on the northwest corner of the property, with a front entrance facing South Walnut Street and gas pumps between the building and the four-lane highway. The plans also call for a wet retention pond behind Discount Auto Parts and stormwater drainage continuing to the CSX railroad that parallels Edwards Road.

Judge tosses insurance claim citing new law

A judge dismissed the lawsuit of a Starke woman seeking to force an insurance company to pay a claim for her damaged roof after insurance company lawyers pointed out that the woman's attorneys failed to follow a new state law regulating such litigation.

Glory Jackson said in her complaint for breach of contract that in November 2020, her home on Oak Street sustained wind damage to its roof and that her insurer, Universal Property and Casualty Insurance Company, denied the claim.

Universal said it denied the claim because Jackson failed to cooperate with its investigation of the loss, failed to protect the property after the incident, and filed the claim over 10 months after the alleged wind damage. It also asserted that the damage to Jackson's roof was caused by wear and tear rather than wind because no wind creases or tears were found on the roof.

In May, Universal filed a motion to dismiss the lawsuit, saying that under an insurance reform law signed by Gov. Ron DeSantis and taking effect in July 2021, plaintiffs filing lawsuits for insurance claims must report the litigation to the state's Department of Insurance 10 days before filing the complaint in court. Jackson's lawyers, Loss Recovery Law Group, filed suit on September 21, 2021.

On October 25, Judge George M. Wright agreed with Universal, dismissing the lawsuit. The judge dismissed the case without prejudice, allowing the plaintiff to refile the complaint.

Apartments failed to pay repair bill

A judge entered a default judgment against the owner and manager of Whispering Oaks Apartments for not paying a repair bill.

Best Restoration LLC sued 900 South Water Street LLC and Broad Street Management Group LLC in August for an unpaid \$5,271.34 invoice.

According to court papers, in June, Jennifer Crooms, holding herself out as the complex's property manager and employee of Broad Street Management,

hired Best Restoration to remediate extensive water damage on the property. After Broad Street Management Group failed to pay the invoice, the plaintiff sued for breach of contract and unjust enrichment. The defendants then failed to appear at an October 12 pretrial

conference, and Judge D. Tatum Davis entered the default judgment against the defendants.

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Selecting show pigs in Graham for seven county fairs

BY CAROL MOSLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Not many people, even Bradford County residents, have ever heard of the tiny town of Graham. It's a quiet little enclave in west Bradford between Brooker and Starke. There are no stores and no seat of governance. There's a nursery and a shooting range. And, a whole lot of independent people. There's a part-time post office, that doesn't deliver mail, which is the only thing that keeps Graham on the map.

But, a couple of times per year the trucks start lining up at about 5 p.m. with family members inside, prepared to spend the night in their vehicle, ready to get the first picks from Crawford Show Pigs the next morning. These are diehard fair participants who come from near and far to this word-of-mouth gathering to bid on their perfect pig for showing at the next county or regional fair. There were hundreds of folks of all ages ready to place their bids on some 70 pigs.

The day began with owner Phillip Crawford giving the invocation and logistics. The family members were all there with various tasks to make the day go smoothly. Young Jett Crawford has the weekend duty of tending to the pigs. He's a winning three year Bradford County Fair showman himself and is proud to be a contributing member of the family business. Niece Kiren Crawford raises her own pigs to show. She's been a 4-H member since 6th grade and she's now a senior.

There was a spread of breakfast foods to start the activities, certainly welcomed by the overnights, and then it was time to view the pigs. The families gathered around the fenced areas as the pigs were let out of their pens into the open for viewing. The small pigs, bearing numbers painted on their backs, cavorted with each other in the sawdust, to the delight of the spectators.

Showing pigs at a county fair is a real labor of love. Ashlynn Turcknett is a Bradford County resident and former 4-H member from four years until graduation. Then she initiated her own show



These events draw a crowd.

pig group to fill a hole in Union County that had no leader in that field. She is anxious to get ready for next year's fair to show off the results of her nurturing. But, she's mostly determined to provide opportunities for her young group members to have the kinds of experiences she's had. She was in line early with the self-defined "crazy ladies" who show up in a car the night before in order to pick out one of the "top pigs."

The adults all felt that the whole process of raising and showing the animals offers valuable life lessons for the kids, everything from taking responsibility for a living creature to financial management. And it takes determination, since the investment of time and energy usually doesn't meet with immediate compensation for the monetary input. It takes year after year of shows. But money isn't the impetus for participation anyhow. It's about a passion. The reward of the process along the way is greater than money, and even greater than the ribbons won.

Phillip Crawford has an obvious real affection for this work. It is much more than just a job or a business. It's a vocation. When asked what makes pigs so



Strawberry Pound Cake winner Ava Thomas is ready to pick out her pig to take home.

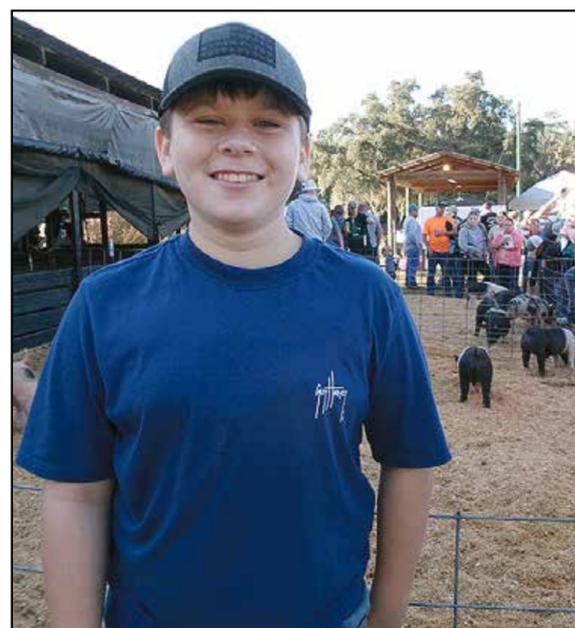
special he pointed out their fine characteristics of intelligence and affectionate nature. And, he pointed out that they taste good, too. Crawford's reputation comes from the quality of care he puts in and the health of the pigs he

raises. His passion is tied to the opportunity it provides for the youth. He said there were seven different February to March fairs represented at the auction.

Ava Thomas already won the Very Berry prize for her



Union County 4-H leader Ashlynn Turcknett (center) waits overnight to find the perfect show pig



Cason Douglass, FFA, looks for a pig with good shoulders and a strong back that walks straight. This is his second time showing a pig at the fair.

Strawberry Pound Cake and will enter a Strawberry Upside Down Cake next year. But she's anxious to expand her entries to also raise and show a pig for the next Bradford County Fair. She was one of the early birds in line with her family the night before.

Gwen Billhart is in the Future Farmers of America program and traveled from Marion County

to pick out a pig to show at the Southeastern Youth Fair. This was her first time coming to this event in Graham.

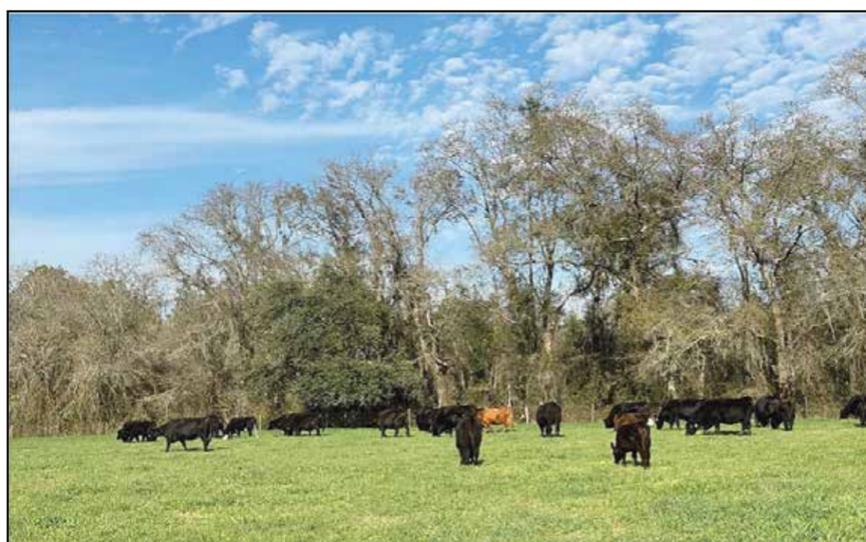
At the end of the day, the pigs were headed to their new homes to be pampered and nurtured by their delighted owners until they are ready to make a showing at the various fairs.

Feeding livestock in winter using cool season forages

BY LIZZIE WHITEHEAD
UF/IFAS Bradford County
Extension Agent

It is the time of year to start implementing cool-season forages in your pastures. Our perennial warm season pasture grasses in Florida become dormant in the fall and winter months because of the shorter days, cooler temperatures, and frosts. Planting a cool-season forage provides many benefits to your herd.

These grasses are usually higher in total digestible nutrients (TDN) and crude protein (CP) than our summer grasses or hay. Being strategic when planting



Cattle grazing ryegrass in February. (Photo: Lizzie Whitehead.)

and growing these forage crops is essential to the success of the establishment and success of your cool-season forage pastures. The type of soil and the amount of rainfall will determine which

cool-season forages you want to plant.

