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STARKE COMMISSIONER FACES INVESTIGATION

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

STARKE — A Starke city commissioner appears to be in hot water with employees as well as his fellow commissioners, who have launched an investigation.

According to the allegations, Commissioner Danny Nugent angrily confronted employees of the city and tree trimming contractor Asplundh over trimming that was taking place on his street on Nov. 15. Employees have documented the incident in multiple reports. The confrontation allegedly included profanity as well as threats against their employment.

City Manager Drew Mullins, who also submitted an incident report, asked the commission for direction and a possible investigation at their Nov. 16 meeting.

Mayor Janice Mortimer recommended appointing two commissioners to an ad hoc committee to investigate the incident, saying this was not the first time that it had happened.

"In my opinion, we owe it to ourselves, we owe it to our employees, and we owe it to our citizens to get all of the facts," Mortimer said.

City attorney Clay Martin explained that direct interference with



Danny Nugent

an employee by a commissioner in a city manager form of government was generally considered inappropriate. Based on the incident, Mullins said the roles need to be clarified.

While not explicitly stated at the time, the process of elimination for deciding who would sit on the committee made it clear the commissioner under investigation would be Nugent.

Nugent has not responded publicly at this point.

The incident

Commissioners Shannon Smith and Scott Roberts held the first of several planned ethics and discipline committee meetings on Nov. 19 with City Clerk Jimmy Crosby and the attorney present. While it was primarily a procedural discussion, Mullins also distributed copies of the complaints that were submitted.

There are six in total, and they paint a picture of an irate public official speaking abusively to employees and exceeding his authority. One of the tree trimming contractor's employees said Nugent entered their work zone "raising hell," cussing at the workers and telling them they didn't know what they were doing.

Another worker said when Nugent ran out of his house and into the work zone, he was nearly hit by a falling limb that missed him by inches. He said that during the tirade Nugent insisted that he was in charge of the city, and that whoever they were working under could "bite his (expletive)."

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Man shoots himself at church

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

STARKE — Starke police said they encountered a man at Madison Street Baptist Church on Saturday who took his own life.

Lt. Michael Rooney said five police officers and three deputies responded to a call of an armed individual at the church.

"We made contact with the individual, who was armed with a pistol," said Rooney. "At all times, he kept the pistol pointed at himself."

Rooney said after a short time, the man shot himself.

"Officers attempted lifesaving efforts and transported him to a hospital, where the individual was pronounced dead," Rooney said.

The lieutenant added that details of the incident, including a timeline, are still being investigated.

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Bradford County solid waste collection sites will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 25 and 26, for the Thanksgiving holiday. They will reopen Saturday, Nov. 27, at 10 a.m.

15th annual Thanksgiving dinner at KUMC

The Keystone United Methodist Church will hold its 15th annual Thanksgiving Day dinner on Nov. 25 at 2 p.m. in the church's multi-ministry center. The event is open to the community and everyone is welcome. Anyone wanting to attend should call 352-473-3829 to reserve meals.

NCA hosts Breakfast with Santa

Northside Christian Academy invites everyone to have Breakfast with Santa, Saturday, Dec. 4, from 9 to 11 a.m. in the school gymnasium. Take a photo with Santa, enjoy a pancake breakfast, listen to a Christmas story and browse crafts for sale.

Tickets are \$5 per person and are available in the school office or online at www.eventbrite.com/ncabreakfast. The school is located at 7415 NW C.R. 225, Starke.

Christmas at Starke Church of God by Faith

Starke Church of God by Faith will be celebrating Christmas with the community on Wednesday, Dec. 22, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. See baby Jesus in the manger, a petting zoo and visit the free photo booth while enjoying free coffee, cocoa and doughnuts. Church youth will also put on a Christmas program beginning at 7 p.m.

Starke Church of God by Faith is located at 730 Old Lawtey Road.

Dixon takes over Corrections

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

TALLAHASSEE — Twenty-five-year Department of Corrections veteran Ricky Dixon is taking the top spot at the Florida Department of Corrections.

Gov. Ron DeSantis appointed the deputy secretary to the agency's top job pending the retirement of current Secretary Mark Inch.

Inch was appointed in January 2019.

In a Nov. 17 news release announcing Dixon's promotion, DeSantis also announced his plan to increase beginning correctional officer pay by 16%, going from the current \$33,500 a year to \$38,750.

In addition, new officers can receive

a \$3,000 bonus for joining the agency while current correctional officers will get an extra \$1,500 and current probation officers will get a \$3,000 bonus.

"As so many cities and states choose to disrespect, degrade and defund the work of men and women in uniform," the governor said in the release, "we want Florida to continue valuing them today, tomorrow and for generations to come."

Earlier this year, Dixon told a Florida House subcommittee that staffing levels within Florida prisons had reached dangerously low levels, adding that although standards require three to four officers to staff a dormitory of 200 inmates, a single officer is now watching over those

inmates in the vast majority of the state's lockups.

"Having only two staff in a dorm like that is extremely dangerous, and it should only occur for short periods of time," Dixon told the House Criminal Justice and Public Safety Subcommittee during a Sept. 22 hearing. "At least with two staff, the concept is that if something happens to one, the other is available to call for assistance. Never should a facility run with less than two staff (in a dorm)."

"The reality is at this very moment most of the housing units...throughout the state are operating not with two staff but with one staff present," he added.

"That's the case at this moment. That will be the case this evening



Ricky Dixon

when the inmates are most active, and that will be the case tonight when we're all sleeping safely in our beds."

'Y'all are going to have to kill me'

Man attempts escape from Starke Police Department

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

STARKE — A 31-year-old Keystone Heights man tried to break out of Starke police headquarters after being told he was under arrest.

Johnathan Joseph Brooker was arrested for battery, possession of a weapon by a felon, resisting and

officer, possession of drugs and escape.

According to an arrest report, arresting officer Michael P. Gillick was patrolling on U.S. 301 around 2:43 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 18.

Gillick wrote that he saw a silver, Ford four-door make a sudden lane change on the highway, causing another vehicle to slam on its brakes to avoid a collision.

"The vehicle then made a sudden right turn onto Edwards Road," wrote the officer. "Immediately following

the westbound turn the vehicle turned sharply into the Community State Bank parking lot."

Gillick wrote that the driver and Brooker, who was the passenger, were nervous to the point that the driver was shaking as she spoke to the officer.

"As a result of the extremely nervous behavior exhibited by both Brooker and (the driver), I requested Officer (Frank) Krol and K9 Ric to conduct an open-air sniff of the

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Rec funds donated, more available

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

STARKE — The Bradford County Cowboys got more than they asked for from county commissioners last week, citing a need for public funding to support the program.

Rodney Mosley told the commission the growing youth football organization's annual budget is \$12,000 to \$16,000, which pays to keep the program running and provide uniforms and equipment, including helmets.

Most of their revenue is generated by fees, fundraising and community sponsorships,

but it is not enough to cover the entire cost of the football program. Sadly, with close to 100 kids signed up, they had to turn some away this year because there wasn't enough equipment to go around.

"We never had to do that before, and it hurt me to have to do that to those kids," he said.

Mosley attributed the growth to the aftermath of the pandemic and everyone wanting to get outdoors again. They have done so successfully, with all four teams making the playoffs, he said, and they are considering having another spring season.

Mosley said these kids are precious and it's important to help cultivate their lives.

The county commission set aside \$15,000 in its budget to support recreational organizations, but it doesn't designate that support to any particular group. Instead, the funds are awarded as organizations approach the board with requests.

It's first come, first served. The Cowboys requested \$6,000 from the county's recreation budget.

There was some confusion about the presence of other recreation organizations in the community who might come to request funding as well. Commission Chairman Chris Dougherty said there were none. Commissioner Danny Riddick asked about the baseball and softball program, which is run by Bradford County Sports Inc.

"I know they'll be coming up for requests," he said.

County attorney Will Sexton said there had been no additional requests by offered



Bradford County Cowboys in the BHS Homecoming Parade.

to reach out to the group. He said there has been no yearly consistency among applicants.

Riddick agreed the Cowboys probably need more money because of equipment costs but asked if they shouldn't reach out to the other group before making a before committing the entire budget to football.

Commissioner Carolyn Spooner disagreed, saying the commission in the past made its decision based on whether

the need was justified.

Discussion from the crowd included a parent representing the Babe Ruth league, who was certain their organization would be interested in some support as well, and a parent with children in both organizations who said baseball is supported by the city of Starke, sponsors and concession sales, so the Cowboys are most in need.

Dougherty also pointed out that while Starke supports

Bradford County Sports Inc., many of the participants live outside the city limits, so city funding also helps county residents.

Spooner moved that the Cowboys receive the entire \$15,000, but the motion failed for lack of support. Riddick suggested donating \$10,000, leaving \$5,000 in the budget for other requests. Spooner made a new motion to that effect, which passed unanimously.

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Fifty Keystone Heights FFA members had the opportunity to interact with over 1,200 exhibitors showcasing the latest in farming technology at the Sunbelt Ag Expo in Moultrie, Ga.

Students attend Ag Expo

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — The Keystone Heights FFA traveled to Moultrie, Ga. on Wednesday, Oct. 20 to attend the Sunbelt Ag Expo. The Expo is known as North America's Premier Farm Show and 50 Keystone Heights FFA members had the opportunity to interact with over 1,200 exhibitors showcasing the latest in farming technology.

In addition, students could attend educational seminars and see live demonstrations of cotton, peanuts, corn, soybeans, and hay being harvested. Students also had the chance to visit representatives of agricultural colleges in the southeast such as the University of Florida, Auburn, Clemson, Georgia, and the Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College.

Reporting and photos provided by Erin Verplanck, KHHS FFA Advisor.



The KHHS FFA Forestry Team (l-r) Allie Ivey, Connor Browne, Jenna Baker and Lindsay Hovsepian.

FFA members compete in Forestry

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — The Keystone Heights Senior FFA Forestry Team competed in the Florida FFA District 4 Forestry Contest on Wednesday, Oct. 14 at the Austin Cary Forest in Gainesville. Team members competed in a general knowledge test, tree identification, tool identification, insect and diseases identification and timber estimation. Members competing were Allie Ivey, Lindsay Hovsepian, Jenna Baker, and Connor Browne.

Reporting and photos by Erin Verplanck, Keystone Heights High School FFA Advisor.

McRae awarded excellence honor

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

FLEMING ISLAND — The leadership of McRae Elementary School received the Exceeding Excellence Award during the Clay County School District's Nov. 4 meeting.

Marjorie Murray of the East Coast Technical Assistance Center told school board members that of the 1,895 Florida Title 1 schools eligible for the recognition, only 26 qualified.

She said her organization used school-grade data from Florida's Department of Education to determine the winners of the award.

Murray said the criterion for the award includes being above the state median in proficiency on the Florida state assessment exam in the areas of English language arts and math and being above the state median for learning gains in E.L.A. and math.

"Although you must be a Title 1 school, you're literally



Principal Tammy Winkler

compared to all schools in the state," she said, "Title 1 and non-Title 1, because that state median is established from all schools in the state."

Murray said that instruction, community, and school and district leadership all play a role in student achievement.

"Standards-based, data-driven instruction; laser-focused intervention; visible supportive

and actively engaged school leadership, who never forget that adults and children need to also have a little fun in school; parents and community who care about and support the school; and of course, the district leadership that provides targeted resources and support is the perfect combination for ensuring student success," she said.

Murray presented the school's recognition certificate to Principal Tammy Winkler, in addition to a separate award to Winkler herself.

She also handed over a check to the school.

"It's only three hundred dollars," Murray said, "but we're a not-for-profit organization which doesn't (receive) public funds."

She added that the school could spend the money in whatever way it chose, perhaps to fund a celebration for the school's staff.

Improvements coming to KH schools

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

GREEN COVE SPRINGS — Three Lake Region construction projects are on the agenda for tonight's Clay County School Board meeting.

High school baseball press box

Orange Park Architect Brian Boatright is asking the board to approve a \$166,768 cost estimate for replacing the press box at the Keystone Heights High School baseball field. The estimate includes \$50,000 for impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Boatright wrote that the additional money is intended to account for increased demand for materials, supply chain delays and increased costs due to factory shutdowns, reduced manpower and transportation shortages.

He wrote that while it is impossible to accurately forecast the amount of cost increases due to the pandemic, other projects recently bid suggest that bids for the press box project may come in at around 50% above normal costs.

Elementary school cafeteria and classrooms

The board will vote on approving a contract with Paul Stressing and Associates Inc. of Alachua to design a new and renovated cafeteria and additional classrooms for the school.

Board member Janice Kerekes noted during an Oct. 26 school board workshop that the Keystone cafeteria is now the smallest in the district.

Board member Tina Bullock said during the workshop that she viewed the cafeteria renovation

and additional classrooms as a temporary fix.

She said that maintenance problems on the campus will continue even after the renovation.

Bullock said that when she was principal at the school, maintenance issues took administrative time away from time devoted to educational concerns.

"I know it's probably gotten worse," she said. "We've built new facilities there and then we've still had issues with water pipes and all kinds of things."

High school stadium scoreboard

The cost estimate for the new scoreboard is \$62,262 which includes a \$20,754 cost increase estimate for COVID-19 impacts.

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exterior of the vehicle," Gillick wrote. "Officer Krol advised me that K9 Ric had alerted to the presence of illegal narcotics."

Gillick added that officers discovered a metal box under the passenger seat of the vehicle with 1.3 grams of methamphetamine, six 0.380 caliber bullets and a chrome .380 semi-automatic handgun. Officers also found \$764 of currency on the defendant's person.

"The driver and passenger of the vehicle both stated they had just left the America Best Value Hotel," Gillick wrote. "Due to the fact that both parties denied ownership of the firearm and Meth, a review of the camera footage of the Best Value Inn was conducted. The footage clearly showed Brooker exiting a room and entering the silver

Ford four-door carrying the metal box..."

Gillick wrote that Brooker has five felony convictions.

Lt. Michael Rooney wrote in a supplemental report that while at the Starke Police Department, he told Brooker that he was going to be placed under arrest.

"Shortly after I advised Brooker he was under arrest he jumped out of his seat and ran for the exit stating: 'I'm out of here, y'all are going to have to kill me,'" Rooney wrote. "I closed distance with Brooker

and made contact with him in the patrol room at which time I grasped him around the torso from behind and redirected him face-first to the ground with the assistance of Officer Gillick."

Rooney added that while on the ground, the defendant attempted to bite his forearm.

"I delivered several closed-fist strikes to the body to prevent from getting bit," he wrote.

After being medically cleared at a hospital, Brooker was transported to the Bradford County Jail.

