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Incumbents win big

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Bradford County supported Will Hartley with another landslide vote in his campaign to remain superintendent of schools.

Hartley received 84% of the vote against challenger Alan Bhajan, making him the first superintendent to be reelected in quite some time.

The result was closer in the District 1 county commission race, but still firmly in favor of incumbent Commissioner Carolyn Spooner.

Clay County's race for sheriff went to incumbent Michelle Cook, who beat the former sheriff with 80% of the vote. Robert Alvero won the runoff for school board District 2 with 54% of the vote.

All three counties expressed strong support for former President Donald Trump in his campaign to return to the White House. Votes were still being tallied as of press time to see who would win the 270 electoral votes needed to win the presidency, but he won Florida's electors with 56% of the vote.

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President/Vice President

	Trump	Harris
Bradford	78%	21%
Union	84%	16%
Clay	69%	30%
Florida	56%	44%

U.S. Senator

	Scott	Powell
Bradford	76%	22%
Union	81%	17%
Clay	69%	30%
Florida	56%	43%

U.S. Representative District 3

	Cammack	Wells
Bradford	79%	21%
Union	85%	15%
District	62%	38%

Amendment 3 Recreational Marijuana

	Yes	No
Bradford	50%	50%
Union	45%	55%
Clay	52%	48%
Florida	56%	44%

School Superintendent Bradford County

Will Hartley	84%
Alan Bhajan	16%

Bradford Commission District 1

Shannon Smith	44%
Carolyn Spooner	56%

U.S. Representative District 4

	Bean	Holloway
Clay	72%	28%
District	57%	43%

Amendment 4 Abortion Rights

	Yes	No
Bradford	34%	66%
Union	28%	72%
Clay	44%	56%
Florida	57%	43%

Sheriff Clay County

Michelle Cook	80%
Darryl Daniels	20%

Clay School Board District 2

Robert Alvero	54%
James Hughes	46%

State Representative District 10

	Brannan	Brady
Bradford	79%	21%
Union	84%	16%
District	74%	26%

State Representative District 20

	Sapp	Connolly
Clay	79%	21%
District	75%	25%



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WORTH NOTING

Veterans Day turns 70

American Legion Post 56 and American Legion Post 314 invites you to the 70th anniversary of Veterans Day on Monday, Nov. 11, at 10 a.m. at Charles Schaefer Veterans Memorial Park in Starke. U.S. Army Maj. John Crews (Ret.), JROTC instructor at Bradford High School, will be the guest speaker.

The public is invited to attend this solemn ceremony and pay respect to all military members who have or who are serving.

Veterans Day events in the Lake Region

The city of Keystone Heights will host a veterans breakfast on Friday, Nov. 8, at its beach pavilion. The event begins at 9 a.m., and Mayor Nina Rodenroth will speak. For more information, call city hall at 352-473-4807.

American Legion Post 202 will present a Salute to Veterans on Monday, Nov. 11, at 11 a.m. The city's past Veterans Day ceremonies were held at its cemetery. However, this year's event will be held at the Keystone Heights Theme Park behind city hall.

Collection site closings

All Bradford County solid waste collection sites will be closed Monday, Nov. 11, for Veterans Day. They will reopen Tuesday, Nov. 12, at 10 a.m.

Food distribution at True Vine

A communitywide food distribution hosted by Farm Share and True Vine Ministry will take place Tuesday, Nov. 12 and 26, at 10 a.m. at True Vine Outreach Ministry in Starke.

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

Bradford Fire Rescue named is agency of the year

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Bradford County Fire Rescue is EMS Provider of the Year.

This state-level award was announced last week during the Florida Department of Health Excellence in Emergency Medical Services Awards Ceremony in Naples.

A video of the presentation was played during Tuesday's county commission meeting.

The presenter explained that the agency awarded each year has assumed a leadership role in Florida's EMS system, displaying achievement in quality assurance, patient care, public access, medical control, disaster preparedness, public education and training.

"This agency has upheld a culture of excellence in emergency services, expanding its influence and commitment to high standards well beyond the community it serves," he said, adding the welcoming, inclusive and challenging environment has made it a sought-after location for student internships. In addition to training future professionals, Bradford Fire Rescue regularly updates protocols to mirror new evidence-based practices and provides frequent professional development opportunities for its staff.

Among the achievements was BCFR's founding of a community paramedicine program over the past year using opioid lawsuit settlement funds. The program is addressing substance abuse and other chronic health problems by providing an alternative access to care. It has made Narcan available in several locations to reduce opioid overdoses.

"This agency has built a legacy of excellence in emergency medical services. Their commitment to innovative and community-centered care has set a benchmark for EMS services across the region and beyond."

While accepting the award, Carter thanked Lt. David Weeks and Division Chief Dylan Rodgers for their work, particularly with the paramedicine program, but also the entire team.