Below are the steps to consider when planting your cool-season forages in your pasture.

Recommended Steps to Planting Cool-Season Forages:

1. Decide which type of cool-season forage to plant.

Pick which cultivar and varieties you want to plant. Many improved varieties have been developed by the UF/IFAS Forage Breeding Team.

2. Take soil samples in your designated area.

Before planting, take soil samples in the area where you want to plant cool-season forages and bring your sample to your local extension office. Cool-season forages typically require a fine adjustment of soil pH and nutrient levels than your traditional Bahia or Bermuda grasses.

3. Prior to planting, prepare your seedbed.

Options might include mowing, light disking, moldboard plow, heavy-disk harrow, rototiller, or many other cultivating tools to prepare the seedbed. Level the area before planting. Overseeding (planting over the existing pasture) is

an option but requires special equipment like a no till drill. You can broadcast over sod with ryegrasses and clovers. When planting over your established pasture, it is important to wait until after the first frost.

4. Calibrate your equipment based on which cultivar you chose.

Calibrate your planter every year. Make sure soil moisture conditions and weather forecasts are ideal. If the soil is too dry and there is no forecast of rain, seeds will not germinate.

5. Base your fertilizer output off the UF/IFAS Soil Lab recommendations.

Application of a starter fertilizer can be applied at planting (P and K plus 30 pounds of nitrogen), right after germination. A follow-up application of nitrogen 45-60 days after planting would also be beneficial for the grasses and give them nutrients to produce a higher yield.

6. Keep livestock out of your newly planted cool-season pasture.

It is recommended to fence off this newly planted cool-season pasture, so your livestock do not graze it too early when it is fragile and not well established. Let the cool-season forage grow to optimal height depending on which cultivar you choose.

If you have any questions related to cool-season forages or winter grazing strategies for your livestock, contact your local UF/IFAS Extension Agent. In Bradford County, call 904-966-6224. For further information regarding cool-season forage variety, check out this UF IFAS EDIS publication SS-AGR-84: <https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/publication/AA266>.

Lizzie Whitehead is the UF/IFAS Extension Bradford County Livestock & Natural Resources Agent.

Food distribution at True Vine

A communitywide food distribution hosted by Farm Share and True Vine Ministry will take Tuesday, Nov. 14 and 28, 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 availability. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Conservation board meets Tuesday

The Bradford Soil and Water Conservation District will meet at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 7, at the Bradford County Extension Office. The Cypress Run Boat Ramp and sampling wells near the Chemours Starke facility to determine iron content of groundwater will be on the agenda.

These meetings are open to the public Contact Paul Still at 904-368-0291 or email stillpe@aol.com for more information.

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Jayceona Mealing tries her skill at the axe-throwing game. Photo by Cliff Smelley.



Bradford Elementary safety patrol members manned a sand-art booth to raise funds for a year-end trip. Pictured (l-r) are Raylynn James, Tempress Bellamy, Kaylyn James and Ma'Kenzie Hankerson. Photo by Cliff Smelley.



Fiona Rose receives some candy from the Call Street Cafe booth. Photo by Cliff Smelley.



Elijah Bristor, dressed as a train engineer, checks out some of the crafts on display. Photo by Cliff Smelley.



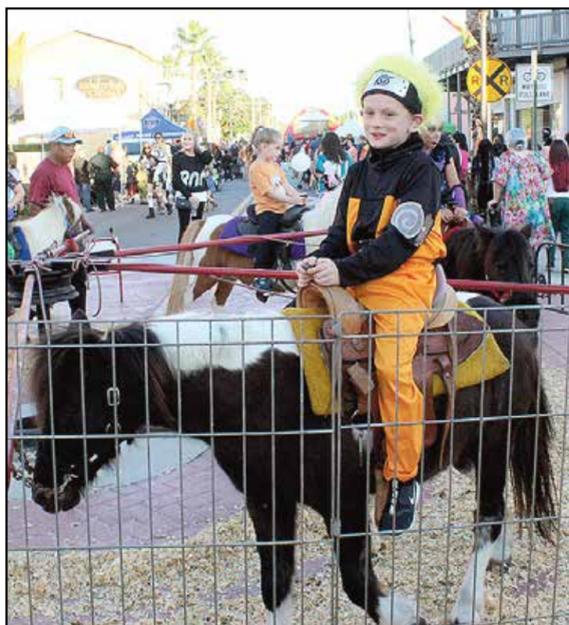
Jaxon Alvarez plays a bean bag-toss game. Photo by Cliff Smelley.



Coy Collins participates in the Pumpkin Sweep game. Photo by Cliff Smelley.



Ghostbusters (back, l-r) Courtney Clark, Sarah Lipe and Amanda Looney captured some paranormal entities in Isaiah Looney (front, left), who's dressed as the Stay-Puft Marshmallow Man, and Preslee Looney, who's dressed as Slimer. Photo by Cliff Smelley.



Logan Jones enjoys a pony ride. Photo by Cliff Smelley.



Enjoying themselves at the Great Pumpkin Escape are (l-r) Aminah Harris, Jailen Jackson (in front of Harris) and Journee Jackson. Photo by Cliff Smelley.

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Crime

Recent arrests in Bradford, Union and Clay

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

Bradford

Jeffrey Warren Atkinson, 65, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 27 for assault.

Vincent Banville, 65, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 21 for a probation violation.

Desmond Isaiah Bonnett, 24, of Jacksonville was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 23 for a probation violation.

Preston Lee Chestnut, 23, of White Springs was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 24 for failure to appear.

Kenneth Alfonso Clark, 28, of Gainesville was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 21 for an out-of-county warrant.

Victoria Elizabeth Curtis, 19, was arrested by Starke Police on October 24 for battery, aggravated assault, criminal mischief with property damage, and resisting an officer.

Makayla Leigh Eichenlaub, 28, of Merritt Island was arrested by Starke Police on October 26 for possession of drugs and possession of drug equipment.

Rakim Ervin, 32, of Jacksonville was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 23 for an out-of-county warrant.

James Mannon Goff, 36, of Lake Butler was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 27 for withholding support.

Holden Race Goodwin, 22, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 25 for battery.

Winston Dale Herring, 41, of Lawtey was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 24 for battery.

Marcus Donell Jackson, 19, of Boynton Beach was arrested on October 21 for resisting an officer, disturbing the peace and trespassing.

Kaeli Dezaray Jones, 33, of Hawthorne was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 25 for possession of drugs.

Emmanuel King-David Kiser, 21, of Lawtey was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 27 for lewd and lascivious behavior.

Brandi Fawn Knight, 35, of Bradford was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 24 for fraud-impersonation and conspiring to obtain the funds of a person disabled or age 65 or older.

Calvin William Lane, 31, of Lake City was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 26 for probation violations.

Tommy Lee Morris, 46, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 23 for criminal mischief with property damage.

Ronnie Christopher Norman, 50, of Hampton was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 23 for aggravated assault and battery.

Loy Donald Readdick, 36, of Jacksonville was arrested by state troopers and Bradford deputies on October 21 for vehicle theft, resisting an officer, and driving with a revoked or suspended license.

Katie Marie Sherwood, 39, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 24 for larceny.

Sean Everett Thornton, 34, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 24 for battery.

Tiffany Nicole Townsend, 33, of Jacksonville was arrested by

Bradford deputies on October 23 for failure to appear.

Colleen Renee Vanmetre, 45, of Starke was arrested on October 27 for simple assault.

Cody Lamar Varnes, 27, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 25 for a probation violation.

Union

Kalvin Donnell Bryant, 32, of Gainesville was arrested by Union deputies on October 23 for an out-of-county warrant.

Zeriah Jalen Folston, 21, of Jacksonville was arrested by Union deputies on October 30 for dealing in stolen property and possession of marijuana.

Kassie Lynn Reid, 33, of Hampton was arrested by Union deputies on October 25 for a probation violation.

Clifford Frank Riley Jr., 42, of Jacksonville was arrested by Union deputies on October 25 for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Jacob Lee Anthony Williams, 21, of Macclenny was arrested by Union deputies on October 30 for fraud impersonation.

Brandon Lenard Washington, 26, of Gainesville was arrested by Union deputies on October 23 for an out-of-county warrant.

Christopher Ryan Woolf, 37, of Jacksonville was arrested by Union deputies on October 26 for an out-of-county warrant.

Clay

Donna Marie Gendrolis, 40, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on October 25 for domestic battery.

Sarah Marie Gray, 40, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on October 22 for domestic battery.

Tyler Anthony Hilleglass, 31, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on October 24 for larceny, trespassing on school grounds and refusing to leave, and criminal mischief.



Trawick

Inmate loses appeal

A Florida State Prison inmate convicted in 2022 of stabbing a cellmate lost an appeal before Florida's First District Court of Appeal.

Zeth Thomas Trawick had appealed the sentence issued by Judge James M. Colaw after a Bradford County jury found the 40-year-old guilty of aggravated battery with a deadly weapon and possession of contraband in a state correctional institution. According to court papers, the victim and defendant, both inmates at Florida State Prison, arranged to fight in a shower area after an argument. The two inmates agreed not to bring weapons to the fight. However, during the brawl, after the victim landed several blows to Trawick's head, the defendant brandished an improvised knife and stabbed the victim several times in the groin area. The victim was flown to Shands UF in critical condition and later recovered.