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Hillcrest sign unveiled

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

HILLCREST— Clay County officials unveiled two new signs along State Road 100 marking the community of Hillcrest, during a Nov. 16 ceremony.

County Commissioner Betsy Condon said the signs were along the highway, just east of Lake Geneva before the state widened and resurfaced the roadway. However, after the project was completed, FDOT did not replace the community markers.

She added that state officials were unwilling to replace the signs until they were convinced Hillcrest was historically significant.

Condon credited Hillcrest resident Sheryl Allen, Clay County School Board Member Tina Bullock and County Engineer Richard Smith for finding the documentation of the community's existence and significance.

Smith said that although the county fabricated the signs in its own shop, it needed permission from FDOT to erect them on state right of way.

He said county personnel have been communicating with the state transportation agency since 2018 about the signs.

Smith said he was able to document Hillcrest's existence and historical significance in part by referencing social news from old issues of the Bradford County Telegraph.

"Back during the week of Jan. 3, 1963 Mr. Frank Wright of Palm Beach was a holiday visitor of Miss Lena Clemons and her boys John and George in Hillcrest," Smith said reading from a social news item he discovered in the newspaper.

Smith added that Hillcrest-on-the-lake was originally platted in the 1920s by George Beers on the south side of SR100. A second community called Hillcrest Highlands was platted on the north side of the highway in the 1970s.

Condon credited Hillcrest residents George and Sheryl Allen for spearheading the effort to get the signs back.

Sheryl Allen said she is



County Commissioner Betsy Condon says water levels at Old Field Pond in Hillcrest will rise as a result of the Black Creek Water Resource Development Project.



County Engineer Richard Smith says he used back issues of the Bradford County Telegraph to document the community's existence.



Sheryl Allen unveils a new sign marking the community of Hillcrest. To her left is her husband George Allen.



Bryan Stanley says he has lived in Hillcrest his entire life, since 1954.



County Manager Howard Wanamaker speaks about the importance of retaining local history and identity.

originally from Starke but moved to Hillcrest after marrying George.

She said it is important for locals to retain their heritage and identity.

"Hillcrest was a landmark," she said. "You could tell

someone you lived in Hillcrest (and) you didn't have to give them any other directions. They knew right where you were, just like the Gizmo."

The Gizmo is a well-known convenience store about a

quarter mile west of Hillcrest, now branded as a Circle K.

County Manager Howard Wanamaker agreed with Allen about the importance of local history and identity.

"Each community and neighborhood within Clay County brings a unique perspective and an important focus that makes us resilient and steadfast," he said.

Allen added that while trying to get Hillcrest's signs back, she discovered that other local communities, like Belmore, Speedville and Theresa no longer have markers along highways.

She said she combed her mother-in-law's notes, legal papers and maps to document Hillcrest's existence.

"I even created a Facebook page called 'Hillcrest, Florida: the town that doesn't exist,' hoping that somebody would come up with some documentation," she said.

Allen said the turning point in her quest occurred when she met Bullock, who connected her with

Condon and Smith.

George Allen recalled that his family moved to Hillcrest from Miami in 1949 after a second devastating hurricane.

"We wanted to find a little community, a great place to grow up and live and we found this," he said.

Allen added that they moved to Clay County before the state enacted fence laws, and cows roamed the area freely.

He said his family operated a Shell gasoline station in Hillcrest, and that his mother often made sandwiches for the drivers of sand trucks that stopped for a fill up.

He also said the community had a restaurant and one telephone that everyone shared.

Bryan Stanley told the group that he was raised in Hillcrest, living in the community since 1954.

"I've never lived anywhere else," he said. "My mom and dad owned about 40 acres down the road just east of here and I'm blessed to still live near that same area."

Stanley recalled a childhood filled with bicycling to his grandmother's house or to the store, noting that traffic on SR100 was minimal.

He also said that with high water levels in the 50s and 60s, his childhood was filled with fishing, swimming and skiing.

Condon told the group gathered for the unveiling that according to St. Johns River Water Management District officials, the Black Creek Water Resource Development Project will not only replenish Keystone Heights-area lakes like Brooklyn and Geneva but will also restore water levels all along the Etoniah Creek basin, including Old Field Pond in Hillcrest.

Sheryl Allen told the group that even after unveiling the sign, she still has one more task to accomplish for her adopted hometown.

"The first thing I'm going to do when I get home," she said, "is change the Facebook page to 'Hillcrest, Florida: the town that does exist.'"

ETHICS

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The equipment operator said Nugent was very disrespectful and wouldn't listen to anything being said. He said Nugent claimed they were trimming on a private road and that the city had no easement rights.

"He said he was the boss and that we were only looking for a lawsuit if we kept on cutting the way we were," the operator claimed.

The workers were forced to move on until someone from the city could explain the work taking place.

"The only thing he (Nugent) said then was, 'Good. Let them come talk to me. They know where I live.'"

The contractor's general foreman contacted the city and spoke with an employee about the Nugent shutting down the work crew. That employee reached out to Operations Director Scott Anaheim, not wanting to meet one-on-one with Nugent after allegedly being cussed out about tree trimming on Church Street last year.

When Anaheim went to see Nugent, the commissioner was with the city manager

touring the area. According to the operations director, Nugent asked him if he ever left his office to see the way his crews were butchering trees.

Anaheim said he explained they were cutting "from ground to sky" as always and would continue when they received the survey proving the city had a 30-foot easement on Powell Street. Anaheim claimed Nugent threatened to personally sue him and have the commission fire him. Anaheim cussed at Nugent and told him to fire him because they were going to continue doing their jobs.

Mullins' account reflected the same exchange. He said both men spoke several obscenities to the other.

After Anaheim met with Nugent, he and his employee spoke with the Asplundh's workers who detailed the way the commissioner had "cussed them up one side and down the other."

When Nugent was shown a survey of the Powell Street easement, he let the workers proceed with trimming 10 feet from the trees as directed.

In his report, Anaheim wrote, "I understand how folks can get emotional about trees especially when we're

trimming around our power lines, but we haven't had any issues in the area other than the commissioner and his very unprofessional manner in the way he talked with everyone. The next time one of our employees or myself included is confronted like this by Mr. Nugent, an ethics complaint will be filed or an EEO complaint due to the threats made."

The consequences

Once its work is completed, the committee will submit a recommended action to the entire commission for consideration and approval. If disciplinary action is recommended, Nugent could be reprimanded or censured. Censure is considered the more severe reprimand as the full admonishment is read into the record during a public meeting, Martin said.

The city charter also gives commissioners the authority to remove one of their own for misconduct, misfeasance or malfeasance. Misfeasance can refer to a legal action that was performed incorrectly and, perhaps, unintentionally. Malfeasance refers to intentional wrongdoing or illegal actions. Misconduct is unacceptable or improper

behavior.

Based on discussion at the meeting, one recommendation could include creating a policy that directly addresses chain of command. Such a document doesn't appear to exist currently, although in a city manager form of government, it is generally the manager who oversees human resources and directing employees.

While the committee was urged to have a recommendation ready for the commission's Dec. 7 meeting, Roberts and Smith may ask for more time to consider statements and interviews from both sides. Martin said they don't want to interfere with due process by imposing a deadline that would restrict anyone from being heard.

The committee's next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 23, at 4 p.m. at city hall. Employees involved in the incident will be interviewed. The committee is tentatively set to meet a third time on Monday, Dec. 6, at 4 p.m., at which time members hope to hear from Nugent in person. Like the employees involved, they also want Nugent to submit a written report.

Garden Club of the Lakes announces schedule

The Garden Club of the Lakes is planning a wonderful year. The club meets at Faith Presbyterian Church, 1738 S.R. 21 in Melrose on the second Thursday of every month from 10 a.m. to noon. Masks are recommended but not required at this time; six-foot social distancing is in place. The public is welcome to attend.

The following is a list of programs for the 2021-22 year:

Dec. 9 - Make-and-take craft.
Jan. 13 - Paul Still will solve the mysteries of growing mushrooms. Mushroom kits will be available for those who sign up for them at the December meeting.

Feb. 10 - Luke Miller from the University of Florida Agricultural and Sciences

Department will talk about invasive plants.

March 10 - The program is about edible weeds.

April 14 - Pruning skills to keep out plants healthy.

May 12 - Seed sharing and making seed balls and seed tapes.

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Town hall covers progress and the need to work together

Submitted by Kate Ellison

STARKE — Representatives of Bradford County District 1, and the City of Starke District 2 gathered for an event entitled “Home Town Meeting,” sponsored by the Concerned Citizens of Bradford County on Nov. 14, 2021.

The purpose of this meeting was to allow the citizens of the community to ask questions and get clarity on projects or situations that we face in this county.

Elected officials in attendance were Police Chief Johnson, Starke Mayor Janice Mortimer, City Manager Drew Mullins, County Commissioner Carolyn Spooner and School Board Member Sheila Cummings, as well as Wanda Middleton of the Bradford County Democratic Party.

Each representative was given time to share their vision, what their impact has been, and what they are currently working on to support the citizens in our geographical area.

Mayor Janice Mortimer spoke first, outlining her goal for a “soft restart of City Hall,” with the improvement of city services, especially water. She wants to make City Hall welcoming to everyone, starting with having a person, not a recording, answer the phone in December.

She wants to change the image of the Reno neighborhood. “We can do it ourselves, by building up our youth, supporting academic learning,” and providing healthy spaces for youth to gather. The city was in full support of the COVID Relief Block Grant application for desperately needed renovations and repairs to the RJE gym, a facility that serves our whole area, not just Reno.

Police Chief Johnson said that generally progress is being made to cut the crime on the eastside of Starke. There is usually great cooperation between the neighborhood and the police, with only one unsolved violent crime, and that is entirely due to witnesses refusing to step forward.

Johnson is implementing “de-escalation training” in small groups of police officers, teaching techniques for communication, calming situations and bringing them to a successful conclusion. Especially with new or younger officers, this is very needed, he said.

City Manager Mullins spoke next, outlining the Orange Street project, which included a complete infrastructure upgrade and should be completed this year. This project was initiated by the county and carried out by the city, a great example of cooperation on the ground. The sewer plant is under a consent order to make crucial repairs, and they have found a grant/loan to finance the work. They are also working on repairs and upgrades to city parks. A good example of city-county partnership is the city provision of infrastructure along U.S. 301, while the county works to attract new businesses.

Commissioner Spooner wants to help create a culture of cooperation between Starke and Bradford County. It should be easy to pool resources and apply for grants. “Reno is not a ghetto,” she said. “We are a productive community with a strong history of supporting education and community involvement.” It is crucial to support our youth, like making sure kids from all neighborhoods are welcome at the well-resourced Edwards Street Park. RJE gym is available and serves the whole county, as do the churches. But these facilities are under-utilized, and we need to change that.

Spooner acknowledged the housing shortage in our county, and the need for commissioners and staff to link people with available services. A big apartment complex is going up next to Southern Villas, which will ease the crisis.

She continues to call for strategic planning for the county, so we can take advantage of opportunities that come along, and know where to focus on developing resources. Also, the county must get roads paved and

maintained.

School Board Member Sheila Cummings is heartfelt in her efforts to “provide educational resources to parents and students to be the best they can be.”

The amount of information available to today’s students is monumental compared to years ago when she was in school. Santa Fe will begin offering classes at the high school next year. The Technical College is there to launch graduates into high-paying jobs immediately. Everyone should take advantage of dual enrollment, because it is essentially free college credits.

Sometimes public service is difficult and requires sacrifice, Cummings said, because you can’t be everyone’s friend. “Sometimes you have to insist that parents and students do the right thing,” in the face of complaints and demands otherwise.

Wanda Middleton represented the Bradford Democrats, and explained that the new federal infrastructure bill authorizes funds to improve our broadband access, which is sorely needed. There will be support for clean drinking water, roads and bridges, and other transportation improvements. The new expanded Child Tax Credit is the largest tax relief ever for working families. Delivered monthly, it helps cover child care so that parents are able to go back to work at a time when there are too many vacant jobs.

Participating as a citizen by voting is so important, Middleton said, and Cummings reinforced that saying, “I won my first election by one vote! So believe it, your vote is important, it counts!”

Glenda Ruise, representing Concerned Citizens of Bradford County, concluded the event by calling for the city and county work toward a long-term plan to reduce crime in Bradford County. “We support the investments that they have made and what they are currently working to improve,” she said. “Our city stands on the backs



Starke Police Chief Jeff Johnson, Mayor Janice Mortimer and City Manager Drew Mullins above, l-r. Photos by Glenda Ruise.



County Commissioner Carolyn Spooner, Bradford Democrat Wanda Middleton and School Board Member Sheila Cummings, l-r.

UC employees to receive pay for pandemic work

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Times Editor

LAKE BUTLER — Union County employees will soon be receiving what amounts to “hazardous duty pay,” for their continued dedication to their jobs during the “COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.” The funds, provided by the American Rescue Plan Act, are seen as a way to both recognize and thank employees for keeping things running as usual, even at a time when they might be jeopardizing their health by doing so.

According to a document provided to the board at its regular November meeting last Monday, the guidance provided by the U.S. Department of the Treasury, the American Rescue Plan allows for Premium Pay for certain employees. The board decided that it wanted to thank and compensate employees that continued to work, providing essential services throughout the pandemic.

Premium Pay is described in the document as being “for work performed at any time since the start of the COVID-19 public health emergency... paid in addition to wages and remuneration already received” with the obligation to pay not having been incurred by the recipient prior to Mar. 3, 2021. Payments made to employees out of the funds must be reported to the Treasury as Premium Pay for Public Sector Employees.

The Board of Commissioners has set a criterion for employee eligibility for Premium Pay. To qualify, an employee must either be employed by the board or a constitutional office of Union County. The employees must also have been continuously employed from Mar. 2, 2021 through November 21, 2021. Newer employees between Mar. 3, 2021 and October 15, 2021 will be eligible for half of the premium pay amount.

For the purposes of this payment, a full-time employee is defined as one who works 30

hours or more per week. Full-time employees with a regular pay rate of \$24.04 or less per hour (or \$50,000 or less annual salary) as of Nov. 21, 2021 are eligible to receive \$1,250. Full time employees whose make more than the above figures within the same timeframe are eligible to receive \$1,000.

Part-time employees are defined as workers who work a regular schedule of less than 30 hours per week. Those with a pay rate of less than \$24.04 per hour as of Nov. 21, 2021 are eligible to receive \$625. Those with a payrate of \$24.04 per hour or more are eligible to receive \$500.