"On behalf of Bradford County Fire Rescue, it's a profound honor to accept the EMS Provider of the Year Award. This recognition reflects the dedication, resilience and compassion of our team, the men and women who serve and answer the call unwaveringly



Bradford County Fire Rescue Chief Ben Carter, Lt. David Weeks and Division Chief Dylan Rodgers collect the award in Naples.

in Bradford County," Carter said. "In EMS, excellence is built on moments that can change a life, and our team members dedicate themselves every day to making those moments count. They train tirelessly, stay on the cutting edge of emergency medicine, and bring care and compassion to each person they encounter."

Carter thanked the Florida Department of Health for the award, which celebrates every EMT, paramedic, firefighter and staff member on the team. He said he is proud of them all.

More on paramedicine

The award video was accompanied by a professionally shot video explaining the importance of community paramedicine. Carter was featured in the video along with other EMS professionals from

around the state.

"Community paramedicine has been a concept that's been around for 15 or 20 years, but in Florida, we have been kind of slow to adopt it," explained Michael Leffler, deputy chief for the Bureau of Emergency Medical Oversight. "A community paramedic is an individual that, instead of running on an ambulance, goes out and meets the health care needs of people in the community in a nonemergency environment. In an optimal environment, community paramedicine mobile-integrated health programs integrate into our future health care system by identifying with the trend that we are removing health care from brick-and-mortar facilities and we're bringing it to the person's home."

"People call 911 for help, and what that help

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United for a Cure 5K Walk strolls into third year

Share the cause.
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BY AMBER J. CRAFT
Special to the Telegraph

More than 120 pairs of sneakers hit the sidewalk at Lake Butler Hospital on Sunday, October 26, for the third annual United for a Cure 5K Walk, which supports families, friends, and loved ones who have survived cancer and those still battling the disease.

The mood was festive and decorative. Sun-kissed shoulders were sprinkled with colorful feather boas and a homemade helping of hope and optimism for a cure. Team t-shirts shouted out color-coded declarations of support for their loved ones and the type of cancer they were battling, declaring a kind of visual unity for all to see that they were in this fight together.

The participants ranged from infants to seniors, with elementary school-aged children



(L-R) Carita Wall, Mendy Whitaker and Tina Lloyd



Cassie Driggers

chasing each other and weaving in between the crowd as they

awaited the event's start. Moms with baby joggers, seniors using canes, and a few adults in wheelchairs took to the pavement to walk the 5K course—all showed up and completed what they committed to starting.

Union County Sheriff's Office deputies were present to manage traffic flow and ensure safety for all involved.

The proceeds raised stay in the community to help local residents battling cancer with expenses such as gas, prescriptions, transportation, and preventative screenings which can make the financial difference for many Union County residents who may not otherwise as easily be able to get the care they need. This year's donations reached \$50,000 with the help of business sponsors and individual donors.

But it's much more than a day of walking; it's a sacred peek into an up close and personal time with souls who all wear battle scars in some form.

Whether in physical form on their skin or emotional scars from watching those they love fight. It's bearing witness while running the gamut of emotions — helplessness, defiance, indomitable determination, surrender and faith. It's realizing that as a stranger looking in, we are all intertwined with this disease and have, at some point, come into the community with someone who has cancer, whether we knew it or not. And that means we're all really just a fingertip away from reaching out to comfort or show up for a neighbor who may be struggling to fight through cancer's dark reputation of fear.

'Team Cassie' Continues the Fight

In 2001, Cassandra "Cassie" Driggers, President of Liberty Trucking, LLC, was first diagnosed with ovarian cancer.

"I went through the chemotherapy treatments right away and lost my hair," Driggers said. In 2023, Driggers had a recurrence of the disease.

Upon hearing her sister's diagnosis, Driggers' sister, Carita Wall, and some other ladies decided to put their energies into one cause.

"When Cassie was diagnosed with ovarian cancer, about a year after treatment, it was placed on my heart along with several other ladies to do a cancer walk," Wall said.

Wall, Tina Lloyd, Mendy Whitaker, and Jill Walding, United for a Cure's members, reached out to The American Cancer Society and organized a walk.

"Those funds went to The American Cancer Society, which is a good organization. But the next year, we decided we wanted to form our own United for a Cure organization and get our own 501-c so that we could control the funds and have them put back into our community," Wall stated. "We've helped 22 people this past year in the

community." Wall was candid about the strain that cancer puts on a family.

"Cancer is not only a physical strain on the family but an emotional strain on the family. Our mother died of cancer. But for some reason, it hit me as far as how much of an emotional battle it is and a hardship."

That strain spawned the question, and later action, for these ladies—what can we do in our community to help people going through this?

The outcome surprised them all, according to Wall.

"The outpouring of support. It was not like, 'Let me think about it.' It was, 'Yeah, how much can I give?'"

Mendy Whitaker agreed: "It really opened my eyes to how many people around you are affected. Just in our little office of eight people, I think half of us have had some type of cancer or know somebody who's had cancer. So being able to see the people and help them has just been amazing."