Colaw sentenced Trawick to 15 years, to run consecutively after his life sentence for second-degree murder. In 2009, Trawick was sentenced to life for killing a man at a DeLand convenience store.



Morris

Probation for throwing rock at c-store

County Judge D. Tatum Davis sentenced a 46-year-old Hampton man to 12 months' probation for throwing a rock at a convenience store near the defendant's home.

During his first appearance after being arrested for criminal mischief with between \$200 and \$1,000 in property damage on October 23, Tommy Morris pleaded to the charge.

According to court papers, the defendant was arrested for throwing a rock from a bicycle at the front glass of the Hampton Sunoco and shattering the pane. Deputies located the defendant through store surveillance video, canvassing the area, and talking to witnesses. In an arrest report, Bradford Deputy Mark Juen wrote that Morris admitted throwing the rock but claimed he did not break the window.

Son to Mom: I ought to blow your brains out

Bradford deputies arrested a 50-year-old Hampton man after he threatened to kill his mother



Norman

and attacked her by spitting in her face, choking her, and pushing her onto a railing on her home's back porch.

Ronnie C. Norman was arrested for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and battery on a person aged 65 or older.

According to an arrest report, the victim and defendant argued over a gun that the son had brought home. The victim, while on the phone with the sheriff's office, told Norman to return the weapon. The defendant responded by spitting in the woman's face.

"The victim advised she put her hands up in defense of herself, and Ronnie stated, 'So you want to fight me.' Ronnie then approached the victim and grabbed her by the throat and started choking her," wrote Deputy Robert Malley in the report. The victim was able to push Ronnie back, then Ronnie grabbed the victim by her face as the victim opened the back door and retreated to the porch."

The officer added that the defendant followed his mother outside, where he pushed her into a railing, then went back inside and closed the door. When the victim re-entered the home, her son was holding the 12-gauge shotgun and declared, "I ought to blow your (expletive deleted) brains out."

Starke fines dead woman for code violations

The City of Starke has filed a \$4,200 lien against a woman who died in 2021 because she failed to repair damage to her property, which occurred four months after her death.

Ursel Thornton died in August 2021. She owned a residence on East Laura Street between Colley Road



The city's code enforcement officer cited the property owner for maintaining a public nuisance, property abandonment and excessive vegetation.

and State Road 100.

Four months after her passing, an EF-1 tornado brought 90 to 95 mph winds to the neighborhood and felled a tree on the home, which breached the structure's roof. The city's code enforcement officer cited the property owner for maintaining a public nuisance, property abandonment and excessive vegetation.

In court papers, Starke officials said that the property remains in the woman's name and that her family told them First American Mortgage Solutions took over the house and land. In several hearings before a special magistrate, no one representing the property owner has appeared, and the city assessed a \$150-a-day fine in September and a \$200-a-day fine in October. The city said it will again review the case in November.

Woman drops lawsuit against sisters

A Bradford County woman has withdrawn her request to a judge, asking the court to force the sale of real estate jointly owned by the plaintiff and her sisters.

In July, Karen Ann Waldron sued Harriet Waldron and Marion Waldron, seeking to partition a five-acre parcel in the Sampson City area.

In her complaint, Waldron said that although the land is vacant, it could not be equitably divided because of a pond in the middle of the property. The plaintiff added that the sale was needed to pay off a 2012 \$58,000 loan she and her father, Herschel H. Waldron, had obtained from Community State Bank, using the five acres as security. Mr. Waldron died in 2019, and Karen Waldron defaulted on the note in 2023. The plaintiff said she tried to sell the land to settle her obligation to the bank, but her sisters would not cooperate.

County records indicate that in September, the land was sold to James F. and Frances Swaggery of DeBerry for \$59,500, and the bank dismissed its foreclosure suit simultaneously.

November sobriety checkpoints announced

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



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Obituaries

Ronald Byers

Ronald Lloyd Byers, 68, of Starke died on Saturday, Oct. 22, 2023, following a short illness. He was preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Mildred Byers; and brothers, Roger Byers, Harold Byers, and Jimmy Byers.

He is survived by his sister, Susan Byers; a brother, Tim Byers; his daughter, Victoria Byers; as well as several nieces and nephews; and many friends.

A memorial service was held Saturday, Oct. 28.

PAID OBITUARY

Gregory Chiapini

Gregory "Greg" Chiappini, 63, of Melrose passed away Sunday, Oct. 29, 2023, at the Lake City Veteran's Hospital. He was born March 14, 1960, in Orlando and had served four years in the United States Air Force. He had been employed over 25 years as a technician with E-1 Fire Truck in Ocala and was a parishioner of St. William Catholic Church. He was known for being very patriotic, playing golf, and being an avid Florida Gator fan.

He is survived by his parents, Paul and Dolores (Wilson) Chiappini of Melrose; and two brothers, John Chiappini of Panama City and Kevin Chiappini of Melrose.

Funeral Mass will be held Monday, Nov. 6, at 10:30 a.m. with Father Mike Williams presiding. Interment will follow at Eliam Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Veteran's association of your choice.

Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home 340 E. Walker Drive, Keystone Heights, 32656. 352-473-3176. www.jonesgallagherfh.com

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Mrs. Freddie Finklea

Mrs. Freddie Finklea, 94, of Keystone Heights passed away Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2023, at Shands Hospital in Gainesville. She was born July 16, 1929, in Lyons, Georgia to W.F. and Evidell (Warnock) Sutton. She was a homemaker and a longtime member of the Keystone United Methodist Church. She enjoyed shopping and loved "feeding her kitties." In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Patricia L. Boswell; and husband, Lewis Gordon Finklea.

Her survivors are her sons, Ray (Anna) Finklea of Middleburg and Dale Allen Finklea of Keystone Heights. She was lovingly called "Grandmother" by five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

There are no services scheduled at this time. In lieu of flowers memorial donations can be made to your local Humane Society or no kill shelter.

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Sonya Lindee

Faithful servant of Jehovah, Sonya Rebecca Lindee, a dear friend and sister, passed away early Saturday, Oct. 28, 2023. She was on her way to the assembly hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, where she would have talked and embraced all the friends she grew to love as her own family because they touched her life, and she theirs, in more ways than can be mentioned. She was a faithful daughter to Jehovah and relied on Him with everything that she did. With that in mind, we know that she no longer has to fear sickness and the pain that comes with it. Instead, she will be waiting eagerly to greet and embrace all of her loved ones again. She gave everything she had to give to her two sons, Vincent and Samuel, and would do anything to make them smile. She would sing to them to wake them in the morning and read to them in bed at night. All the while she was never too tired to fill them both with the love and affection they needed.

She is survived by three brothers, Robert, David, and Ralph; sister, Rachel; along with her mother, Sulama Castellano, all of whom live in Texas and serve Jehovah.

Services will be on Saturday, Nov. 4. Visitation time will be from 9 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. at Archer-Milton Funeral Home, Lake Butler. A memorial service will follow at 11 a.m. at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 12204 NW 140 St., Alachua, 32615.

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Jyquez Cason returns a punt 81 yards for a touchdown. Photos by Cliff Smelley.

Tornadoes defeat Palatka 42-0 to win district title

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Bradford High School's football team won the District 6-2S championship in emphatic fashion, scoring five first-half touchdowns, creating five turnovers and holding the visiting Palatka Panthers to approximately 30 yards in a 42-0 win on Oct. 27.

"That's definitely the most dominant game I've ever been a part of," linebacker/tight end Chason Clark said.

The Tornadoes (9-0), who conclude the regular season with a home game against Suwannee on Friday, Nov. 3, at 7:30 p.m., had an easy time wrapping up an automatic playoff berth, setting the tone in a big way early. Bradford needed approximately four and a half minutes to put three touchdowns on the board, with its defense forcing two turnovers on Palatka's first two possessions.

"We come out every day at practice and work hard and get everything done that we need to so we can dominate like we did tonight," said defensive lineman Trente Jenkins, who scored on the first turnover of the game.

Defensive back Chail Cummings, who also plays wide receiver, said Bradford's defensive performance is all about preparation.

"At practice, we go hard all the time," Cummings said. "All gas, no brakes."

Opponents have scored a total of 39 points against Bradford, which recorded its second straight shutout and third in its last four games.

The Tornadoes, who are second in the Florida High School Athletic Association's Class 2S power rankings (behind Cocoa), now have 13 shutouts in their last 23 games.

"Insane," Bradford Head Coach Jamie Rodgers said. "That's kind of what we've hung our hat on the last couple of years. It's fun to watch good defensive football, especially when you're a defensive-minded guy."

When asked if people have seen the best this defense can do, Jenkins said, "No. We've still got work to do."

A Bradford defense that can play any better would be a scary thought for an opponent, especially after witnessing to the



Brian Clifflin carries the ball on his way to a 100-yard night.

start of the game against Palatka. The Panthers (7-2) received the opening kickoff and had good field position at their own 45.

The good news for the visitors ended there.