Call-time employees are defined as those that are not regularly scheduled to work at all, but that are called or scheduled on an as-needed basis to fill gaps created by regularly scheduled employees taking time off or being understaffed. Those call-time employees that have worked 360 hours from Mar. 15, 2021 through Nov. 21, 2021 are eligible for \$400.

At the meeting, the board discussed the matter and agreed that this was the perfect time of year to give the county employees this premium. County Clerk of Court and Comptroller Kellie Rhodes said her office was prepared

to go to work on determining each employees’ eligibility and getting the payments out to

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Crime

FHP looking for hit-and-run suspect

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

STARKE — The Florida Highway Patrol said it is looking for the driver of a pickup that hit a cyclist that was pulling a child.

FHP said the black Ford F-150 struck a woman on a bicycle after swerving off County Road 100A around 1:50 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 19. The driver of the truck left the scene.

Recent arrests in Bradford, Union and Clay

Nov. 13 through Nov. 19

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

Jonathan Joseph Brooker, 31, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Starke police on Nov. 18 for battery, possession of a weapon by a convicted felon, resisting an officer, possession of drugs and escape.

Jason Nickolas Channell, 19, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Bradford deputies on Nov. 15 for battery.

Edward Gregory Griffis, 43, of Raiford was arrested by Starke police on Nov. 16 for an out-of-county warrant.

Aaron Charles Gunter, 43, of Starke was arrested Nov. 19 by Bradford deputies for driving with a suspended license, possession of a weapon by a convicted felon, possession of marijuana, possession of drug equipment and an out-of-county warrant.

Steven Jerry Hulsey, 40, of Starke was arrested by Starke police on Nov. 18 for DUI.

Matthew DeWayne Johns, 28, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on Nov. 17 for a probation violation.

Cathy Lynn Lancaster, 45, of Webster was arrested Nov. 16 by Bradford deputies for failure to appear.

Joshua Lane McClellan, 45, of Raiford was arrested by Bradford deputies on Nov. 19 for a probation violation.

Brenda Mae Murray, 64, of Bluffton, Indiana was arrested by Starke police on Nov. 18 for being an out-of-state fugitive.

Mildred Elizabeth Simmons, 31, of Lake Butler was arrested by Bradford deputies on Nov. 17 for vehicle theft.

Union

Timothy James Crawford, 34, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on Nov. 17 for burglary.

According to an arrest report the victim was watching television in her bedroom when she heard noises coming from the kitchen. She walked into the kitchen and discovered the defendant standing in front of the stove, holding his head and declaring he did not know how he got into the house. The victim yelled at Crawford to leave, which he did. The victim said after Crawford left, she found the burners of the stove turned on, in addition to some of the defendant's belongings, including one of his shoes.

Deputy Jason L. Lepanto wrote in the report that he located Crawford at a convenience store, and the defendant was wearing only one shoe.

Lepanto wrote that Crawford

admitted entering the home and added that he did not know who lived there.

"Crawford said he couldn't remember why he went into the residence," Lepanto wrote, "and continued to apologize for doing so."

Joshua Andrew Dilas, 37, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on Nov. 18 for failure to appear.

Edward Gregory Griffis, 33, of Lulu was arrested by Union deputies on Nov. 16 for a probation violation.

Cecelia Renee Hall, 31, of Gainesville was arrested by Union deputies on Nov. 15 for possession of drugs and possession of narcotics equipment.

Zachery Richard McMillen, 32, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on Nov. 19 for an out-of-county warrant.

Ross Allen Miller, 55, of Melrose was arrested by Union deputies on Nov. 17 for larceny.

Geronnice Tirell Rollins, 45, was arrested by Union deputies on Nov. 19 for trespassing, resisting an officer and disturbing the peace.

Christopher Shawn Woods, 39, of Macclenny was arrested by Union deputies on Nov. 19 for a probation violation and failure to appear.

Clay

Michael David Pendergrass, 52, was arrested by Clay deputies in Keystone Heights for resisting an officer without violence.

Lake Butler approves waste agreement

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Times Editor

LAKE BUTLER — The Lake Butler City Commission, at its regular October meeting, approved a three-year extension to its agreement for garbage selection services with GFL Solid Waster Southeast (formerly WPA). The city has been using this company for the past six years and has seen no problems with the service provided.

GFL Government Contacts Manager Skip McCall spoke to the commission about its (GFL's) desire to continue its business relationship with the city. The new contract would be in effect until May 31st, 2025 and offers city residents the same level of service to which it has become accustomed. GFL proposes to keep the residential rate at the same as they have been under the previous contracts with the city, at \$8.29 per home, per month — a rate that has remained steady for the past six years (since 2016).

GFL does propose a small increase in commercial rates, making an adjustment of \$.50 per yard to them. According to McCall, the increase is needed to help offset the rise in fuel prices. It should be noted that the collection vehicles used by the company run on compressed natural gas as a means of

protecting the environment by reducing its carbon footprint.

The new contract does away with the \$5,000 per year donation the company has been making to the city for street improvement and maintenance (due to the effects of the large and heavy trucks providing service). McCall, in negotiations with City Manager Dale Walker, sacrificed the donation in favor of keeping the residential rates steady — keeping city residents' costs down.

Motion was made by City Commissioner Jimmy Beasley to approve the new contract and the motion passed unanimously.

In other discussion and action, the Lake Butler City Commission:

—voted, on first reading, an ordinance complying with recent state legislation concerning the updating of the city's Comprehensive Land Use Plan to include specific wording to provide protection to property rights to residents.

—voted to approve the purchase of a Hustler Turf Hyperdrive Zero Turn mower. The mower will become part of the city's working equipment and will be used for cutting the grass in the parks, along road right of ways, around public buildings and other open spaces.

The rear discharge, 60-inch mower bed, 35 horsepower unit lists at \$17,693, but can be purchased by the city for \$12,916 under the state contract, with the savings on the purchase totaling about \$4,777. \$10,000 of the price is budgeted for, leaving \$2,916 for the city move from another account/line item to cover the purchase. Motion was made by City Commissioner Annette Redman to approve the purchase and the budget adjustment and the motion was passed unanimously by the board. It will take about eight weeks to be delivered. The purchase will help to forward the city's goal of standardizing equipment as much as is possible.

Appointed five of the eight nominees who have volunteered to serve on the city's Historical Preservation Board. The local residents chosen are: Bo Bayer, Monica Bayer, Robert Driggers, Ryan Perez and Ami Hassie. These new board members will work with City Manager Dale Walker and Mayor Jack Schenck to identify historic buildings in the city, help the owners seek grant funds and monitor the repairs and work done on historic properties to ensure their adherence to historical standards.

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them by Thanksgiving if at all possible. Motion was made by Commissioner Channing Dobbs to approve the matter and the motion passed the board 5-0.

Two of the county department heads were present at the meeting and made comments on the

matter to the board when it was their scheduled time to speak.

Road Department Director Shelton Arnold thanked the board for agreeing to give county employees this premium and said he was sure all would be very appreciative of the extra money.

Mary Brown, Director of the Union County Public Library also thanked the board, saying that she was pleased with the

decision.

"I am very grateful for this measure," Brown said, "not for myself so much as for my employees."

The Treasury Department is being very strict on how the funds given the county are allowed to be spent and this is one of the first instances in which the county has begun to spend the funds.

Two receive top recognition at the Little Miss Union County Contest

Submitted by Page Ellis

The Little Miss Union County Contest was recently held as part of the Union County 100th Anniversary Celebration. Applications were received from 12 girls aged 5 to 10 years old. Each generation included on the application was verified to have lived within the geographical boundaries of Union County as declared by the political boundaries set forth in 1921 when Union County was established. If the generation recorded on the application could not be verified as a Union County resident through census or land records they could not be included.

The length of the ancestral lineage for each girl was based upon the birthdate of the applicant to the birthdate of the oldest verified ancestor. The number of generations was not considered because ages of parents can vary greatly. The committee was looking for the young lady with the longest lineage in Union County.

Each of the contestants that entered had over 100 years of family in Union County. This means their oldest ancestor would have been living her in Union County before we were even recognized as an independent county. These young ladies are truly the descendants of Union County pioneers, and each girl represented a different pioneer family.

The girls were featured in the parade riding an elegant float with a pergola adorned with white flowers and draping white tulle. They had a backdrop of lovely greenery which was provided by Emerson Nursery and Priscilla Seay. Also on the float were the winners of the 1971 contest-Queen Mary Page McGill Ellis and Princess Kimberley Cunningham Perryman. The float was sponsored by Spires Market of Lake Butler just as it was at the County's 50th Anniversary celebration in 1971.

The crowning ceremony was held on Saturday, Oct. 2, during the Anniversary Celebration activities at Lake Side Park.

The winner, with the longest lineage was Blair Harrison, the 7-year-old daughter of Kevin and Shayna Howard. Blair represented the pioneer Roberts family whose ancestry was confirmed back 236 years and 9 generations. Blair was crowned queen by the 1971 Little Miss Union County queen Mary Page McGill Ellis who still resides in Union County. Blair received a crown, trophy, sash, and a bouquet of roses.

Avery Ward, the 9-year-old daughter of Brand and Brittany Ward, represented the Douglas pioneer family. Avery's ancestry was confirmed back 222 years and 8 generations. Avery was crowned princess by the 1971 Little Miss Union County princess Kimberley Cunningham Perryman. Kim also still resides in Union County. Avery received a trophy and a bouquet of roses.

Other contestants were: Chloe Blake representing the Thomas



Little Miss Union County 1971 Queen Mary Page McGill Ellis and Little Miss Union County 2021 Queen Blair Harrison.



Little Miss Union County 1971 Princess Kimberley Cunningham Perryman and Little Miss Union County 2021 Princess Avery Ward.

(Nancy Hollingsworth) pioneer family, dating back 221 years and 8 generations.

Allie Cason representing the Hancock pioneer family, dating back 220 years and 9 generations.

Ayda Jean McNeal representing the Dukes pioneer family, dating back 201 years and 8 generations.

Kylee Ann Thomas representing the Williams pioneer family, dating back 179 years, and 7 generations.

Makailynn Rowan representing the Dubose pioneer family, dating back 168 years, and 6 generations.

Sybil Grace Thomas representing the Thomas

(Bryant L) pioneer family, dating back 163 years, and 7 generations.

Kylee Elizabeth Touchstone representing the Touchstone pioneer family, dating back 160 years and 6 generations.

Peyton Howard representing the Mizelle pioneer family, dating back 147 years, and 6 generations.

Maci Lynn Shadd representing the Shadd pioneer family, dating back 129 years, and 6 generations.

Brynli Raulerson representing the Clemons pioneer family, dating back 113 years, and 5 generations.



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Child well-being ranked in Florida counties

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

Each community has its strengths and weaknesses when it comes to the well-being of its children, and a recent report published by the Florida Policy Institute shines a light on the strengths and weaknesses of Florida counties.

Information in the 2021 County Rankings for Child Well-Being is sourced from KIDS COUNT, a project of the Annie E. Casey Foundation. Each year, the foundation produces a report — the KIDS COUNT Data Book — that assesses child well-being in the United States.

According to FPI, “The outcomes in communities are not accidental. Counties with higher rankings tend to be well-resourced places, where families can afford to invest in things like high-quality childcare, education and other opportunities for their children. Counties that rank near the middle tend to have a mixture of well-resourced and less well-resourced areas, such as some larger counties with a combination of big cities and suburban and rural areas. Counties with lower rankings tend to be places that have borne the brunt of the state’s disinvestment in public services and where people face historic barriers to economic opportunity.”

The major categories explored are economic well-being, education, health, and family and community.

Bradford

Ranked 59 out of 67 counties for child well-being, Bradford’s highest ranking was in the category of family and community. It was 37th on the list. Verified maltreatment of children dropped from 12.6% to 4.3%, and youth contact with juvenile justice fell from 33.5% to 17.5% when comparing numbers from 2015 and 2020. However, the percentage of children living in single-parent families was up from 31.8% to 39.6%.

Bradford ranked 55th in the state for child economic well-being. There were 1% fewer children living in poverty from 2014 to 2019, but the percentage was still high — 27.2%. In addition, 25.9% of families deal with high housing costs, unemployment has increased,

and more than 15% of teens are not in school and not working, according to the report.

Child health made Bradford 56th in the state. A higher percentage of children are insured, and fewer high schoolers are engaging in alcohol and drug abuse. However, the percentage of overweight and obese first-, third- and sixth-graders grew to 42.8% in 2020, and the number of low-birthweight babies more than doubled from 2014 to 2019.

Education was the county’s lowest ranking category, placing it 65th out of 67 counties. Even though the study showed an improvement in high school graduation and proficiency in math among eighth-graders, 96% of those students were still not math proficient, according to the report. Eighty-three percent of fourth-graders were not proficient in English Language Arts, and more than 66% of 3- and 4-year-olds were not enrolled in school.

Union

Education was the high point of Union County’s place in the report, making it ninth in the state in education and helping it rank 13th overall out of 67 counties. While nearly 57% of 3- and 4-year-olds were not enrolled in school and 56% were not proficient in English Language Arts, according to the study, the numbers from 2019 were significant improvements, down from more than 70% in each category. Graduation rate had also improved.

Union County ranked 26th in family and community, with slightly fewer single-parent households (34.4%) and improvements in child treatment and contacts with juvenile justice.

Healthwise, child well-being was 34th in the state. While the percentage of low-birthweight babies was down, there was no improvement in uninsured children. The overweight and obesity percentage remained nearly 36%, and a higher percentage of teens had used drugs or alcohol.

Child poverty had improved in Union County but was still above 20%. High housing costs had improved slightly as well. However, the unemployment rate remained the same, and more than 19% of teens were not in school or working. Union’s economic

well-being made it 40th in the state, its worst category.

Clay

Union was 13th overall in the state, and Clay County was 14th. But Clay was third in the state for the economic well-being of its children, having lowered child poverty to 12%. Numbers were better for high housing costs, although nearly 26% of families still find it burdensome. Teen truancy had improved as well.

Clay’s family and community ranking was 11th in the state. While 27% still live in single-parent families, that was a slight improvement. The real progress was made in reducing youth contact with juvenile justice from 19% to 7%.

The education ranking was 25th in the state. The graduation rate improved significantly, but while the percentage of fourth-graders proficient in English also improved, 66% were still not proficient. Fewer eighth-graders were proficient in math, and more than 61% of 3- and 4-year-olds were not in school.

Ranked 28th in child health, Clay saw a fixed percentage of low-birthweight babies, and uninsured children, although the percentages were already lower compared to others. The percentage of overweight and obese first-, third- and sixth graders increased to 33.7%

St. Johns County was ranked number one overall in the state. Desoto was 67th in the state.