Bradford's Jordan Daniels made a tackle for a 2-yard loss on first down. A pass play on second down resulted in a 4-yard loss on a tackle by Michael Oliver. Torin Brazell caused a fumble on third down, with Jenkins scooping up the ball and returning it more than 30 yards for a touchdown.

"My eyes just got big," Jenkins said.

Declan Hense kicked the extra point for a 7-0 lead at the 10:39 mark of the first quarter.

Palatka's next series began with the Tornadoes' Duke Lewis making a tackle for a 3-yard loss. Two plays later, the Panthers lined up to go for it on fourth-and-6. Quarterback Tommy Offord was able to get the Tornadoes to jump offside, setting up fourth-and-1 at the Panthers' own 41. Lewis sacked Offord and caused a fumble, which was recovered by Daniels.

One play later, Dae'Jon Shanks threw a 21-yard touchdown pass to Cummings with 9:10 to play in the first quarter. Hense added the PAT for a 14-0 lead.

Bradford's Jeremiah McKenzie made a tackle for a 4-yard loss on the first play of Palatka's third series. The Panthers apparently

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Toni Mills

Toni Lynette Mills, 47, of Hampton died Friday, Oct. 27, 2023. She was born Oct. 5, 1976. She was preceded in death by her father, Charles Milton Mills; and brother, Clarence Sylvester Hagan Jr.

Survivors are her mother, Joyce Marie (Melton) Mills; daughter, Alexis Dominique Mills; sons, Khalil Saleem Mills and Hunter Carmichael Maultsby; siblings, Joseph Luther Hagan, Clarence Michael Hagan, Charles Milton Mills II, and Diana Marie Hagan.

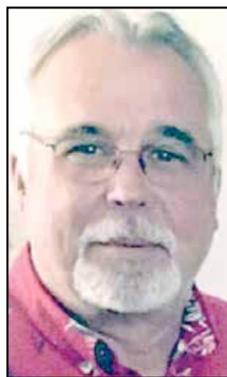
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Kenneth Ryan

Kenneth Collin "Ken" Ryan (Retired Sergeant Major), 67, of Starke passed away peacefully with his family by his side on Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2023. He was born in Starke on Aug. 9, 1956, and graduated from Bradford High School in 1974. In 1975, he chose to join the Army, then he continued his career with the Florida Army National Guard. He served honorably for over 28 years, attaining the rank of sergeant major. He was also the allied trades supervisor at Camp Blanding before retiring.

He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Ann Allen Ryan of Starke; children, C. K. (Tiffany) Ryan of Orange Park, Krista (Gerald) Smith of Starke, and Lindsay Ryan of Palatka; brother, Steve Fuqua of Starke; his grandchildren, who he loved dearly, Hayley (Kendrick) Durrandon, Brady Ryan, Abigale Ryan, Gerald Smith III, Jackson Smith, Mackenzie Smith, Elaina Smith, and Mason Ryan; and great-grandchildren, Xander Durrandon and Cove Marie Nichols.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, Nov. 18, at 3:30 p.m. at the Florida National Guard Armory, 720 Edwards Road, Starke. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association online at act.alz.org or to the First Baptist Church, 163 W. Jefferson St., Starke, 32091.



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Tigers' Whitehead qualifies for state finals in 2 events

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Union County High School sophomore Eva Whitehead qualified for the Class 1A swimming finals after earning a pair of top-10 finishes at the Region 1 finals, which were held Oct. 24 in Jacksonville.

Whitehead placed fifth in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 59.20 seconds. Last year's state runner-up, Lila Higgo of Bolles, won the event with a time of 54.19.

Bolles swimmers, in fact, occupied all of the top four spots ahead of Whitehead. Katherine Meyers-Labenz, who was sixth at last year's state meet, placed second with a time of 56.71, while Elisabeth Erlendsdottir, who was seventh at state, was third with a time of 56.81. Sarah Burgstiner, who was 24th at last year's state finals, had a fourth-



Eva Whitehead qualified for state with fifth- and eighth-place finishes at the Region 1-1A finals.

place time of 57.76.

Whitehead also competed in the 200 individual medley, placing eighth with a time of 2:10.32, which was an improvement of three seconds

from last year's Region 1 finals.

Bolles' Higgo, who was fourth at state last year, won the event with a time of 2:03. Four of the other swimmers who placed ahead of Whitehead competed at state last year as well: Bolles' Ella Gotham and Sophia Joos, Episcopal's Savannah Branon and Father Lopez's Nelanee Fulton.

The state finals will be held Saturday, Nov. 4, at Florida Aquatics Swimming and Training in Ocala. Preliminaries begin at 9 a.m., followed by the finals at 5:30 p.m.

In a comparison of the qualifiers' region times, Whitehead is the ninth seed in the 100 backstroke and the 20th seed in the 200 IM.

Whitehead competed in both events at state last year, finishing 20th in the 100 backstroke and 23rd in the 200 IM.



Northside's varsity SECC Western-Division champs and SECC Tournament runners-up (l-r): Jodey Garrison, Tara Petitpas, Bella Smith, Rosalea Norman, Jinny Kline, Chylee Kahakua, Brooke Cooper, Briley Parrish, Maddie Garrison, Lexie Welsh, Brook Parrish and Callie Potts.

Northside volleyball teams conclude strong seasons

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Northside Christian Academy's junior high and varsity volleyball teams each had a season to remember as they were both South Eastern Christian Conference Western Division champions.

Each team went 10-0 in regular-season matches against SECC opposition. The varsity team went on to finish as runner-up in the SECC state tournament. One could've assumed this season would be one of rebuilding for both teams, but that wasn't the case.

"We lost five girls from each of the teams from last year," Coach/Athletic Director Todd von Weyhe said. "Yet our girls bonded together and fought to succeed."



Northside's junior high SECC Western-Division champs: (front, l-r) Gabby Smith, Leona Harden, Ali LaFollette, Aeri Welsh, (back, l-r) Coach Rebekah Garrison, Ava Welsh, Maddie Kennedy, Baeliegh Bradley, Kayla King, Coach Todd von Weyhe, Georgia Bridges, Stella Vhalakis and Becca Norman.

A system that was put into place two years ago is now paying dividends, von Weyhe said.

Of course, for any system to succeed, it needs players who give it their all.

"All the girls have worked very hard and have put forth the effort needed to accomplish such a task," von Weyhe said.

The varsity team had a 15-2 regular season, losing a total of just six sets in those 15 wins. The junior high team went 12-2 in the regular season. All but three of

those 12 wins were 2-0 sweeps. Chylee Kahakua and Rosalea Norman, who will graduate this year, earned All-SECC honors and All-Tournament honors.

"We will surely miss our seniors next year, but we have some young and talented players moving up in the ranks," von Weyhe said, adding, "I look forward to the new challenges next year and any new players God brings to our fold, while learning how to overcome the new situations to have another successful year."



Varsity players who earned All-SECC honors as well as All-Tournament honors were Chylee Kahakua (left) and Rosalea Norman.

Tigers dominate Dixie Co. for 2nd straight victory

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Four players rushed for touchdowns, while the defense posted a shutout until the final quarter in the Union County High School football team's 42-8 win over host Dixie County on Oct. 26.

It was the second straight week the Tigers (5-3) spoiled an opponent's homecoming and the second straight week they scored 42 points. They have scored more than 40 points in each of their wins.

Union, which caps the regular season with a home game against Ambassadors Christian Academy on Friday, Nov. 3, at 7:30 p.m., forced the Bears to go three-and-out on their first four possessions. By the time Dixie (6-3) picked up its first first down, the Tigers had a 21-0 lead.

On the Tigers' first offensive series, Bobo Woodall had an almost 30-yard run to the Dixie 29 nullified by a holding penalty, but because of where the infraction occurred, he still got credit for a 12-yard gain and a first down at the Dixie 44. After an offside penalty against the Bears, Gavin Jenkins caught a 29-yard pass from Trenton Klein to move Union to the 10-yard line. Thomas Williams scored on a run from there, capping a four-play drive. Jonathan Edwards kicked the extra point as the Tigers led 7-0 at the 8:54 mark of the first quarter.

Klein, who led the Union defense in tackles (12) and tackles for loss (4), brought down Dixie's Carter Hodge for a 2-yard loss on the Bears' second offensive series, which began at their own 25. That was the story of the first half for the Bears, whose average starting field position was their own 21. Hodge had a good night punting the ball, but Union still began every one of its first-half possessions near midfield.

The Tigers went three-and-out on their second offensive series, but cashed in on their third. A long run by Williams moved Union inside the red zone, while another Williams run set up third-and-2 at the 5-yard line. Williams then had a 4-yard carry for a first-and-goal at the 1. Klein was then stopped just short of the goal line, but he kept the ball again on second down, plunging his way into the end zone for a score with 1:04 to play in the first quarter. Edwards added the PAT for a 14-0 lead.

Williams, who had 89 yards on eight carries, had the Tigers on the move again the next time they had the ball, with another long run into the red zone. A screen pass to Woodall resulted in a loss of yardage, followed by a holding penalty that backed Union up to the 25-yard line. Woodall, who had 52 yards on three carries, scored on a run from there at the 9:40 mark of the second quarter. It was a 21-0 game after Edwards' PAT.

Hodge had a 10-yard run to give the Bears their first first down. Dixie quickly lost whatever momentum that play generated when it was penalized for unsportsmanlike conduct, which pushed the Bears into a second-and-long play inside their own 15. They would eventually punt on fourth-and-21.

Dixie forced the Union offense



Drew Simmons (left) needed just three carries to score two touchdowns and gain a team-high 117 yards. File photos by 1stWay Shots.



Thomas Williams (far left) scored two touchdowns.

to go three-and-out, giving the Bears' offense the ball back with 5:40 remaining until halftime. The Bears chewed up all of that time on a methodical drive that amounted to nothing. Hodge, Darius Cook and Jaheim Taylor all had first down-producing runs as Dixie moved from its 27 to the Union 38. The Bears then had a 5-yard run before the half ended on a sack.

Union wasted little time in building a four-touchdown lead. The Tigers received the second-half kickoff, with a 38-yard return by Blake McCoy setting them up just past midfield. Klein, who rushed for 36 yards on six carries, had a run of almost 20 yards, which moved the Tigers to just outside the Dixie 30. He then completed a 28-yard pass to Bryan Tyson for a first-and-goal at the 4. Williams scored on a run from there with 57 seconds gone in the third quarter. The score stood at 28-0 after Edwards' PAT.

Klein finished 5 of 8 passing for 58 yards.

Drew Simmons put a couple of exclamation points on the blowout win, scoring on a long run on each of the Tigers' next two drives. One of Simmons' touchdowns covered 59 yards as he finished as the game's leading rusher with 117 yards on three carries.

The 42 points were the most scored against the Bears, who had been allowing an average of 10 points per game.

Dixie had also been scoring an

average of 28 points per game, but the going was tough against a Union defense that recorded nine tackles behind the line of scrimmage, including sacks by Anthony Holmes and Erich Seager.

Connor Bresee finished as the second-leading tackler with seven, while McCoy had six tackles. Bresee also recovered a fumble.

The Tigers are looking to close out the regular season with three straight wins. Their Nov. 3 opponent is trying to avoid three straight losses. The Ambassadors Christian Stallions (1-8) are coming off a 44-0 loss to Lakeland Christian.

Union looks to be in good shape to earn a Region 3-1R playoff berth. The top six teams in the seven-team region will qualify. The Florida High School Athletic Association power rankings currently have the Tigers as the third-best team in the region.

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UCHS volleyball team defeats Lafayette in regional play

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Union County High School's volleyball team earned another shot at Branford, defeating visiting Lafayette 3-1 (25-22, 25-21, 20-25, 25-23) in a Region 3-1A semifinal match on Oct. 27. Stats weren't available by deadline.

It was the third win in four matches for Union.

The win advanced the second seed Tigers (12-12) to the Region 3 championship match, where they played top seed Branford (23-4) this past Tuesday. Union is 0-3 against the Buccaneers this season, with the latest loss coming in the District 6 championship match. Jaily Simmons had eight kills and four blocks in that match, which also saw Rylie Parrish record two blocks. Journey Crim led the team in digs with 15, while Layla Barber and Kamryn Southerland each had 12. Jordan Hendricks and Bella Johns each added 10 digs.

Southerland was the assists leader in the District 6 title match with nine. Hendricks had six.

If the Tigers finally get past the Buccaneers, they will play either Williston or Newberry (the top two seeds in Region 4) on Monday, Nov. 6, at 10 a.m. at Polk State College's Winter Haven Health Center, which will host both state semifinal matches as well as the championship match on Tuesday, Nov. 7, at 4

p.m. The other Nov. 6 state semifinal matchup will be Baker or Chipley (the top two seeds in Region 1) against Blountstown or Liberty County (the top two seeds in Region 2).

Indians are 7th at Region 1-1A boys golf finals

Bradford's Charlie Zink also competes

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Keystone Heights High School competed at the Region 1-1A boys golf finals on Oct. 30 at Jacksonville Beach Golf Club, placing seventh with a team score of 335.

The top two teams earned the right to automatically advance to the state finals. Episcopal won the Region 1 title with a score of 294, while Bolles was the runner-up with a 300 score.

Keystone also finished behind Pensacola Catholic (315), Maclay (318), Florida High (319) and Providence (325).

The top two individuals not on the top two teams also automatically qualified for state. At the Region 1 match, those berths were earned by Maclay's Jack Cook and Lafayette's Trey Galbraith.

The Indians were led at the Region 1 finals by Connor Guy, who finished in a five-way tie for 12th with an 18-hole score of 78. He had three birdies and made par on five holes.

Keystone's Ty Mitzel and Alexander Addington finished in a four-way tie for 22nd, with each shooting a score of 81. Mitzel had two birdies and made par on eight holes. Addington made par on 11 holes.

Jacob Beach and Nick Binet also competed for the Indians. Beach, who made par on two holes, shot a 95, while Binet, who had a birdie and made par on two holes, shot a 100.

The 72-individual field also included Bradford's Charlie Zink. He made par on three holes in finishing with a score of 97.

Season ends for Union's Elixson and KHHS team at regionals

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

The girls golf season came to an end for Union County High School's Zoe Elixson and the Keystone Heights team at the Region 1-1A finals, which were held Oct. 30 at Jacksonville Beach Golf Club.

Elixson finished in a two-way tie for 44th with a score of 114. She made par on one hole.

Keystone placed 10th out of 10 teams with a score of 594. The Indians were led by Aubrey Brooks and Amber Cunningham, who each shot a 140 and finished in a three-way tie for 44th out of 60 players. Jasmine Walls and Ashlynn Duncan shot scores of 150 and 164, respectively.

Bolles and Episcopal, who finished with scores of 314 and 316, respectively, earned automatic berths to state by being the top two teams.

The top two individuals not on the top two teams also automatically qualified: Pensacola Catholic's Islay Benoit, who shot a 71 to finish as the low-score medalist, and Maclay's Ellie Riner, who was second overall with a score of 73.

BHS runners end season at district meet

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Bradford High School had four runners compete at the Oct. 30 District 2-2A cross-country finals at Bishop Kenny High School in Jacksonville, with none earning the right to advance to the Region 1 finals.

Alissa Reddish and Ny'Asia Lopey had times of 26:22 and 36:10, respectively, in the girls race, while Kayden Lee and Brett Redding had times of 25:05 and 25:19, respectively, in the boys race.



Tyler Griffin led Keystone, placing 22nd out of 138.



Ryder Thomas was the second KHHS boy to finish.



Olivia Griffin placed 40th out of 119.

KH teams advance to regionals

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Keystone Heights High School placed seventh in both the boys and girls races at the Oct. 30 District 2-2A cross-country finals at Bishop Kenny High School in Jacksonville, qualifying both teams for region-level competition.

The top eight teams earned the right to advance to the Region 1 finals, which will be held Thursday, Nov. 9, at Lake City's Alligator Park. The girls race starts at 8 a.m., followed by the boys race at 9 a.m.

Keystone had four runners place in the top half of the field in the boys race, earning a seventh-place score of 208 ahead of eighth-place finisher Fernandina Beach (252). This is the ninth time in 10 years a Keystone boys team has qualified for regionals.

Tyler Griffin and Ryder Thomas placed 22nd and 26th, respectively out of 138 runners, crossing the finish line with times of 18:10 and 18:22. Hunter Sheppard had a 55th-place time



Hunter Sheppard and Anthony Peak (foreground, l-r) helped Keystone qualify for the Region 1-2A finals with 55th- and 63rd-place finishes. File photos by Cliff Smelley.

RIGHT: Cali Chamberlain (left) and Melody Tyre had the second- and third-best times for the girls team. BELOW: Brook Graudons placed 83rd. BELOW RIGHT: Melody Tyre also contributed to the team score that helped the Keystone girls qualify for regionals for the first time since 2020.



Bryce Huntley contributed to Keystone's team score, helping the Indians place seventh.

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2.200	X				Wellness Program	Review policy annually
3.060	X	X	Revision		Safe and Secure Schools	Threat Assessment to Threat Management, new model, and Drills; HB 543, 6A-1.0018, 6A-1.0019
TBD	X		New		Internet Safety	Legislative and Rule Changes; HB 379
4.120	X	X	Revision		Instructional Materials Selection	Legislative and Rule updates incorporated; HB 1069, Rule 6A1.094126;
4.130	X	X	Revision		Educational Media Materials Selection	Legislative changes and Rule updates- HB 1069; Rule 6A-1.094126
TBD			New		Operation of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (Drones)	Requested by several districts
5.101	X				Bullying and Harassment	Review policy every 3 years
5.130	X		Revision		Zero Tolerance	Legislative and rule updates; HB 1537
5.150	X	X	Revision	X	Administration of Medication	Pursuant to legislative changes; HB 1537
5.190	X	X	Revision		Student Records	Legislative changes; HB 1 - revising F.S. 1003.25 to transfer student records in 5 days instead of 3
5.400	X		Revision		Children of Military Families	Legislative Change; HB 633
6.390	X		Revision		Report of Misconduct	Legislative changes; F.S. 1012.797
8.040	X	X	Revision		Emergency Drills	Legislative and Rule Changes; HB 543; Rule 6A-1.0018;
8.320			Revision		Smoking and Tobacco Free Environment	Recommended by Tobacco Free Florida
Policy #	Req	Proc	Status	Option	Policy Title	Comments/Reason
3.130		X	Revision		School Volunteers	Clarifying best practice for level 2 screening of volunteers; Legislative updates HB 1121 on volunteer retirees only required if Board is creating a post-employment volunteer program.
6.216	X		Revision		Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP)	Legislative Updates SB 7024; DROP to 96 months; the sick leave payout schedule was not modified from 5 years because it is not in law; it may be adjusted if the district chooses.