Florida Policy Institute is an independent, nonpartisan and nonprofit organization advancing policies and budgets it believes will improve the economic mobility and quality of life for all Floridians. Among them are:

- prioritizing child well-being and quality of life by preserving and expanding basic household supports like nutrition, housing and income assistance.
- nurturing children by investing in affordable, quality early learning, thriving public schools and well supported teachers.
- building a stronger workforce by expanding access to higher education and job training.
- ensuring all Floridians have access to affordable, quality health care.

This group more than doubles your chance of quitting for good.

Pre-registration is required. Call 866-341-2730 to reserve your spot.

Bradford library offers curbside service

Bradford County Public Library at 456 W. Pratt St. in Starke is now offering curbside service 9 to 11 a.m. and 2 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Call 904-368-3211 24 hours prior to desired pickup time. Search for materials online, including books, audiobooks, DVDs and more. Visit www.newriverlibrary.org/bradford/.

The library is also resuming longer operating hours and is open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday. One visit per day per patron. Masks are encouraged but not required. Sixty minutes of guaranteed computer time; longer if no one is waiting. The library is closed on weekends.

Get help quitting

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

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



Legal Notices

Bradford

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 04-2021-CA-376
N.E. FLORIDA LAND WATCH LLC, PLAINTIFF,
VS.
BESSIE M. RICHERSON, AND UNKNOWN TENANTS, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING ANY ESTATE, RIGHT, TITLE, OR INTEREST BY, THROUGH, OR AGAINST BESSIE M. RICHERSON, OR IN THE REAL PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED.
DEFENDANTS.
NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: BESSIE M. RICHERSON, AND UNKNOWN TENANTS, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING ANY ESTATE, RIGHT, TITLE, OR INTEREST BY, THROUGH, OR AGAINST BESSIE M. RICHERSON, OR IN THE REAL PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to quiet title to real property described as:
Lot 15, M.F. Wiggins Subdivision, according to Plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, page 32, Public Records of Bradford County, Florida,
has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses/response, if any, to it on VERONICA R. OWENS, ESQ., Attorney for the Plaintiff, whose address is 189 S. Lawrence Blvd, Keystone Heights, FL 32656, on or before December 3, 2021, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court at 945 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, FL 32091, before service on Plaintiff or immediately thereafter.
If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court’s office. You may review these documents upon request.
You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court’s office notified of your current address. Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e-mailed to the addresses on record at the clerk’s office.
Dated: Oct. 29, 2021
DENNY THOMPSON

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: L. Brannon
Deputy Clerk
11/4 4tch 11/25-BCT
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Notice is hereby given that RESULTS DRIVEN LLC MICHAEL J JOHNSON the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and names in which it was assessed are as follows:
Certificate Number: 593
Year of Issuance: 2018
Parcel Number: 02297-0-00300
Case Number: 04-2021-TD-0030
Description of Property: TDA NUMBER: 493TDA
Parcel Number: R02297-0-0030
Legal Description: Commence at the Southeast corner of the West Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 18, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, and run North 0 degrees 24 minutes 30 seconds West for 459.69 feet to Point of Beginning; Thence South 89 degrees 35 minutes 30 seconds West for 208.72 feet, thence South

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0 degrees 24 minutes 30 seconds East for 208.72 feet, thence North 89 degrees 35 minutes 30 seconds East for 208.72 feet, thence North 0 degrees 24 minutes 24 minutes 30 seconds West for 208.72 feet to the Point of Beginning. Containing 1.0 acre more or less
Name in Which Assessed: TARPON IV, LLC
Name on last tax roll, if different:
All of said property being in the County of Bradford, State of Florida. Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the BRADFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, STARKE, FL on the 2nd of February 2022, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.
Denny Thompson, Clerk Of The Circuit Court
Bradford County, Florida
By: LISA BRANNON, Deputy Clerk
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:

MIRACLE AUTOMOTIVE & TRUCK SERVICE CENTER INC. gives notice that on 12/03/2021 at 12:00 PM the following vehicles(s) may be sold by public sale at 620 N THOMPSON ST. to satisfy the lien for the amount owed on each vehicle with any recovery, towing, or storage services charges and administrative fees allowed pursuant to Florida statute 713.78. 1FT7W2BT9FE828572 2015 FORD 2MEFM75W85X610630 2005 MERC 1G6KD57YX6U124125 2006 CADILLAC
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NOTICE

On December 13, 2021 at 5:45 P.M. the Bradford County School District will hold a workshop at Bradford County District Boardroom, 501 W. Washington St. Starke, FL. Followed by a Public Hearing at 6:00 P.M. Regular Board Meeting will immediately follow the Public Hearing.
Workshop & Public Hearing Items
2.03 Special Committees of the School Board
2.04 School Advisory Councils
2.05 Board Meetings
2.091 Revision Family and School Partnership for Student Achievement
2.20 Wellness Program
3.06 Revision Safe and Secure Schools
3.09 Revision A Moment of Silence
5.03.01 Student Assignment Guideline
5.19 Revision Student Records
5.29 Revision Notification of Involuntary Examination
6.216 Revision Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP)
6.39 Revision Report of Misconduct
6.80 Revision Personnel Files
7.22 NEW Electronic Records, Electronic Signatures, and Electronic Funds
8.01 Revision 2 Safety
8.04 NEW Emergency Evacuation Drills
8.06 NEW Safe School Officers
8.320 Tobacco Use in District Facilities
Revised language to the 21-21 Code of Conduct (To be in compliance with ACLU)
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Notice is hereby given that MIKON FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC. AND OCEAN BANK the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and names in which it was assessed are as follows:
Certificate Number: 14
Year of Issuance: 2019
Parcel Number: 00105-0-00200
Case Number: 04-2021-TD-0028
Description of Property: 491TDA
Account Number: 00105-0-00200
Legal Description: A parcel of land containing a net area of 0.88 of an acre, lying in the NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Section 12, Township 6 South, Range 20 East, Bradford County, Florida; said parcel being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the NW corner of said Section 12 and run Southerly along the Westerly boundary thereof, 1114.5 ft. to Point of Beginning. From Point of Beginning thus described, continue Southerly along said Westerly boundary, 208.71 ft.; thence Easterly perpendicular to said Westerly boundary, 208.71 ft.; thence Northerly and parallel with Westerly boundary, thence Westerly along a line perpendicular to said Westerly boundary, 208.71 ft. to Point of Beginning. EXCEPT any portion of said parcel lying within the right-of-way of a graded County Road along the Westerly boundary thereof.
Name in Which Assessed: THOMAS L COLSON & WANDA L COLSON (DEC)
Name on last tax roll, if different: WANDA L COLSON (DEC)
All of said property being in the County of Bradford, State of Florida. Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the BRADFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, STARKE, FL on the 19th of January 2022, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.
Denny Thompson, Clerk Of The Circuit Court
Bradford County, Florida
BY LISA BRANNON, Deputy Clerk
DATED: October 28, 2021
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Public Meeting Notice

Bradford SWCD Local Working Group Meeting
Contact Kaylee Pate for access to the Zoom Link. (Kaylee.pate@afcdf.com)
Bradford County Extension Office
2266 N Temple Avenue
Starke, FL 32091
November 29, 3-5 p.m.
Dial by your location
+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)
+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)
+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)
+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)
+1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)
Meeting ID: 942 5586 9518
Passcode: 464618
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

File No. 04-2021-CP-000137
Division

IN RE: ESTATE OF CHARLES REEVES FERGUSON A/K/A CHARLES R. FERGUSON Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of CHARLES REEVES FERGUSON A/K/A CHARLES R. FERGUSON, deceased, whose date of death was September 1, 2021, is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 945 N. Temple Avenue, P.O. Drawer B, Starke, FL 32091. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.
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 25, 2021.
Personal Representative:
KAREN E. GRAY
1431 Riverplace Boulevard, Unit 2506
Jacksonville, Florida 32207
Attorney for Personal Representative: JULIE EXUM BREUER, ESQUIRE
Attorney
Florida Bar Number: 097720
Fisher, Tousey, Leas & Ball
818 North A1A, Suite 104
Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082
Telephone: (904) 356-2600
Fax: (904) 355-0233
E-Mail: jeb@fishertousey.com
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 04-2021-CP-127

ESTATE OF: DONALD LEE NETTLES Deceased.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

If you have been served with a copy of this notice and you have any claim or demand against the decedent's estate even if that claim is unmaturing, contingent, or unliquidated, you must file your claim with the court, ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF A DATE THAT IS 3 MONTHS AFTER THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER YOU RECEIVE A COPY OF THIS NOTICE. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons who have claims or demands against the decedent's estate, including unmaturing, contingent, or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with the court ON OR BEFORE THE DATE THAT IS 3 MONTHS AFTER THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702, FLORIDA STATUTES, WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
EVEN IF A CLAIM IS NOT BARRED BY THE LIMITATIONS DESCRIBED ABOVE, ALL CLAIMS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN FILED WILL BE BARRED TWO YEARS AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DEATH.
The date of the first publication of this Notice is: Nov. 18, 2021
The date of death of the decedent is: June 6, 2021.
The address of the court where this probate is pending: 945 N Temple Ave, Starke, FL 32091.

Garry W. Crews (FBN 574791)
THE LAW OFFICES OF RON SHOLES, P.A.
9282 Atlantic Blvd.
Jacksonville, FL 32225
FamLawDocs@youhurltwefight.com
(904) 805-1500
Attorneys for Personal Representative
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enactment by the City Commission of the City of Starke, Florida, hereinafter referred to as the City Commission, at a public hearing on December 7, 2021 at 5:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in City Hall located at 209 North Thompson Street, Starke, Florida. Copies of said ordinance may be inspected by any member of the public at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, located at 209 North Thompson Street, Starke, Florida, during regular business hours. On the date, time and place first above mentioned, all interested parties may appear and be heard with respect to the ordinance. The title of said ordinance reads, as follows:
ORDINANCE NUMBER 2021-17
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF STARKE, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE TEXT AND FUTURE LAND USE PLAN MAP OF THE CITY OF STARKE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, CPA 21-01, BY THE CITY COMMISSION, UNDER THE AMENDMENT PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN SECTIONS 163.3161 THROUGH 163.3248, FLORIDA STATUTES, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR AMENDING THE TEXT AND FUTURE LAND USE PLAN MAP SERIES OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BASED UPON AN EVALUATION COMPLETED BY THE CITY REFLECTING CHANGES IN STATE REQUIREMENTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 163.3191, FLORIDA STATUTES, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2021 CA 000297
Plaintiff,
VYSTAR CREDIT UNION,
VS.
UNKNOWN SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OF SANDRA RING, KATHERINE DUNNAM AND UNKNOWN TENANT(S),
Defendants.
NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: Unknown Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Assignees, Lienors, Creditors, Trustees of Sandra Ring 1724 NW 25 1st St. Lawtley, FL 32058
Katherine Dunnam
5065 NW 180th Way
Starke, FL 32091
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following real property in Bradford County, Florida:
Attached Hereto as "Exhibit A" has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on James E. Sorensen, D. Tyler Van Leuven, J. Blair Boyd, Stephen Orsillo, Zaydee Portomene, and P. Koren Hardy, the Plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is Post Office Box 3637, Tallahassee, Florida 32315-3637, within 30 days after the first publication date and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on the Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or Petition.
Denny Thompson
As Clerk of the Court
by: Lisa Brannon
As Deputy Clerk
Exhibit "A"
A PORTION OF LOT 41 OF WOODLAWN SUBDIVISION SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 17 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
COMMENCE AT THE SW CORNER OF LOT 32 OF SAID SUBDIVISION AND RUN THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 22 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE WEST BOUNDARY OF LOTS 32 AND 41, 1248.96 FEET TO THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF A GRADED COUNTY ROAD, THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 20 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE 100.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE NORTH 89 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 20 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE 147.55 FEET TO THE EAST BOUNDARY OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE E 1/2 OF THE W 1/2 OF SAID LOT 41; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 39 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID EAST BOUNDARY 295.23 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 20 SECONDS WEST PARALLEL TO SAID SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE 147.55 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 39 SECONDS WEST PARALLEL TO SAID EAST BOUNDARY 295.23 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. I AND THE W 1/2 OF THE W 1/2 AND THE W 1/2 OF THE E 1/2 OF THE W 1/2 OF LOTS 32 AND 41 ALL LYING SOUTH OF GRADED COUNTY ROAD IN SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST OF WOODLAWN SUBDIVISION AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 17 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA. LESS AND EXCEPT THAT PORTION THEREOF PREVIOUSLY DEEDED JOSEPH P. ELAM AND JENNA M. ELAM, HIS WIFE, IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 182, PAGE 126, PUBLIC RECORDS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; SAID GRADED COUNTY ROAD BEING DESIGNATED AS NW 105TH AVENUE.
11/25 2tchg 12/2-BCT