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Raymond Rhoden wins Altrusa Gala's big cash prize

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Everybody loves Raymond, especially when he wins \$2,500. It wasn't a plotline in the famous sitcom starring Ray Romano but a real-life event that saw Raymond Rhoden walk away with the grand prize at the Altrusa International of Starke Gala, which was held Oct. 26, at the Gov. Charley E. Johns Conference Center in Starke.

The annual event consists of a reverse drawing that culminates in the last person remaining winning the big-money prize.

This year's drawing consisted of 157 people, with 63 receiving a prize of some sort.

After 149 names had been drawn by Starke Altrusa President Sarah Long and announced by emcee Terry Vaughan, three names in a row were announced as non-prize winners.

"The next three people are the most-unlucky people on earth because you're the only ones still left in the game who will not win something very nice," Vaughan said.

One of those unlucky three was Bradford County Sheriff Gordon Smith, which prompted Vaughan to remark, "An arresting development here."

Then, it was down to five final people — all of whom would win prizes. Kensley Hamilton won a Kendra Scott jewelry set donated by Williams Jewelry, Ellen Reddish won a YKO cooler donated by Montford Paint and Body and Lucy Montford won an iPad, which was donated by Tatum Brothers Lumber.

Two people remained. It was announced that Arthur Gaskins won the second-place prize, which was a \$500 Hilton Hotels gift card donated by Community State Bank.

Gaskins may not have won the grand prize, but still, a nice gift on what happened to be his birthday. At the beginning of the gala, Vaughan announced, "Everybody here except one person knows this really is not the Altrusa Gala. We all know it's really Arthur Gaskins' surprise birthday party. Happy birthday, my friend."

Vaughan, as usual, had plenty of cracks and groan-inducing jokes.

"I don't know if you can tell, but I've started a new diet," Vaughan said. "All I eat are yeast and shoe polish. I haven't lost any weight, but every morning I rise and shine."

When Amanda Seyfang, the current supervisor of elections, won a Dublin crystal vase donated by Julee Tinsler,



Starke Altrusa President Sarah Long (left) laughs while emcee Terry Vaughan makes a joke at someone's expense. Photos by Cliff Smelley.

Vaughan referenced the 2000 election, saying, "Big enough to put your collection of hanging chad in."

Also, in keeping with tradition, Vaughan made cracks about his wife, Jennifer.

"By the way, the other day, Jennifer asked me to pass her the ChapStick," Vaughan said. "I accidentally passed her the glue stick instead. She hasn't spoken to me since."

Jennifer's small stature was a source of material, too.

"This might be the last time, frankly, that you see Jennifer and me together after 38-plus years of marriage," Vaughan said. "Recently, I discovered she purchased something I think is intended to replace services that I provide. You guessed it. She got a stepladder. Now that she can reach the top shelf of the cabinets in the kitchen, I think I'm no longer needed in the house."

After one of his jokes, Vaughan told the crowd that Jennifer wrote all of his material.

"What have I got to lose? She's got a stepladder now," Vaughan said.

The smaller prizes were delivered to the winners at their tables by some of the Altrusa members, who were referred to as the gala's Vannas — a reference to Vanna White of "Wheel of Fortune" fame. Tiffany Rees, who was one of the Vannas, won Gucci Flora perfume donated by Teal Tile and Carpet.

"You're going to smell so much better next year at this same time," Vaughan said. "No, you smell good all the time. You really do. I don't know if I can even say that."

Speaking of Teal Tile and Carpet, Vaughan had fun with some of the prizes won by the members of the Teal family: a

Shark robot vacuum donated by Altrusa President Long and a cordless vacuum donated by Roberts Insurance.

"This carpet-cleaning stuff — I see a trend here," Vaughan said. "Do we by any chance have a shampoo machine later tonight? I hope so."

When a handbag donated by Beverly Hardy was won by her husband, Dudley, Vaughan asked Hardy, "You're donating this again next year, right?"

After Jimmy Crosby won a gift certificate donated by Town and Country Veterinary Clinic, Vaughan said, "We can finally get him spayed and neutered. I guess just one. Maybe not both."

Vaughan's fellow FSU fan Brad Smith won a Princess House crystal bowl donated by WEAG.

"We all know that us Seminoles are going to have the best bowl of all this year," Vaughan said. "You can tell I'm no longer an elected official in Bradford County."

Noele Miller was announced as a winner while she was in the restroom. A little while later, her husband, Kevin, was announced as a winner while he was in the restroom.

"At this rate, everybody should go to the bathroom," Vaughan said.

At one point, Vaughan announced the name of Norman Ray, which someone told him was actually Ray Norman. Later, when it was time to announce the winner of a deer blind, Vaughan said, "Teal Tile and Carpet has donated a blind deer. I hope that Norman Ray wins this."

Cindy Futch won the deer blind, which led Vaughan to tell her husband, "Steve, a word of advice — after she puts up the deer blind, don't wear a shirt with a target on it."

When it comes to a fundraising target, the gala is a bullseye as the Altrusa Club's major fundraiser every year. The event helps support the club's scholarships as well as various projects, such as providing Easter baskets for children in the Guardian ad Litem program, Christmas gifts for Rainbow Center children and books for Bradford County students as part of the Books in the Classroom Literacy Project. The club also makes donations, including to the Bradford Food Pantry and the Bradford County Public Library's summer and Christmas programs.

Long expressed her thanks to fellow club members prior

to the night's meal for working "tirelessly to make this gala possible."

"Their dedication and passion for community service have made tonight's event a reality. We extend our heartfelt thanks to every one of them," said Long, who then asked all club members to stand and be recognized.

Long also thanked those in attendance who aren't in the club, saying their presence was "a testament to your dedication to community service as well."

"Your participation tonight has the power to impact lives and create lasting change," Long said. "For that, I thank you."

To learn more about what Altrusa is doing in the community, please visit its Facebook page (Altrusa Club of Starke).



Raymond Rhoden (far right) won the \$2,500 grand prize. He is pictured with his wife, Rachel (center), who is the Altrusa Club's first vice president, and Sarah Long, club president.



Wyatt Van Zant looks for an opening as he advances the ball toward midfield.

Keystone scores 6 TDs in 1st half, defeats Joshua 49-8

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
General manager

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—Keystone Heights improved to 5-4 with a 49-8 win over Joshua Christian Academy (3-6), setting up a regular-season finale at P.K. Yonge on Thursday, Nov. 2, at 7 p.m.

The Indians started off aggressively against the visitors from Jacksonville's westside, recovering a pooch kick to open the game. However, after allowing Keystone one first down, the Eagles defense stiffened and forced Keystone to a fourth-and-2 from the Eagle 28, on which the Indians failed to convert.

One play after the visitors took over on their own 30, Wyatt Van Zant intercepted a Joshua Christian pass and ran 35 yards for Keystone's first touchdown with 8:14 remaining in the first quarter. Tyler Sapp added the extra point, giving the boys in white a 7-0 lead.

The Indian defense shined again on Joshua's next possession, holding the Eagles on a fourth-and-13 from the Joshua 47 and taking possession on the visitors' 40.

Four plays later, Baylor Ford hit Garrison Teague on an 15-yard touchdown pass, giving the Indians a two-touchdown lead after Sapp's PAT.

The Indians kept the momentum when the Joshua Christian return man dropped the ball on the ensuing kickoff, and Van Zant pounced on the loose pigskin, allowing Keystone to keep possession on the Joshua 40.

Two plays later, Cartez Daniels, who rushed for 86 yards on five carries, broke free on a 54-yard sprint around the right, and Keystone celebrated a 21-0 lead with 3:33 left in the first quarter.

The Eagle offense showed signs of life on the visitors' next possession, gaining a first down and 11 yards before a quarterback sack killed the drive.

Keystone notched its fourth score on a five-play, 47-yard campaign capped with an 11-yard pass from Ford to Teague. Sapp's extra point gave the Indians a 28-0 lead with 8:57 left in the half.

Teague finished with two receptions for 26 yards.

After the Indians recovered a Joshua Christian fumble on the

Eagle 38 with 5:10 remaining in the half, Ford, who was 8 of 11 for 97 yards, found Andru Siemer in the end zone, giving the home team a 35-0 lead and activating the running clock for the remainder of the game.

Siemer finished with two catches for 25 yards.

The Indians scored once more as the halftime horn sounded when Darrion Grady broke a 42-yard rush — his only carry of the game. Sapp's PAT gave the Indians a 42-0 lead at the half.

Keystone received the third-quarter kickoff and returned the ball to the Eagle 36. On the first play from scrimmage, Trey Jefferies broke the line of

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Seasons of the Cross FREE Admission!