City of Starke, Florida Office of Codes Enforcement NOTICE OF HAZARDOUS LANDS

NOTICE NUMBER: 2021019
PARCEL NUMBER: 04410-A-00300
The undersigned Enforcing Official of the City of Starke hereby gives notice of the existence of Hazardous Lands on the property described below in violation of a City of Starke Code, within the corporate limits of the City of Starke, Florida, set forth as follows:
Location/address of violation
1020 Eastwood Drive
Starke, Florida
Date of Violation
July 23, 2021
Date the Violation is to be Corrected By
December 13, 2021
Name and address of owner / person in charge / responsible party of location where violation exists
Dawn Crews
1020 Eastwood Drive
Starke, Florida 32091
To avoid further legal action, the person(s) named above bears the burden of contacting Kayla Young, the Enforcing Official at the City of Starke to arrange an inspection for compliance on or before the date the "Violation is to be Corrected By" provided above.
YOUR FAILURE TO TAKE THE RECOMMENDED ACTIONS IN THIS NOTICE WITHIN THE SPECIFIED TIME FRAMES MAY RESULT IN THESE RECOMMENDATIONS BECOMING AN ORDER OF THE ENFORCING OFFICIAL OF THE CITY OF STARKE.
YOU MAY APPEAL THE DETERMINATIONS OF THE ENFORCING OFFICIAL IN THIS NOTICE OR REQUEST AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO CORRECT THE VIOLATIONS IN THIS NOTICE. SEE PAGE THREE OF THIS NOTICE FOR DETAILS OF FILING FOR AN APPEAL OR REQUESTING AN EXTENSION OF TIME.
AN APPEAL MUST BE REQUESTED WITHIN FOURTEEN DAYS FOLLOWING THE DATE OF SERVICE OF THIS NOTICE. DETAILS OF VIOLATION(S) AND RECOMMENDED CORRECTIVE ACTIONS
1. Violation of City of Starke Code of Ordinance, Section(s) as follows: 22-224 - CREATING, KEEPING, MAINTAINING, ALLOWING THE EXISTENCE OF DANGEROUS BUILDING OR HAZARDOUS LANDS -- It shall be unlawful for any owner of real property within the city to create, keep, maintain, or allow the existence of any dangerous building or hazardous land, as defined in this article, in or on such real property.
2. Description of Violation:
Lands at the above referenced location are hazardous lands due to excessive growth of vegetation in that:
Vegetation exceeds twelve (12) inches in height and is of a nature that may reasonably become infested by pests or create a safety hazard.
Lands at the above referenced location are hazardous lands due to an accumulation of material or items stored outside of a structure in that:
Items including, but not limited to trash, abandoned personal property, junk, and unusable or discarded household items have been and remain present outside the structure at the above referenced location.
3. Corrective Action Recommendations:
Pursuant to Ordinance Section 22-225
IT IS HEREBY RECOMMENDED THAT YOU TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS
CUT/TRIM GRASS AND VEGETATION. Cut and trim all vegetation within fifteen (15) calendar days following the date of this Notice such that the vegetation is not a safety hazard or susceptible to infestation by pests, and so that it does not grow into neighboring properties, public sidewalks, streets, rights-of-way, utilities easements, drainage ditches, and swales. It is recommended that all grass be cut/ trimmed to a length of four (4) inches or shorter, and that all shrubbery and bushes be cut in accordance with guidelines promulgated by the Florida Cooperative Extension Service, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, at the University of Florida.
STORE, DISCARD, AND/OR REMOVE ITEMS LOCATED OUTSIDE OF STRUCTURE. All items located on the referenced property which are not properly stored in permitted and appropriate structures on the property must be discarded, removed from the property, or properly stored in properly permitted structures on the property.
REQUESTING AN EXTENSION OF TIME AND FILING AN APPEAL
Request for Extension of Time:
For good cause shown, the City of Starke Enforcing Official may grant up to thirty (30) additional days for you to comply with recommendations to correct violations concerning hazardous lands.
If you wish to request an extension of time to correct the violations in this Notice, on or before the "Date the Violation is to be Corrected By" on Page One of this Notice, submit your request in writing to the City of Starke Enforcing Official at 209 North Thompson Street, Starke, Florida 32091.
Request for Appeal of Notice and Determinations of Enforcing Official:
You may appeal the violations, recommended actions, and other determinations of the City of Starke Enforcing Official set forth in this Notice. Your appeal must be filed within fourteen (14) days after this date this Notice was served on you by filing with the Clerk of the City of Starke a written petition setting forth the basis for your appeal. Following the timely filing of your written petition of appeal, the Clerk of the City of Starke will schedule a hearing for you to present your appeal to a Special Magistrate and will notify you of the date, time, and place of that hearing by certified mail no later than ten (10) days prior to the date of the hearing, and by publishing a notice of the hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Starke at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the hearing.
If you wish to file an appeal and request a hearing before a Special Magistrate, you must file your written petition with the Clerk of the City of Starke at 209 North Thompson Street, Starke, Florida 32091.
CONSEQUENCES OF NON-COMPLIANCE WITH RECOMMENDED CORRECTIVE ACTIONS
Within the times and before the deadlines set forth in this Notice if you do not respond to this Notice by either 1) complying with the recommended corrective actions; 2) requesting an extension of time from the Enforcing Official to comply with the recommended corrective actions; or 3) appealing the violations, recommended actions and other determinations in this Notice then the Enforcing Official may order you to comply.
If you fail to comply with such Order of the Enforcing Official then the City of Starke may perform or cause to be performed the repairs, alterations, demolition, or cleaning up of the building(s) or land(s) that are the subject of this Notice. Should the City of Starke make the necessary repairs, alterations, demolition, or cleaning up for you or otherwise cause them to

be made, then the expenses incurred by the City of Starke in doing so will constitute a lien against the property involved.
Kayla Young, Enforcing Official
Inquires of the Respondent to this Notice of Code Violation Shall be addressed to the following.
Please Call for an appointment.
Kayla Young
City of Starke Enforcing Official
209 North Thompson Street
Starke, Florida 32091
Phone: 904-964-5027 OR 904-368-1332
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Name and address of owner / person in charge / responsible party of location where violation exists
Dawn Crews
1020 Eastwood Drive
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To avoid further legal action, the person(s) named above bears the burden of contacting Kayla Young, the Enforcing Official at the City of Starke to arrange an inspection for compliance on or before the date the "Violation is to be Corrected By" provided above.
YOUR FAILURE TO TAKE THE RECOMMENDED ACTIONS IN THIS NOTICE WITHIN THE SPECIFIED TIME FRAMES MAY RESULT IN THESE RECOMMENDATIONS BECOMING AN ORDER OF THE ENFORCING OFFICIAL OF THE CITY OF STARKE.
YOU MAY APPEAL THE DETERMINATIONS OF THE ENFORCING OFFICIAL IN THIS NOTICE OR REQUEST AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO CORRECT THE VIOLATIONS IN THIS NOTICE. SEE PAGE THREE OF THIS NOTICE FOR DETAILS OF FILING FOR AN APPEAL OR REQUESTING AN EXTENSION OF TIME.
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Lands at the above referenced location are hazardous lands due to an accumulation of material or items stored outside of a structure in that:
Items including, but not limited to trash, abandoned personal property, junk, and unusable or discarded household items have been and remain present outside the structure at the above referenced location.
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Pursuant to Ordinance Section 22-225
IT IS HEREBY RECOMMENDED THAT YOU TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS
CUT/TRIM GRASS AND VEGETATION. Cut and trim all vegetation within fifteen (15) calendar days following the date of this Notice such that the vegetation is not a safety hazard or susceptible to infestation by pests, and so that it does not grow into neighboring properties, public sidewalks, streets, rights-of-way, utilities easements, drainage ditches, and swales. It is recommended that all grass be cut/ trimmed to a length of four (4) inches or shorter, and that all shrubbery and bushes be cut in accordance with guidelines promulgated by the Florida Cooperative Extension Service, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, at the University of Florida.
STORE, DISCARD, AND/OR REMOVE ITEMS LOCATED OUTSIDE OF STRUCTURE. All items located on the referenced property which are not properly stored in permitted and appropriate structures on the property must be discarded, removed from the property, or properly stored in properly permitted structures on the property.
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SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, the following application for permit was received on November 9, 2021: Jessica Criss, of City of Melbourne, 700 N Wickham Rd, Unit 205, Melbourne, FL 32935 has submitted an environmental resource permit (ERP) application number ERP-007-241324-1. The project is located in Bradford County, Section 29, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, and includes 6.37 acres.
Interested persons may comment upon the application or submit a written request for a staff report containing proposed agency action regarding the application by writing to the Suwannee River Water Management District, Attn: Resource Management, 9225 C.R. 49, Live Oak, Florida 32060. Such comments or requests must be received by 5:00 PM within 14 days from the date of publication.
No further public notice will be provided regarding this application. A copy of the staff report must be requested in order to remain advised of further proceedings. Substantially affected persons are entitled to request an administrative hearing, pursuant to Title 28, Florida Administrative Code, regarding the proposed agency action by submitting a written request after reviewing the staff report.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2021 CP 000713

PROBATE DIVISION
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF DAVID ALBERT WOODARD Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of DAVID ALBERT WOODARD, deceased, whose date of death was July 9, 2021, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 North Orange Ave., Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. 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 TIME OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
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ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN 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 25, 2021
ARISLEIDA CABRERA SANTANA DE WOODARD
411 Walnut St.
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043
Personal Representative
/s/ James F. Miller
James F. Miller, Esq.
Miller Legal, PL.
Attorney for Plaintiff
Florida Bar Number (0361003)
1555 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd, Suite 1555
West Palm Beach, FL 33401
Telephone: (561) 296-3252
Fax: (561) 828-3115
Email: jmillermillerlegalpl.com
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
I HEREBY CERTIFY that on November 16, 2021 there are no parties entitled to service.
/s/James F. Miller
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By December 13, 2021
Name and address of owner / person in charge / responsible party of location where violation exists
Dawn Crews
1020 Eastwood Drive
Starke, Florida 32091
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City of Starke, Florida Office of Codes Enforcement NOTICE OF HAZARDOUS LANDS

NOTICE NUMBER: 2021019
PARCEL NUMBER: 04410-A-00300
The undersigned Enforcing Official of the City of Starke hereby gives notice of the existence of Hazardous Lands on the property described below in violation of a City of Starke Code, within the corporate limits of the City of Starke, Florida, set forth as follows:
Location/address of violation
1020 Eastwood Drive
Starke, Florida
Date of Violation
July 23, 2021
Date the Violation is to be Corrected By
December 13, 2021
Name and address of owner / person in charge / responsible party of location where violation exists
Dawn Crews
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Tigers outscore Hilliard 31-0 in 2nd half of 52-14 win

BY LISA HOLTZENDORF
Special to the Telegraph-Times-Monitor

Quarterback A.J. Cortese scored two touchdowns as part of a ground game that generated more than 400 yards, while Daylyn Diston had two interception returns for touchdowns in the Union County High School football team's 52-14 win over second-seed and host Hilliard in the Nov. 19 Region 3-1A semifinals.

The third-seed Tigers (12-0) travel to play top-seed Chiefland (10-1) for the Region 3 championship on Friday, Nov. 26, at 7:30 p.m.

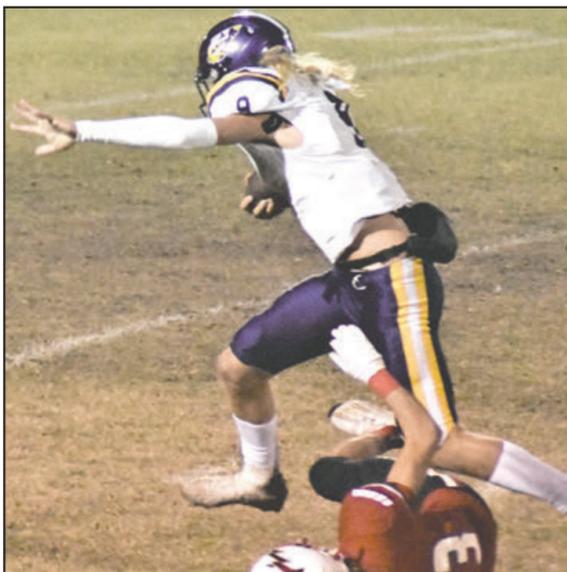
Union, which has won all but one of its games by double digits, were represented by captains Alex Dure, Aidan Newsom, Martin Odum and Curran Webb for the coin toss. Hilliard (9-2) won the toss and deferred, resulting in the Tigers receiving the opening kickoff.

Dayquan Diston returned the kick 18 yards to the Union 43. Cortese handed off to Daylyn

Diston, who gained big yardage around right end on first down, but a penalty negated the play. Rayvon Durant had a 5-yard run up the middle on the replay of first down, dragging a Hilliard defender along for the ride. On second down, Durant, who rushed for 159 yards on 14 carries, took a pitch around right end for a 57-yard gain before being stopped just short of the goal line. Caleb Crawford, who rushed for 80 yards on 12 carries, took a handoff on the following play and bounced off a couple of defenders for a touchdown and a 6-0 lead at the 10:38 mark of the first quarter. Johnny Edwards' extra-point attempt hit the upright and was no good.

D.J. Coston had a 10-yard run on the Red Flashes' first possession, but it wasn't enough to overcome an illegal-procedure penalty Hilliard received before that. It was a three-and-out, with a short punt being downed at the Union 48.

Durant had carries on the first two plays of the ensuing series and picked up a first down. A



Quarterback A.J. Cortese runs past Hilliard's Angelo Benjamin on his way to a big gain in the Tigers' 52-14 Region 3-1A semifinal win. Photo by Lisa Holtzendorf.

mishandled pitch on the third play, however, resulted in a fumble recovery for the Flashes at their own 37-yard line.

A penalty helped Hilliard gain a first down, but a tackle behind the line of scrimmage by Malcolm Odum and a penalty on the Flashes had them facing second-and-24. After two incomplete passes, Hilliard punted.

The Tigers' offense took over at its own 39. Runs by Cortese and Durant resulted in first downs. The Flashes dug their heels in and had Union facing fourth-and-1. The Tigers successfully went for it, picking up the necessary yardage and more. Dayviontae "Bubba" Thompson got the call on the next three plays, with the third being a 12-yard touchdown run with 2:09 remaining in the first quarter. On the two-point conversion attempt, Crawford, twisting and turning, powered his way through the middle and into the end zone to make it a 14-0 game.

A good return on the ensuing kickoff, plus a penalty, had the Flashes starting their next drive at the 50. A penalty for a horse-collar tackle then gave Hilliard a

first down at the Union 37. Webb was attempting to bring pressure on quarterback Lyle Bennett on the next play, but an official was in Webb's way, allowing Bennett to complete a 17-yard pass for a first down at the 20. Coston took the ball around left end and scored on a run from there. With 1:17 remaining in the first quarter, the score stood at 14-7.

Daylyn Diston received the following kickoff and was off to the races before finally being brought down at the Hilliard 2-yard line. A penalty on the play, however, had the Tigers instead beginning a drive at their own 32. Runs by Crawford and Durant helped Union gain a first down, but another penalty had the Tigers facing a long-yardage situation. They eventually punted for the first time on the night.

Hilliard, which had the momentum at that point, gained first downs on a run by Coston and a penalty against Union. Then, with 9:55 to play in the

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Union travels to play 10-1 Chiefland for Region 3-1A title

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Union County High School has been on fire this football postseason and looks to continue rolling when it travels to take on Chiefland for the Region 3-1A championship on Friday, Nov. 26, at 7:30 p.m.

As of deadline, no ticket information was available. Fans are encouraged to call Union County High School at 386-448-5204 for more information.

If tickets are available digitally, they'll be found at GoFan.co. Enter "Union County High School" in the search bar and click on the appropriate links.

The Tigers (12-0) won their two playoff games by an average margin of 37 points and have now won six straight by at least 32 points. Union is coming off a 52-14 win over Hilliard in the semifinals (see related story).

Chiefland (10-1) was on a similar path as Union, having won five straight by at least 35

points, before losing 24-13 to Blountstown in its regular-season finale. The Indians, as the top seed in Region 3, had a first-round playoff by before squeaking past Lafayette 28-27 in overtime in last week's semifinals.

The Indians are scoring an average of 39.9 points per game, while opponents are scoring an average of 12.4 points.