Craft Event on Friday November 10th and Saturday November 11th
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Friday - 9:00 am to 1 pm Saturday

This event is sponsored by the Methodist Women. All proceeds will go to [redacted]

First Church of Starke
700 N. Walnut St.
Starke, FL 32091



Sylvia Tatum (far left) stands in for her granddaughter Lucy Montford (who wasn't present) and reacts to her winning an iPad that was donated by the family business (Tatum Brothers Lumber). Also pictured are Arthur Gaskins (center) and Rachel Rhoden.



Altrusa members (l-r) Gale Trotter (board member), Mary Kramer (foundation board vice president/secretary) and Dimple Overstreet (District Three governor) stand in front of some of the prizes that were part of the reverse drawing.



Matt Barksdale (left) and Altrusa Past President Amanda Seyfang were responsible for keeping track of whose names had been drawn. The drawing included 157 names.

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decided they needed to flip field position before things got worse, with Offord performing a quick kick on third down.

The punt had Bradford starting its second drive at its own 22, but the Tornados needed just three plays to increase their lead. A 50-yard run by Brian Clifton, with an additional 15 yards tacked on because of a penalty, set Bradford up at the Palatka 11. Shanks scored on a run from there at the 7:19 mark of the first quarter. The score stood at 21-0 after Hense's PAT.

At that point, Palatka's offense had run nine plays for minus-13 yards.

"We came out of that locker room ready to play, and it really showed," Clark said.

The Panthers' Arterrian Godfrey returned a short kickoff 13 yards to the Bradford 45. Palatka then picked up 4 yards on a run. After an illegal-procedure penalty, Clark made a tackle for a 2-yard loss. Jalen Williams

then had a 4-yard sack to force Palatka to punt.

Palatka went three-and-out on its next series as well, with Jenkins making a tackle for a 2-yard loss and Jyquez Cason breaking up a pass. Cason fielded the ensuing punt at his own 19 and returned it 81 yards for touchdown and a 27-0 lead 21 seconds into the second quarter. The PAT was no good.

Cason has been a standout on special teams this year. He entered the game having blocked two field goals and a punt.

"He might be the special-teams player of the year," Rodgers said.

Cummings said, "He's at it every day. He doesn't slack off in practice. He goes hard in everything he does."

Bradford, which recorded 11 of its 13 tackles for loss in the first half, dropped Palatka's Cartaveon Valentine for a 12-yard loss on a reverse on the Panthers' next possession. The Panthers would pick up a first down at the Bradford 27 on a roughing-the-passer penalty. Palatka gained no yardage on the following three plays and



Jalen Williams (far left) is in pursuit of Palatka quarterback Tommy Offord.

attempted a 44-yard field goal, which was well short.

The next time Palatka had the ball, the Tornados forced a fumble, which put the Bradford offense at the Panthers' 31. Three plays was all Bradford needed to find the end zone, with Elijah Kellum catching a 21-yard

touchdown pass from Shanks. Shanks added a successful run on the two-point conversion for a 35-0 lead with 1:41 to play in the first half.

Bradford opened the second half with a five-play, 57-yard scoring drive that featured a pair of 14-yard runs by Clifton

and McKenzie. McKenzie, who replaced Shanks at quarterback, capped the drive with a 24-yard touchdown run. Hense added the PAT.

The rest of the game went fast as a running clock was employed due to the 42-point margin. Bradford still had time enough to create two more turnovers, with J.T. Hood intercepting a pass and Jaleal Mosley recovering a fumble.

As good as the defense has been, the Bradford offense is scoring an average of four touchdowns per game. The Tornados have 10 offensive scores in the last two games.

Bradford rushed for 231 yards against Palatka, with Clifton reaching the 100-yard mark. The back averaged approximately 13 yards per carry.

"Our offense is just getting better and better," Rodgers said. "They're starting to fire on all cylinders up front. They believe they can block anybody. That's a fun place to be, too."

It was the third straight game in which Shanks has accounted for at least three touchdowns rushing and passing.

"He's just getting better," Rodgers said. "He's locked in during the week at practice. He's getting the game plan down. He's able to get everybody else right. Those are the important things. That's what a quarterback does."

"We're starting to climb. We're starting to get a little bit better each week. That's where you want to be when it's week 10."

Winning a district title changes nothing in Bradford's approach to its next game. Cummings said it's business as usual, with the players staying humble and putting in the hard work at practices.

"We're fixing to celebrate tonight, ice up tomorrow and be ready on Monday," he said.

The Tornados host a Suwannee team that handed them their only loss of the regular season in 2022. The Bulldogs (6-2), who defeated Bradford 10-7 last season, are coming off two straight losses (38-13 to Madison County and 24-21 to Wakulla).

"The kids will be locked in," Rodgers said. "They know what's at stake."

Legal Notices

Legals for the week of Nov. 2, 2023

BRADFORD

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

CASE NO: 04-2023-CP-035 PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF: THOMAS W. BARKER, DECEASED.

FORMAL NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The administration of the estate of THOMAS W. BARKER, deceased, whose date of death was November 22, 2022, is pending in the Circuit Court For Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 4824 North West 179th Street, Starke, FL 32091, to-wit: Parcel Number: 02229-0-00600 (7928) HX HB

A parcel of land lying in the SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Section 17, Township 6 South, Range 22 East Bradford County, Florida, and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the intersection of the Westerly boundary of the right of way of State Road 16 and the Northerly boundary of the right of way of a county road and run thence West along said Northerly boundary a distance of 501.26 feet to a point, said point being 911.2 feet Easterly of the SW corner of said SE 1/4 of NW 1/4; run thence North a distance of 456.04 feet to a point; run thence North 89 deg 58 min 30 sec West a distance of 250 feet to an iron stake for point of beginning. From point of beginning thus described continue West a distance of 110 feet to an iron stake; run thence North 175 feet to an iron stake; run thence South 89 deg 58 min 30 sec East 110 feet to an iron stake; run thence South 175 feet to the Point of Beginning.

SUBJECT TO taxes for the year 1987 and all subsequent years, easements, restrictions and covenants of record if any.

The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below:

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

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this

notice is September 14, 2023.

Virginia Anderson
Personal Representative
CHARLES DANIEL SIKES
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Starke, Florida 32091
Email: dan.sikes30@gmail.com
(904) 964-2020
Florida Bar No: 0886858
Attorney for Petitioner

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NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA CLAY COUNTY

In the District Court
EVA D. ERWIN, and ELIJAH B. ERWIN, vs. SETH MICHAEL NORVIEL, and JENNIFER INEZ CONE NORVIEL
CLAY COUNTY FILE NUMBER 23 CVD 163
To: DEFENDANT JENNIFER INEZ CONE NORVIEL:

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed on September 6, 2023, in the above-entitled action. That nature of the relief being sought is custody of the minor children that are the subject of this action by the plaintiffs. You may obtain a copy of the civil summons, domestic civil action cover sheet, servicemembers declaration, and verified complaint from the Clerk of Superior Court in Clay County, Hayesville, North Carolina. You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than December 1, 2023, and upon your failure to do so the plaintiffs will apply to the court for the relief sought. This, the 10th day of October, 2023,

By: William R. Shilling
Attorney at Law
PO Box 677
Murphy, NC 28906
NC Bar # 33073

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Bradford County School Board will meet on November 13, 2023 at 5:00 pm for the Reorganizational Meeting, and 5:15 pm for a Public Hearing on Proposed Rule on Board Policies. The Regular School Board Meeting will follow.

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

CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 04-2022-CA-000427
DIVISION:

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST, PAUL G. FRIESE AKA PAUL GLENN FRIESE, DECEASED, et al. Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated August 31, 2023, and entered in Case No. 04-2022-CA-000427 of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Bradford County, Florida in which Bank of America, N.A., is the Plaintiff and The Unknown Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Assignees, Lienors, Creditors, Trustees, or other Claimants claiming by, through, under, or against, Paul G. Friese aka Paul Glenn Friese, deceased, Sandra Acree, Paul Glenn Friese, Jr. a/k/a Glenn Friese, Trust Bank t/k/a Suntrust Bank, 5 Star Roofing Services, are defendants, the Bradford County Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best

bidder for cash in/on online at in front of the Bradford County Courthouse, 945 Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida 32091, Bradford County, Florida at 11:00 AM, E.S.T. on the November 16, 2023 the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

COMMENCE AT THE POINT WHERE THE EAST BOUNDARY LINE OF THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, INTERSECTS THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SR NO. 18, AND RUN THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 26' EAST A DISTANCE OF 208.75 FEET; RUN THENCE WEST, AT RIGHT ANGLES TO THE LAST COURSE RUN, A DISTANCE OF 208.75 FEET; RUN THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 26' WEST A DISTANCE OF 208.75 FEET, TO THE SAID SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE; RUN THENCE EAST ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE 208.75 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. A/K/A 6978 SW CR 18 HAMPTON FL 32044

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim before the Clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has also been furnished to all parties on the attached service list by mail or eService.