Five of Chiefland's regular-season opponents finished the regular season with winning records and qualified for the playoffs: Class 3A Crescent City (56-13 win), Class 1A Trenton (42-0 win), Class 1A Holmes County (41-6 win), Class 1A Blountstown and the Lafayette team it just beat last week. The Indians beat Lafayette 42-7 in the regular season.

Trenton is one of four teams Chiefland and Union both played, with the Tigers defeating Trenton 48-13 in the Region 3 quarterfinals. The teams' other common opponents were

Williston (59-7 Chiefland win, 46-12 Union win), Dixie County (14-7 Chiefland win, 28-12 Union win) and Hamilton County (57-19 Chiefland win, 42-0 Union win).

During the regular season, with the exception of the loss to Blountstown (which Chiefland didn't enter stats for on MaxPreps), the Indians 309.9 rushing yards per game, led by sophomore Dakota Fisher, who had 886 yards and 13 touchdowns on 64 carries. Clint Thomas, a junior, had 495 yards and five touchdowns on 38 carries, while Junior Brown, a junior, had 454 yards and six touchdowns on 81 carries.

Chiefland attempted only 11 passes in its first nine regular-season games, with six completions going for 83 yards and one touchdown.

Defensively, junior defensive back Paul Davis recorded 68 tackles in the first nine regular-season games, while sophomore

linebacker Lawrence Rivers and eighth-grade defensive end Jon Adams had 69 and 65 tackles, respectively. Adams and Davis had 24 and 21 tackles for loss, respectively, with Adams recording a team-high 13 sacks, while Rivers had nine tackles for loss.

Senior lineman James Latson recorded 55 tackles (11 for loss), while senior defensive end Jamie Strong had 44 tackles (17 for loss), including eight sacks. Thomas (the second-leading rusher on offense) had 41 tackles as a defensive back.

The Indians created 24 turnovers (14 fumbles, 10 interceptions) in their first nine regular-season games. Davis had three fumble recoveries, while Thomas and sophomore Anthony Blackman each had three interceptions.

Chiefland is in the playoffs for the fourth straight year and the 14th overall. The Indians have a 14-12 postseason record,

with most of those wins occurring in 1997 and 1998. Chiefland won the Class 2A state title in 1997 and were five points away from playing for the championship in 1998.

This will be the second time Union and Chiefland have met each other in the postseason.

The Tigers opened the 1994 playoffs with a 50-6 win over the Indians and went on to win the first of three straight state championships.

The last time Union played Chiefland, the Tigers won 42-7 during a regular-season matchup last year.

Parade of Trees to benefit SPD Shop with a Cop program

Community State Bank of Starke announces the return of its Parade of Trees, a fundraiser for the Starke Police Department's Shop With a Cop program.

Individuals, families, groups, businesses and organizations can adopt trees for \$60 and decorate them.

Many loved ones have passed away due to various reasons in our community this year. Community State Bank believes the Parade of Trees would be a great way to honor and remember those individuals, so reserve a tree and dedicate to a loved one.

Through a partnership with Starke's Downtown Merchants, the trees will be on display at the town square. Trees will be lighted each evening through Dec. 31.

Applications can be picked up at Community State Bank in Starke. Please complete and return applications with payments to Community State Bank, Attn: Tammie Woodard, 811 S. Walnut St., Starke, FL 32091.

Help support SPD's Shop with a Cop

Starke Police Department's Shop With a Cop returns for its 17th year, with children from all the county's public elementary schools getting the chance to shop at Starke's Walmart on Dec. 14-15 with escorts from various law-enforcement agencies as well as the Florida Department of Corrections.

Starke Police Maj. Barry Warren asks that businesses or individuals look deep into their hearts and deeper into their pockets to help put smiles on children's faces. The success of the event depends on the generous donations of others.

If you'd like to make a

donation, you can do so by mailing a check made out to "Starke Police Department — Shop with a Cop" to Starke Police Department to the attention of Maj. Barry Warren, 830 Edwards Road, Starke, FL 32091.

Warren is also available to pick up donations. You may call him at 352-494-3326 (cell) or 904-368-1384 (office), or by calling the Starke Police Department's main number at 904-964-5400.

The deadline for donations is Dec. 6.

Children who participate in Shop With a Cop are selected by teachers and guidance counselors, who identify students as having needs (financial, emotional or psychological), but who are still striving to do their best in the classroom and to be outstanding citizens.

Local DAR chapter to welcome state secretary at Dec. 6 meeting

Florida State Society Daughters of the American Revolution Corresponding Secretary Pat Bevis will travel from Ocala to present a program on chapter service projects at the Monday, Dec. 6, meeting of the Col. Samuel Elbert Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

The meeting, which begins with a \$10 brunch at 10:30 a.m., will be held at the Montgomery Conference Center (88 S.E. 75th St., Starke).

Do you have a Revolutionary War-era patriot in your family tree? If you would like to find out, DAR can help with its genealogical resources. Any woman 18 years or older, regardless of race, religion or ethnic background, who can prove direct descent from a person who aided in achieving American independence between April 19, 1775, and Nov. 26, 1783, is eligible for membership. Please contact Registrar Jane Argo Romeo at 352-478-3544 for more information.

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FOOD
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Keystone girls go 2-0 in 5th annual Winter Shootout

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Dezaray Bright and Yasmin Bryant combined to score 14 first-quarter points as the Keystone Heights High School girls basketball team built a 14-point lead and went on to defeat Williston 41-33 to cap the Indians' fifth-annual Winter Shootout on Nov. 20.

Branford and HEART HomeSchool were also part of the tournament in which Keystone went 2-0 to improve its overall record to 3-0.

Bright, who had 32 total points in the Indians' two games, was named to the all-tournament team. She also won the event's three-point contest.

The Indians, who were playing without starter Kiley Channell, scored the first seven points against Williston, with Bryant sinking a three-pointer for the game's first points. Lindsay Qualls had a backcourt steal and later scored off an offensive rebound to put Keystone up 5-0 before Bryant scored off her own backcourt steal.

Bryant later made another three-pointer, while Bright scored off two backcourt steals. Bright also made two technical free throws to close out the first quarter with an 18-4 Keystone lead.

Bright had two baskets in the second quarter as the Indians took



Dezaray Bright, who won the three-point contest and was named to the all-tournament team, takes a shot as three Williston players converge on her in the Indians' 41-33 win in the fifth annual KHHS Winter Shootout. Photos by Cliff Smelley.



Lindsay Qualls drives to the basket and puts up a shot in the win over Williston.

a 24-13 lead into halftime.

Madi Mitzel had four points during a brief span in the third quarter as Keystone built a 37-21 lead. She made a steal on the defensive end and was later fouled shooting after grabbing an

offensive rebound. Mitzel made both free throws to make the score 32-19. She added a basket in transition, while Bryant drained another long-distance shot to make it a 16-point game.

Bright led the Indians with 14

points, while Bryant finished with 13. Qualls had six points, with Mitzel and Emma Rogel each chipping in four.

Keystone opened the tournament with a 44-26 win over Branford.

It was just a three-point game going into the second quarter, but one point off a free throw was all Branford managed in the second

quarter as the Indians went into halftime leading 17-5.

Bright scored eight points in the third quarter and finished with 18 while Bryant just missed double digits with nine points.

Rogel scored five points, while Mitzel and Qualls each had four. Rachel Roth and Kasey Valentine each added two points.

HEART was victorious in the tournament's other two games, defeating Williston 50-25 and Branford 55-32.

Prior to the Winter Shootout, Keystone opened the regular season with a 51-37 win over host Baldwin on Nov. 15.

Bright and Channell each scored seven points in the first half as the Indians took a lead into halftime. Baldwin made five three-pointers in the third quarter to take a slim lead, but the fourth quarter, which featured nine points from Channell, was almost all Keystone.

Channell and Bright had 22 and 14 points, respectively, followed by Mitzel with six points and Rogel with five. Qualls and Lewis each added two points.

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Obituaries

Kenneth Brown

HAMPTON Kenneth Jerry Brown, age 70, of Hampton passed away at his home on Friday, November 19, 2021. Kenneth was born in Belmont, Mississippi on August 25, 1951 to the late William Kenneth and Lois "Bates" Brown. Mr. Brown was an amateur radio operator, a veteran of the United States Marine Corp, avid Gator football fan. He enjoyed working in the yard, and spending time with his family. He was preceded in death by his son, Christopher Duane Brown; his parents; and sister, Brenda Brown.



Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Theresa Brown of Hampton; daughter, Terrie (Timmy) Nazworth of Hampton; brother, Donnie (Wendy) Brown of Groveland; sisters, Martha (Lamar) Brown of Jacksonville, Virginia Crawford of Starke and Kathy (Bob) Grant of Palm Coast; grandchildren, Lloyd "Bo" (Lisa Waddell) Webb of Lake Butler, Makayla (Cameron) Farmer of Waldo, Christopher Phillip Brown of Starke, William Kenneth Brown of Hampton and Brandon Nazworth of Palatka; great-grandchildren, Dixie Webb of Lake Butler and Ezekiel Farmer of Waldo; and many dearly loved nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held in the DeWitt C. Jones Chapel on Wednesday, Nov 24 with Pastor Aaron Morgan of Orange Heights Baptist Church officiating. A visitation preceded the services.

Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 620 E. Nona Street, Starke. www.jonesgallagherfh.com.

PAID OBITUARY

Barbara Green

BROOKER Barbara Jean Green, 79, of Brooker passed away Tuesday, October 26, 2021, from an extended illness. She was born June 29, 1942, in Anniston, Alabama to Winford and Frances (Martin) Jones. She resided in Green Cove Springs for 25 years where she retired following 24 years of employment with the Clay County Tax Collector's office. Prior to making Brooker her home, she was baptized 7th Day Adventist; she had a talent for baking and decorating cakes of all sorts and cookies. She also enjoyed antiquing, collecting fenton glass, and tending to her flower garden which was full of butterflies. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her brother, Jimmy; and a grandson, J.J.

She is survived by her husband of 24 years, De Ritch of Booker; three children, Derrell (Becky) Kelly of Green Cove Springs, Steve (Jonelle) Kelly of Georgetown, Texas, and Anita Jervis of Jacksonville; three stepdaughters, Monica (Randy) Andrews, Paula (Greg) Wilkinson and Sondra (George) Bothwell all of Starke. Also left behind are two sisters, Sandra Jones of Alexander City, Alabama, and Diane (Donny) Farguson of Mellow Valley, Alabama; and was lovingly called "granny Jean" or "grandma" by Shenelle, LaTosha, Justin, Ashley, Noah, Giana, Sophia, Addison, Emily, and Taylor; along with numerous great-grandchildren and extended family members and friends.

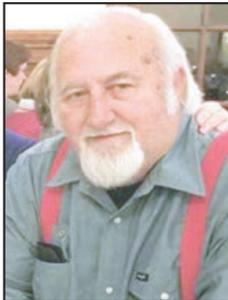
A private Celebration of Life will be held at Highland Baptist Church Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial donations be made to Haven Hospice or Alzheimer's Research Foundation.

Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 620 E. Nona St., Starke.

PAID OBITUARY

Thomas Holmes

LAKE BUTLER Thomas Michael Holmes, age 71, of Lake Butler, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at his home surrounded by his loving family. Tommy was born on September 16, 1950, to Joseph William Holmes and Delores Ann (Wainwright) Holmes. He was a lifelong resident of Union County and a 1968 graduate of Union County High. He worked as a mechanic for GE until his retirement in 1993. He was an avid fisherman and hunter, but he especially loved playing bluegrass music. Tommy was a member of the North Florida Bluegrass Association and over the years played in many bands including The Old Time Way and Tri-County Bluegrass. He was preceded in death by his parents; his granddaughter, Kristin Renee Holmes; sister, Joanne Hundley; brother-in-law, Thomas Fortner; and uncle, Jimmy Holmes.



Tommy is survived by his children, Joe (Kelly) Holmes of Lake Butler, Melisa (Troy) Ward of Interlachen, David (Karrie) Holmes of Lake Butler, and Desiree Smith of Lake Butler; his grandchildren, Phillip (Marylu) Holmes, Emily (Aaron) Landwerlen, Ashton Ward, Clayton (Erika) Ward, Jesse Arnold, Madison Arnold, Kaitlyn (Cobie) Mann, Tyler Holmes, Keaton Holmes, Trista Holmes, Brandon Ames, Bailey Garrett, Brailyn Rose, Brooklyn Gay, Brislyn Hamill, Easton Smith, Dylan Smith, and Hunter Smith; great-grandchildren, Maxson and Maelyn Mann, and Emerson Holmes; his wife, Lynette Holmes; his siblings, Patsy Fortner, Barbara (Cliff) Waddell, and Brenda (Billy) Croft all of Lake Butler; aunt, Gloria Holmes of Middleburg; brother-in-law, Conrad Hundley; a host of extended family also survive.

A funeral to honor Tommy's life will be held on Friday, Nov. 19, at 11 a.m. at Archer-Milton Funeral Home with Bro. Richard Harrison officiating. The family will receive friends for a visitation beginning at 10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Arrangements are entrusted to Archer-Milton Funeral Home, Lake Butler. 386-496-2008. www.ArcherFuneralHome.com.

PAID OBITUARY

Spurgeon Massey

LAWTEY Spurgeon Boyce "Spud" Massey, 80, of Union City passed away Saturday, November 20, 2021, at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Union City, Tennessee. He was born September 7, 1941, in Marion County, son of the late A.E. and Inez Wanda Mae (Hogue) Massey. He was the widower of Carol (Bradley) Massey who preceded him in death. He was a retired truck driver who enjoyed fishing. Prior to moving to Union City, he was a longtime resident of Lawtey, where he served on the city council and was the fire chief of the Lawtey Volunteer Fire Department for many years. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Jeannie Wilson; and two brothers, Daniel Massey and Edward Lee Massey.



He is survived by one daughter, Susan Massey Groves of Starke; two sons, Victor (Jo Ann) Massey of Union City, Tennessee and Kenny Boyce (Samira) Massey of Centerville, Alabama; 13 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and one brother, Wayne (Abbie) Spurgeon of Lawtey.

Graveside services were conducted Wednesday, Nov. 24, at Salem Cemetery near Union City. Brother Chip Davis officiated.

Edmaiston Mosley Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. A Celebration of Life will be held on Dec 12, at 3 p.m. at Tatum Brothers Park, 22598 Park St., in Lawtey.

PAID OBITUARY

Mary Mayfield

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS Mary Ann Mayfield of Keystone Heights, age 85, passed away Thursday, November 18, 2021 at Haven Hospice Roberts Care Center in Palatka. Mary was born on October 11, 1936 in Enigma, Georgia to the late Lowell and Nelsie (Pickard) Abell. Prior to retirement, she worked in the field of ministry. She pastored churches in many places including Hammond, Indiana, Brunswick, Georgia, and retired following service at Abundant Life Church in Keystone Heights. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, Curtis Mayfield; seven siblings; son-in-law, Gene Elkins; and grandson, Curtis Andrew Mayfield.



Survivors are: children, Janet L. Mayfield Elkins of Keystone Heights, Julian Andrew (Sandra) Mayfield of Keystone Heights, Victor C. (Barbara) Mayfield of Keystone Heights; brother, Paul Abell; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday, Nov 22 at the Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home Chapel. Interment followed at Keystone Heights Cemetery. Pastor Robert Backwalter officiated the services.

Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 340 E. Walker DR., Keystone Heights (352) 473-3176. www.jonesgallagherfh.com

PAID OBITUARY

Robert Menzen

LAKE BUTLER Robert Erwin Menzen, age 87, passed away peacefully surrounded by his three children on Tuesday, November 16, 2021. He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 62 years, Jane Fallin Menzen, as well as his parents, Velma and EP Menzen. Robert served in the United States Army after his graduation from Melrose High School. Robert spent 30 years managing Hillandale Farms in Lake Butler and after retirement, he and Jane spent time traveling. He also loved hunting, fishing and Florida Gator football.



Robert is survived by his beloved children, Anita (Franz) Lerch, Stacey Chiappini, and Matt Menzen; eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and a sister, Betty Menzen Lewis.

Please join us in a celebration of his life at Trinity Episcopal Church, 204 State Road 26, Melrose, on Friday, Dec. 3, at 10 a.m. The family will receive friends at the church one hour before the service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in Robert's memory to Haven Hospice Development, 4200 NW 90th Boulevard, Gainesville, FL 32606 or Trinity Episcopal Church, PO Box 361, Melrose, FL 32666.

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Steven Miller

STATESBORO Dr. Steven F. Miller, 77, of Statesboro, Georgia passed away unexpectedly Tuesday, November 16 at East Georgia Regional Hospital. He leaves behind his loving wife of 48 years, Julianne Temples Miller of Statesboro; and an adored sister, Wendy Miller of Winterhaven. A long-time resident of Keystone Heights, he moved to Statesboro full-time upon his retirement from Bradford County School system as Director of Information Services. He also served as an auxiliary deputy in Alachua County for over 40 years. Steve was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts, which guaranteed he was forever a Red Sox fan. He moved with his father, Max and mother, Thelma, to the Palm Beach area, graduating from Palm Beach Gardens High School where he was active in sports. He earned a degree in Business Administration at the University of Florida in 1967 and a Master's in Education in 1974. He would go on to receive his PhD in mathematics. Steve worked in education for his entire career starting in 1967, first as a teacher in Bradford County, then moving on to lead the information Services Departments for all of St. Johns County, Clay County and then back to Bradford County. He is remembered fondly by the thousands of students he influenced and inspired over the years and by co-workers who knew him to be a strong leader, but always a gentleman. Steve had many interests. He never stopped serving the community and loved being an auxiliary sheriff's deputy for decades. He kept his police standards current even up to this year in Alachua County. He always enjoyed traveling and after his retirement, he and his wife Julie enjoyed the trip of a lifetime to Paris in 2019. Above all, Steve loved the world and dreamed of peace. Especially loved friends are Bruce Donley, Cathy and George Shriver, Bonnie D. Jaeger, Magina Bullock, Ken Southwell, and Patrick Crawford.



Graveside service and burial were held at Eastside Cemetery on Friday, Nov. 19 with Rabbi Robert Haas officiating. In lieu of flowers the family requests a donation be made to Bradford Education Foundation 501 West Washington Street Starke, FL 32091 Attn: Lila Sellars; marked donations for school, mathematics department. Friends may sign the online register book at www.joineranderson.com.

Joiner-Anderson Funeral Home & Crematory of Statesboro were in charge of arrangements.

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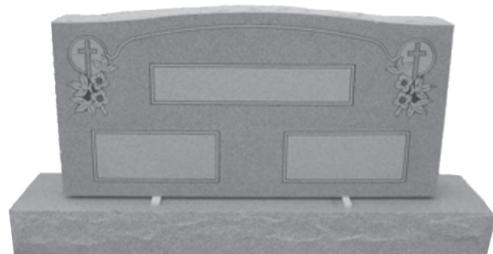
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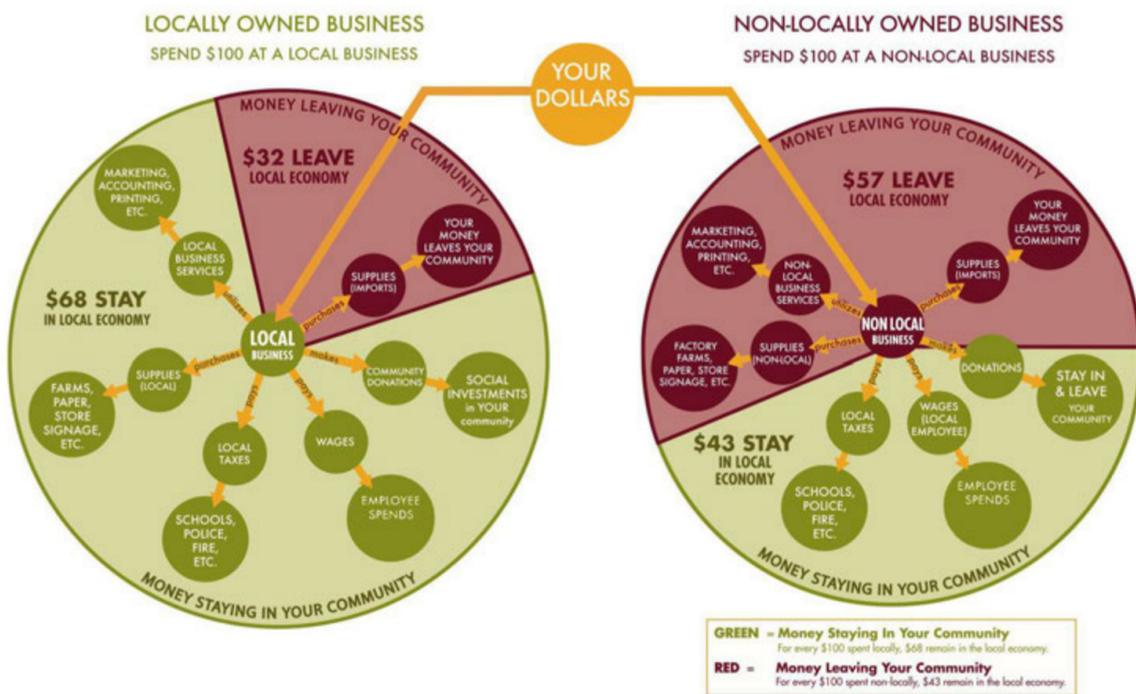
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second quarter, Bennett found Dylan Coston wide open for a 56-yard touchdown. After a successful extra point, the Flashes had tied the game at 14-14.

The Tigers had a good drive going, picking first downs on runs by Daylyn Diston, Cortese and Durant, but another mishandled pitch resulted in a fumble that Hilliard was all over, recovering at the Union 44. The Flashes drove the ball deep into Union territory, but the Tigers' defense, despite being hurt by penalty yardage, held and forced Hilliard to settle for a field goal, which was no good.

Union's offense, feeling a sense of urgency it hadn't experienced since early in the season, went to work. First downs were gained by Daylyn Diston, Cortese, Durant and Zacari Lee, setting the stage for Durant's 9-yard touchdown run. Edwards added the PAT to make the score 21-14 with 2:25 remaining in the first half.

Hilliard, after receiving the second-half kickoff, did pick up two first downs on a run by D.J. Coston and a pass by Bennett, but the Flashes would eventually punt.

The Tigers marched down the field, gaining first downs courtesy of Daylyn Diston, Durant and Cortese. Hilliard's defense, though, made a stand, but Union increased its lead anyway, with Edwards kicking a 33-yard field goal. That made the score 24-14 at the 6:09 mark of the third quarter.

A pass-interference penalty gave Hilliard a first down on its next series. The Tigers' defense had seen enough and

took charge, with Gavin Jenkins stepping in front of a Bennett pass and coming down with an interception.

Union's offense was able to capitalize. With Durant, Daylyn Diston, Crawford, Dayquan Diston and Thompson all alternating carries, the Tigers set Cortese up for a 1-yard touchdown run. Edwards kicked the extra point for a 31-14 lead.

Bennett completed a third-down pass to pick up a first down for the Flashes on the following series, but Daylyn Diston read another pass perfectly, stepping in front of it and taking it back 51 yards for a touchdown with 1:27 left in the third quarter. After Edwards' PAT, the Tigers led 38-14.

The next time the Flashes had the ball, Webb made a tackle for a loss, while Bennett was sacked, with the eventual result being a punt.

Union's offense had finally found its rhythm. The running backs continued to eat up yardage, with Crawford picking up first downs on back-to-back carries. Cortese, who rushed for 114 yards on 11 carries, kept the drive alive on a fourth-down run before later breaking free for a touchdown run. Edwards kicked the extra point to make the score 45-14.

Hilliard began its next drive at the Union 47 and picked up a first down on a run by D.J. Coston. Diston then made his second huge play of the night, intercepting a pass and taking its back for an 85-yard pick-six. Edwards' PAT capped the scoring.

"We had a lot of mistakes in the first half — lots of penalties, which is uncharacteristic of us — and we were backed against the wall," Union Head

Coach Andrew Thomas said, adding, "We had to eliminate the mistakes, eliminate turnovers and missed assignments, and fix things after halftime in order to win the ballgame."

Webb, Trevor Holtzendorf

and Malcolm Odum each had seven tackles to lead the defense. Bresee, Thompson and Webb each had one sack.

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Obituaries

Jacqueline Richardson



BROOKER Jacqueline Richardson, age 84, of Brooker, passed away peacefully at the ET York Haven Hospice in Gainesville. She was born on October 7, 1937, in Brooker, to Lloyd and Grace Barry. She was a graduate of Bradford County High and spent most her adult life in Brooker. She married Sam Crutchfield, and the two of them ran Crutchfield Electrical for many years. After his passing, she retired. She was involved with Gideon's International and a member of Morning Star Baptist Church. She enjoyed working at the church and taught Sunday School classes as her children were growing up. She was preceded in death by her husbands, Samuel Crutchfield and James Richardson; her daughter, Sandra Krajnovich; her sister, Frances Land; brother, Wilbur Barry; and her parents.

Ms. Richardson leaves behind her daughter, Debra (Marvin) Norman; her sister, Helen Crosby; a friend who was more like a son, Tony (Gina) Stalnaker; grandchildren, Joshua (Amanda) Norman, Jason (Lisa) Norman, Jennifer (Alan) Rentas, Jeremy (Chrissy) Parrish, Phillip Stalnaker, Matthew (Erica) Stalnaker, Linn (Tim) Porter; great-grandchildren; Tripp Norman, Stetson Norman, Preston Comstock, CharliAnn Norman, Samantha Harrell, Nicholas Rentas, Noah Rentas, Luke Rentas, Bradley Stalnaker, Tucker Stalnaker, Gracie Porter.

A funeral to honor Ms. Richardson's life was held on Tuesday, Nov 23, at her church, Morning Star Baptist Church located at 11250 W. County Road 18, Lake Butler. She was laid to rest at Dedan Cemetery in Brooker.

Arrangements were under the care and direction of Archer-Milton Funeral Home, Lake Butler. 386-496-2008. www.ArcherFuneralHome.com

PAID OBITUARY

Winnie Watkins

LAKE BUTLER Winnie Lee "Pearl" Watkins, 79, of Lake Butler, died on November 19, 2021 at her residence. She was born in Raiford where she attended and graduated from school. She was employed with the Union County Sewing Apparel and later retired from Starke Uniform as a seamstress. She was married to the late Leon Watkins. She was of the Baptist faith.

She is survived by: two step-sons, Leon Watkins Jr. and Leonard Watkins; numerous step-daughters; brothers, Robert Alexander and L.J. Alexander; sisters, Doris Hayes and Jessie Lewis.

Visitation will be held on Friday, Nov 26, at the Greater Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church with family hour from 4 p.m. until 5 p.m. and friends 5 p.m. until 6 p.m. and one hour prior to the service. The cortege will form at the home of Mrs. Winnie Lee Watkins, 280 Southeast 8 Avenue Lake Butler at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 27. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 27, at the Greater Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church in Lake Butler with Rev. J.W. Warren conducting the services. Interment will be held in Ft. Call Cemetery, Lake Butler under the direction of Haile Funeral Home Inc., 802 North Oak Street, Starke.

Tornadoes fall 38-20 to Pahokee Devils

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

It was a four-point game midway through the third quarter, but host Pahokee simply finished off more drives than the Bradford High School football team, with the Blue Devils winning 38-20 in the Nov. 19 Region 4-1A semifinals.

Pahokee (8-1) travels to Hawthorne (8-0) for the Region 4 championship on Friday, Nov. 26, while the Tornadoes (6-6) saw their season end in the second round of the playoffs for the second straight year.

"Our guys played with heart," Bradford Head Coach Brian Tomlinson said. "They could've come out and felt sorry for themselves, having to travel as far as they did, but they came out playing. They fought to the end."

A 59-yard touchdown run by Willie Pollard midway through the third quarter had the BHS fans who made the four-hour-plus trip rocking, as the Tornadoes had pulled to within four points. The Blue Devils, however, answered with a four-play scoring drive. Bradford never got any closer, though things could've been interesting if running back Manny Covey hadn't come up just inches short of a first down on a fourth-down play from the Pahokee 10-yard line.

"It just wasn't our night," Tomlinson said.

Both offenses struggled at the start, with Bradford averaging 7 yards on its first three possessions and Pahokee committing four penalties on its first two drives, which saw freshman quarterback Austin Simmons misfire on five straight passes after completing his first attempt.

Simmons, who finished 19-of-30 for 193 yards, completed a 12-yard pass to Maurice Collier for a first down at the Bradford 44 on the Devils' third series. Micah Steele then took a handoff and broke two tackles near the line of scrimmage to free himself for a 44-yard touchdown run with 2:07 remaining in the first quarter. Kevin Hernandez



Chalil Cummings (right) pulls down a pass from Amari Jones that helped set the Tornadoes up for their second touchdown in their 38-20 loss to Pahokee in the Region 4-1A semifinals. Photo by Cliff Smelley.

kicked the extra point for a 7-0 Pahokee lead.