Dated this 19th day of October, 2023.
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P. O. Box 23028
Tampa, FL 33623
Tel: (813) 221-4743
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eService: servealaw@albertellilaw.com

By: /s/ Nathan Gryglewicz,
Florida Bar #762121
Nathan Gryglewicz, Esq.
CT - 22-007861

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 receipt of this notice; if you are hearing impaired, please call 1-800-955-8771; if you are voice impaired, please call 1-800-955-8770.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:

301 Legacy Auto LLC gives notice that on 11/15/2023 at 09:00 AM the following vehicle(s) may be sold by public sale at 13168 US HWY 301 S., Starke, FL 32091 to satisfy the lien for the amount owed on each vehicle for any recovery, towing, or storage services charges and administrative fees allowed.
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This notification is published in BRADFORD COUNTY TELEGRAPH on 11/2/2023

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Early Notice for Public Review of a Proposal to Support Activity in the 100-Year Floodplain and Wetland

Date of Publication: November 2, 2023
Name of Responsible Entity: City of Starke
Address: 209 N. Thompson Street, Starke, Florida 32091
Phone: (904) 964-5027
To: All Interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals
This is to give notice that the City of Starke has determined that the following proposed action under the Florida Department of Commerce Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program from the Federal

Fiscal Year 2021-2022 is in the 100-year floodplain. The City of Starke will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the floodplain and the potential impacts on the floodplain from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands.

The proposed activity is the replacement of deteriorated water mains with safer more durable PVC water mains within the City of Starke, which is the County seat of Bradford County, Florida. The project will also involve installing fire hydrants in the same area that is served by the replaced water mains. The proposed water line replacement and fire hydrant activities (Addressed Need) will take place in Service Area #1 which includes the Old Lawley Road and E. Brownlee Street area. The replaced water line will extend from Oak Street along Brownlee Road in an eastward direction for 1240 LF to Old Lawley Road. From there the line will extend northward for 1275 LF along Old Lawley Road to Crum Street. The fire hydrants will be located on the replaced water lines and at street intersections within the service area. The proposed locations are: (Oak Street/North Street; Pine Street/Florida Street; Keller Street/North Street; Old Lawley Road/Crosby Street; Keller Street/Brownlee Street; Pine Street/Brownlee Street; Oak Street/Crosby Street). The area of benefit for these improvements is bounded by Oak Street to the west, Old Lawley Road to the east, Pecan Tree Apartments to the south and North Street and Crum Street to the north. A portion of this area is located in the 100-year flood zone. After the water line and fire hydrant activities are completed, and if funds are available the City will use grant funds to install up to 54 water meters in Service Area 1. Also, the City will install one fire hydrant at the intersection of Crum Street and Old Lawley Road, which is Service Area #2 and is also in the floodplain. The construction activities will impact approximately .01 acres of flood prone area. The replaced water lines will be located 3 to 5 feet underground in the public right of way next to existing streets that are already in the floodplain, and thus are expected to have little if any impact on existing drainage patterns.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains/wetlands and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the floodplain, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate impacts. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplains can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains/wetlands, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments may be mailed to Scott Roberts, Mayor, C/O Russell A. Mullins, City Manager, at 209 N. Thompson Street, Starke, FL 32091, or delivered to the Starke City Hall which is located at the same address on or before November 21, 2023. Comments may also be submitted by email to: dmullins@cityofstarke.org. Additional information may be obtained by contacting: Russell A. Mullins, City Manager at (904) 964-

5027. Scott Roberts, Mayor and Environmental Certifying Official
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LEGAL NOTICE:

The Bradford County Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) Planning Committee/Workgroup will meet Thursday, November 16th 2023 at 3:00 pm in the Bradford County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) located in the Bradford County Sheriff's Office at 945B North Temple Avenue, Starke, FL. Bradford County Emergency Management encourages any interested citizens and business owners to attend and provide input. The Committee guides the preparation and contents of the Bradford County Local Mitigation Strategy which serves as the plan submitted to the Florida Division of Emergency Management to reduce the community's long-term risk for protecting people and property from the effects of natural disasters and to build a safer and stronger community. This public meeting is being conducted in a handicapped accessible location. Any handicapped person wanting to attend the meeting and requires assistance with accessibility and/or interpretation should contact the Bradford County Sheriff's Office, Emergency Management Division at (904) 966-6336 at least 5 calendar days prior to the meeting date. Any person wishing to provide comments who cannot attend the meeting may do so by submitting written comments via email to bcem@bradfordsheriff.org at least 5 calendar days prior to the meeting date. The meeting agenda may be obtained within 5 days of the meeting date via email request as well.

Please contact the Bradford County Sheriff's Office, Emergency Management Division at (904) 966-6336 for more information.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: MIRACLE AUTOMOTIVE & TOWING gives notice that on 11/17/2023 at 12:00 PM the following vehicle(s) may be sold by public sale at 620 N THOMPSON ST, STARKE, FL 32091 to satisfy the lien for the amount owed on each vehicle for any recovery, towing, or storage services charges and administrative fees allowed pursuant to Florida statute 713.78. KMHD88AE9BU095511 2011 HYUN This notification is published in BRADFORD COUNTY TELEGRAPH on 11/02/2023.

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CITY OF HAMPTON, FLORIDA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Hampton, Florida, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, November 28th, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. and pursuant to the authority provided by Florida law, to consider the advisability of exercising its authority to close and abandon Jessamine Street. At the aforementioned date, time and place all interested persons may appear and be heard with respect to this matter.

Copies of materials related to this public hearing may be obtained by any member of the public at the Office of the City Clerk/Administrator, located at 5784 Navarre Avenue, Hampton, Florida 32044 during the regular business hours Monday through Thursday, exclusive of holidays, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. On the date, time and place first above mentioned, all interested persons may appear and be heard with respect to this matter. The public hearing may be continued to one or more future dates. Any interested party shall be advised that the date, time and place of any

continuation of the public hearing shall be announced during the public hearing and that no further notice concerning the matter will be published.

All persons are advised that, if they decide to appeal any decision made at the public hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings and, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Persons with disabilities who require assistance to participate in the meeting are requested to notify the City Clerk/Administrator at City Hall, located at 5784 Navarre Avenue, Hampton, Florida 32044, or by telephone at (352) 468-1201; at least two business days in advance.

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UNION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA
File No. 23000037CPAXMX
PROBATE DIVISION
Division

IN RE: ESTATE OF RODNEY LAMONT JENKINS, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Rodney Lamont Jenkins, deceased, whose date of death was January 17, 2023, is pending in the Circuit Court for Union County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 55 W Main St, Lake Butler, FL 32054. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this notice is November 2, 2023.

Attorney for Personal Representative: /s/ Bradley J. Busbin
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Bradley J. Busbin, Esquire
2295 S. Hiwassee Rd., Ste. 207
Orlando, FL 32835

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LAKE REGION

PUBLIC AUCTION

An auction pursuant to statute #713.78 to be held November 13TH at 10:00am at 7333 Kyle Street, Keystone Heights, FL 32656 for the following vehicles:

2008 Jeep Patriot
VIN# 1J8FT28W28D798150

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Ronnie Akins (right) gives a piece of candy to Farrah Lusignan on Halloween night at Parkside Assisted Living Facility. The facility invites the community to come by every year and receive candy from the residents. Photos by Cliff Smelley.



Richard Doris (right) places a piece of candy in Kadynce Gaudette's bag.



Wanda Prevatt prepares to hand out candy.



Lola Head (left) offers candy to Leila Ridge.



Alta Linton (left) joins her great-grandson, Brentley Schmidt, in dressing up.



Jillian Ridge (left) receives candy from Sandra Grant.

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of 20:09, while Anthony Peak had a 63rd-place time of 20:29.

Bryce Huntley, who placed 71st, also contributed to the team score with a time of 20:55.

The Indians also had the following compete: Jaden Park (21:41), Kipton Spence (22:33), Jason Parales (23:24), Josiah Durrenberger (23:40) and Mason Gray (24:38).

Bolles won the championship with a score of 21, while Bishop Kenny was runner-up with 42 points. Placing third through sixth were Episcopal (120), Wolfson (120), Eastside (144) and Baker County (191).

The Keystone girls team qualified for regionals for the first time since 2020. The Indians had a team score of 250 and placed

ahead of Raines, which also had a score of 250.

Olivia Griffin, who was an individual region qualifier last year, led Keystone with a time of 22:20, which placed her 40th out of 119. Cali Chamberlain and Melody Tyre were 54th and 63rd, respectively, with times of 24:26 and 25:219, while Brook Graudons was 83rd with a time of 27:15. Madilyn Miller was 87th with a time of 27:46.

Also running for Keystone were Alonah Neeld (28:10), Kirsten Lavin (29:22), Schiley Starling (30:13) and Clara Beth Robinson (30:27).

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scrimmage between the tackles and then broke several tackles en route to a 36-yard TD run. Sapp's PAT extended the home team's margin to 49.

The Eagles finally struck

paydirt with 3:45 left in the game, putting together an eight-play, 75-yard drive, culminating with a 24-yard run by Syquan Mack. The two-point conversion closed the visitors' deficit to 49-8, which remained the final score.

Besides the plays he made on defense and special teams, Van Zant caught three passes for 46

yards. Damien Dunlap and Zane Leger led the defense in tackles with five each.

Keystone now takes on a Class 1S team in P.K. Yonge that is on a four-game losing streak. The Blue Wave (3-6) is coming off a 49-8 loss to Trinity Catholic.

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