Covey returned the ensuing kickoff 24 yards to the Bradford 27. A pass from Amari Jones to Jeremiah Crum gained 31 yards, with a personal-foul facemask penalty tacking on an additional 15 for a first down at the Pahokee 27. Two plays later, Jones, under heavy pressure, rolled to his right and found a wide-open Covey for a 24-yard touchdown. After Hayden Hughes' PAT, the score was knotted up at 7 apiece with 51 seconds left in the opening quarter.

Steele had a 12-yard run to start the Devils' next series, but then found the going tough against the Bradford defense. He was held to no gain on a first-down play and dropped for a 2-yard loss by Sincere Hankerson, Trente Jenkins and others on second down. Chalil Cummings then broke up a pass on third down to force Pahokee to punt.

Starting from their own 25, the Tornadoes promptly picked up a first down on Tez Williams' 10-yard reception. Two plays later, Cummings caught a 12-yard pass for a first down at the 48-yard line. An incomplete pass, after two Jones runs, had Bradford facing fourth-and-5 at the Pahokee 47. The Tornadoes went for it, with Cummings using his strength against a Pahokee defensive back to go up and pull down a pass from Jones for a first down at the 25. An 18-yard run by Covey set up his own 7-yard touchdown run at the 8:17 mark of the second quarter. Hughes added the PAT as the Tornadoes took a 14-7 lead.

It was a lead Bradford held for about only five minutes, as Pahokee answered with a 14-play, 57-yard scoring drive. The Blue Devils failed to pick up a first down after three plays to start that series, but on fourth-and-1, they were able to get the

Tornadoes to jump offside. A tackle by Hankerson limited to Pahokee to just a 1-yard gain on a later pass play and had the Devils looking at third-and-11. They picked up the needed yardage and then some on a 17-yard reception by Collier.

Williams broke up a pass play to force Pahokee into fourth-and-3 at the Bradford 9-yard line, but the Devils picked up the first on Collier's 7-yard reception. Steele eventually scored on a 1-yard run with 3:10 remaining in the first half. Hernandez kicked the extra point to even the score at 14-14.

After a three-and-out by the Bradford offense, Pahokee tacked on another score before halftime. On the first play of a drive that began at the Bradford 40, Simmons hooked up with Collier for a 25-yard gain to the 15. A personal-foul facemask penalty later gave the Devils first-and-goal at the 5. With five seconds left on the clock, Simmons found Keyonvis Bouie in the end zone for a 2-yard touchdown as the Devils took the lead for good.

Steele, who rushed for 159 yards, had a 24-yard run on the first series of the second half, giving Pahokee a first down at the Bradford 28. A 6-yard run by Steele resulted in another first down at the 14. Two plays later, on third-and-3, Chris Strong and others held Steele to a 1-yard gain, setting up fourth-and-2 at the 6. The Devils were penalized for delay of game, so on fourth-and-7, Hernandez kicked a 28-yard field goal to make the score 24-14 at the 7:57 mark of the third quarter.

Jones was able to draw Pahokee's defense offside to pick up a first down on a fourth-down play on Bradford's first series of the half. A 7-yard reception by Dae'Jon Shanks and a 2-yard run by Covey set up third-and-1 at the Bradford 41. Pollard, who had 65 yards on four carries, got the handoff, hit a congestion of bodies at the line of scrimmage and made his way out on the other side, racing his way to a 59-yard score with 6:04 to play in the third quarter.

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Indians' record season ended by Buffalo

BY CHUCK DOWLING
Special to the Telegraph-Times-Monitor

The most successful season in Keystone Heights' football history came to a disappointing end on Nov. 19 when the Indians fell 34-6 to the host Villages Charter Buffalo in the Region 2-4A semifinals. The loss came just one week after a resounding 50-0 home victory over the Umatilla Bulldogs for the school's first ever FHSAA playoff victory.

Keystone (10-2) began with the ball, which head coach Chuck Dickinson always prefers so as to set the tempo. The Villages (11-0) was up for the challenge, though, stopping the Indians on downs at the Buffalo 36.

Taking over in their own territory three minutes into



Quarterback Connor Guy (left), pictured in an earlier game with running back Dalton Hollingsworth, threw a touchdown pass for the Indians' lone score in the Region 2-4A semifinal loss to The Villages. File photo by Cliff Smelley.

the contest, running back Ed Williams (21 carries, 141 yards) went 31 yards to the Tribe 35-yard line. It was the first play in what would ultimately be an eight-play, 56-yard drive that culminated in a 6-yard touchdown run from quarterback Brandon Kennard.

The score would remain the same for the remainder of the opening stanza as the teams would exchange punts. The first quarter ended with the Tribe trailing 7-0.

The second quarter began in the same fashion, as Keystone would again punt the ball away. The Villages took over at its own 25-yard line. This time, the Buffalo would not make it past midfield, as Keystone came up with a big interception to give the Indians the ball at the 48-yard line.

With KHHS deep in TVC territory and looking to make a game of it, two big sacks in a

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Bradford girls fall in OT to Baldwin

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Bradford High School rallied from eight points down, but missed two free throws with no time left in overtime in losing 50-49 to visiting Baldwin in a Nov. 18 girls basketball game.

The Tornadoes (0-2) trailed by four at halftime, mostly thanks to the efforts of Jada Hankerson, who scored 12 of her 24 points in the first half.

Hankerson scored the first points of the second half, driving to the basket, getting her shot to fall and getting fouled in the process. She made the ensuing free throw to leave Bradford trailing 32-21.

Baldwin outscored the Tornadoes 9-2 the rest of the quarter, with three baskets (including a three-pointer) following turnovers.

The Tornadoes held Baldwin scoreless in the fourth quarter until Tenia Thomas made a free throw with 2:02 left in regulation. By that time, Bradford had scored six points. Hankerson had

four of those points, and after Thomas' free throw for Baldwin, Hankerson banked in a three-point shot to tie the score at 42-42.

Ayanna Pringle went to the foul line for Bradford with 22 seconds left. She missed both free throws, but Hankerson grabbed the rebound and dished the ball off to Sky McMillian, who knocked down a jumper with 16 seconds left to put Bradford ahead 44-42.

Baldwin's Aaliyah Williams scored on a layup with seven seconds on the clock to tie the score and force overtime.

A basket by Pringle with 32 seconds remaining in the extra period put Bradford ahead 49-48, but Thomas made two free throws to put Baldwin in the lead for good.

Pringle and Nichelle Brown each scored seven points, while Ajayah Jackson had four. McMillian and Destiny Crum each added three points, while Aniyah Carroll had one.

The Tornadoes, who opened



Jada Hankerson (far right) goes up for a layup as teammate Sky McMillian (far left) looks on. Photo by Cliff Smelley.

the season with a 52-37 loss to Newberry on Nov. 16, host Hamilton County on Tuesday, Nov. 30, at 7:30 p.m. Bradford hosts Newberry and Ridgeview

in 7 p.m. games on Thursday, Dec. 2, and Friday, Dec. 3. The Tornadoes then host North Marion on Tuesday, Dec. 7, at 6 p.m.

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row would force the Indians into a unsuccessful fourth-down situation, and The Villages would take over at its own 29.

The Buffalo would eat up five minutes of clock before a Williams 1-yard touchdown run would put the home side up two scores with just a minute left to play in the half.

Keystone would take over at its own 33 after the kickoff, but could not get anything going before the halftime horn. The Indians, who were outgained 145-70, headed to the locker rooms down 14-0 at the break.

The Tribe kicked off to begin the third quarter, desperately needing a stop to stay in the ballgame. They would not be able to get it. Four minutes into the half, Kennard hit Q Kennedy for a 23-yard touchdown scoring

strike. The point after was missed, but The Villages still led 20-0.

Things got worse fast for Keystone as it had to begin at its own 14-yard line, wasn't able to pick up a first down, and then had a punt blocked, giving the Buffalo the ball at the 15. Another TD pass from Kennard to Kennedy — this time from 2 yards out — made it 27-0 after three quarters of play.

The Indians do not necessarily possess a quick-strike offense, but for most of the season, it has proved to be incredibly efficient. On this drive, it was again. KHHS marched 73 yards down the field, and with nine minutes to play, after a long pass down to the 1-yard line, quarterback Connor Guy rolled out and found Bryar Schenk for the score. The two-point conversion would fail, but the Indians had at least proven that they were capable of putting points on the board in the second

round of the 4A state playoffs.

Leading 27-6, The Villages went right back to putting points on the board. After a T.J. Kennedy 14-yard run to the KHHS 21, Kennard would hit Alvon Issac for the game's final score, and with the PAT, the home side would put the exclamation point on its 34-6 victory.

The Buffalo will now move on to play in the Region 2 final on Friday, Nov. 26, against the Cocoa Tigers (10-1), who beat South Sumter 41-0. The winner will play in the state semifinals.

After the game, Dickinson gave credit where it was due.

"The kids battled, but the Villages is a good football team," he said. "We knew that coming in and that we would have to play a perfect game."

He was certainly proud of his kids and how they did not give up.

"They were prepared," Dickinson said. "(Villages)

Coach (Richard) Pettus knows what we do, and we started young kids this year on the offensive side. They were more experienced, and that is tough when we were a little inconsistent with our blocking."

Keystone Heights, which is the smallest school in the state of Florida's 4A classification, were outgained 285-163. The Indians rushed for 120 yards — well below their average of 351 yards per game. Tyler Jenkins led the team with 61 yards on 16 carries.

Dickinson had this to say about his team's season: "These kids did some things that have never been done around here before, so hats off to them. This season began as soon as last season ended in November. We had a state weightlifting championship, which correlates to success on the football field, and they built a camaraderie and cohesiveness to become the most unselfish team I have ever coached."

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After Hughes extra point, it was a 24-20 game.

It didn't take Pahokee long to answer. Steele took a pass 19 yards to the Bradford 35. Three plays later, Collier, who finished with 129 yards on nine receptions, caught a 31-yard touchdown pass from Simmons. Hernandez added the PAT for a 31-20 Pahokee lead with 3:56 remaining in the third quarter.

Bradford's third series of the half started with an 11-yard run by Covey, who finished with 71 yards on 14 carries. Cummings, who had 84 yards on four receptions, caught a 39-yard pass two plays later for a first down at the Pahokee 16. The Tornadoes hurt themselves with two illegal-procedure penalties, leaving them eventually facing a third-and-18 play. Williams' 14-yard reception set up fourth-and-4 at the 10 early in the fourth quarter. Covey got the call, but was held inches shy of picking up the first down.

"I really thought that was the play to get us there," Tomlinson said. "It didn't work out that

way."

The Tornadoes forced Pahokee to punt on the following series. Bradford's offense took over at its own 33 with 6:47 to play. Jones, who was 15-of-32 for 245 yards, converted a fourth-and-2 play when he hooked up with Williams (five receptions, 57 yards) for a 22-yard gain to the Pahokee 37. Triavez Hankerson later had a 6-yard reception to set up fourth-and-2 at the 29. Jones' pass attempt was incomplete, resulting in a turnover on downs.

Pahokee chewed up most of the remaining 4:38, driving 55 yards for the game's final score. Steele had a 24-yard run on the drive, which also saw Bradford flagged for a personal-foul facemask penalty, which resulted in first-and-goal at the 6. Steele eventually scored on a 1-yard touchdown run with 34 seconds on the clock.

The teams were fairly even in terms of total yardage, with Bradford finishing with 377 to Pahokee's 386.

It may not have been Bradford's night, but Tomlinson knew his players had left it all on the field.

"As a coach, that's all you can ask for — your guys fighting," he said.

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Eden Chalker lifts for the Tornadoes in their season-opening win over Keystone.

Bradford dominant in 3-0 start

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Bradford High School won every weight class and earned four second-place finishes as well in defeating visiting Fleming Island 65-26 in a Nov. 18 girls weightlifting meet.

The Tornadoes, who improved to 3-0, had the following winners: Abbie Markham with a 155 total (80 bench press, 75 clean and jerk) in the 101 class, Hannah McFarland with a 230 total (105, 125) in the 110 class, Mikayla Cooper with a 230 total (105, 125) in the 119 class, Breann Ponce with a 210 total (105, 105) in the 129 class, Allie McFarland with a 240 total (125, 115) in the 139 class, Brianna Jordan with a 350 total (215, 135) in the 154 class, Courtney Comer with a 370 total (235, 135) in the 169 class, Takeirra Bakken with a 315 total (150, 165) in the 183 class, Gabby Oliver with a 340 total (185, 155) in the 199 class and Mahailya

Reeves with a 500 total (315, 185) in the unlimited class.

Finishing in second place were Kristen Hodges with a 175 total (90, 85) in the 129 class, Eden Chalker with a 210 total (110, 100) in the 139 class, Raven Ford with a 240 total (120, 120) in the 154 class and Jessica Traylor with a 380 total (195, 185) in the unlimited class.

Emma Franke placed third in the 169 class with a 210 total (105, 105), while Presley Acree was fourth in the 119 class with a 150 total (75, 75).

Bradford opened the season with a 57-25 win over host Keystone Heights on Nov. 9, with seven lifters winning their classes: Hannah McFarland with a 240 total (105, 135), Cooper with a 230 total (105, 125), Jordan with a 385 total (220, 165), Comer with a 400 total (235, 165), Bakken with a 305 total (145, 160), Oliver with a 335 total (180, 155) and Reeves with a 520 total (335, 185).

Four lifters earned runner-up finishes: Allie McFarland with a 215 total (125, 90), Ford with a 215 total (105, 110), Franke with a 205 total (105, 100) and Traylor with a 365 total (205, 160).

Chalker had a 195 total (105, 90) to place fourth.

On Nov. 15, the Tornadoes won every weight class but one in defeating visiting Fort White 67-15.

Placing first were Markham



With Coach Bryan Griffis spotting, Courtney Comer lifts her way to first in her class in Bradford's latest win over Fleming Island.

with a 160 total (80, 80), Cooper with a 230 total (105, 125), Ponce with a 210 total (105, 105), Allie McFarland with a 230 total (125, 105), Jordan with a 375 total (220, 155), Bakken with a 315 total (145, 170), Oliver with a 335 total (180, 155) and Reeves with a 500 total (315, 185).

Seven lifters earned second-place finishes: Hannah McFarland with a 235 total (105, 130), Acree

with a 150 total (75, 75), Chalker with a 200 total (110, 90), Ford with a 230 total (115, 115), Franke with a 205 total (100, 105) Gabby Honeycutt with a 135 total (65, 70) in the 183 class and Traylor with a 340 total (175, 165).

Hodges was third in her class with a 185 total (90, 95), while Zaya Thompson was third in the unlimited class with a 285 total (150, 135).

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