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We apologize if we did not receive or include all names of veterans who gave the ultimate sacrifice in the information above as our sources were limited and may not have been 100% accurate. If you want to forward a correction or veteran who was not included for future recognition, please send the details to johnnyan@bctelegraph.com. Please include all relevant information about the veteran and your contact information as well.

Jail programs help offer second chance at a better life

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
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Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. Substance abuse and mental health treatment. Spiritual counseling. A list of self-help alternatives to avoid hitting rock bottom.

For inmates at the Bradford County jail who have already bottomed out, these and similar programs are key to getting back what they've lost — or had little opportunity to attain.

Detailed in an overview prepared by Maj. Dawn McKinley and her staff, the programs address everything from wellness and spiritual transformation to further education and career readiness.

McKinley oversees the jail as chief of the sheriff's correction bureau, and while public presentations aren't her forte, she received nothing less than glowing praise for her leadership from the leader himself during his presentation to the county commission during a recent meeting.

"It's just amazing how many programs there are," Sheriff Gordon Smith said. "She runs a tough jail, and she's phenomenal. ... 'Most sheriffs can't go to sleep at night because of the jail. ... I've never had to do that. My 16 years, I've been blessed."

Commissioner Diane Andrew's called her "a diamond." McKinley said she wanted to put together a book so public officials and the community would know what opportunities

and resources inmates are offered while incarcerated.

"I've been at the sheriff's office for 36 years and have seen generations come through the doors. This is something I have always had a heart for. If one program or some counseling could help to change how someone sees the world and make better choices, then it's a good day," McKinley said. "These people are our neighbors and live in our community, I would love to know something we were able to offer them at their lowest point, made a difference."

Some offerings are less surprising, such as the volunteer-led Alcohol Anonymous meetings, or the substance abuse program offered with assistance from Meridian Behavioral Healthcare. AA offers peer support through the 12-step program, while Meridian provides the curriculum and support to assist inmates in making better choices so they can avoid the legal, physical and emotional consequences of substance abuse.

Meridian is also involved in mental health counseling, which can be offered twice a week with the help of the Bradford Health Department. The health department offers individual counseling, while Meridian offers group sessions. Both offer information about post-incarceration services and resources. Lee Hardenbrook from Meridian and Dan Fox from the health department oversee these

programs. A peer specialist with Meridian is now screening everyone who comes into custody for drug dependency. Addicts and at-risk individuals are referred for services while incarcerated and after release. The Face It Group also helps prepare inmates for life after incarceration. Stephanie Sapp and Jennifer Lake with Probation and Parole offer instruction on what to expect while on probation and how to make it through probation successfully, including offering employment assistance for convicted felons.

Faith is the backbone of many programs. Multiple volunteer ministry groups visit to share the gospel, pray with individuals, and provide religious discussion and activities. Counseling with "Pastor B" — Byron Ramseur — is also offered through Chat with a Chaplain.

Volunteers Helen Haverty and Amy Gandy offer a pair of creative courses for women. One focuses on art and writing, the other on gardening. Each 10-week series has at its foundation in scriptural lessons on values such as forgiveness and reconciliation or challenges such as self-doubt



and pride. While they are working on skills such as constructing garden beds, they are planting the seeds for a better life.

"I am grateful and thankful for providing

the art and gardening class programs," M. Mendoza said. "The program gave us a way for self-transformation and as a group we able to have open dialogue and genuine connections to build a supportive community that values positive change." M. Mendoza

"I started art class on last Thursday. At first, I thought they were going to provide doodle and what not. Come to find out it is a spiritually based program was surprising yet satisfying. It is very organized, fun and hands on. I look forward to next week. The instructor is so down to earth, humble, funny, and humanized if I can say that," G. Marshall said.

Inmates have access to tablet-based reentry courses that offer instruction in finances, setting goals, developing skills and obtaining a higher education. They aren't just ways to pass the time. Through completion of these and other self-improvement courses, inmates earn certificates of achievement to add to their

portfolio. More than 1,000 certificates were earned in July and August alone in courses like anger management, career resources, contemporary technology, entrepreneurship, family reunification, physical and mental health, job readiness, substance abuse, time management and others.

"They're doing something with their time. While they're there, they are learning something," Sheriff Smith said.

Inmates also learn while being of service to the sheriff's office. For example, they work with animal services to clean kennels, feed and care for animals, teach basic obedience and prepare for adoption events like the Reading to Animals children's event at the public library.

There are various ways they contribute to the maintenance of the sheriff's office and jail, including learning to work with air conditioning, electrical and plumbing jobs, painting and other general maintenance. They also gain experience in vehicle detailing by working on the county's fleet.

Inmates have access to a digital library of nearly 300 volumes to improve their literacy. Sara Darwin for CareerSource North Central Florida assists inmates in applying for benefits and job seeking, including resume writing. They also have access online skill-building courses through CareerSource.

CareerSource's Joseph Borek works specifically with disabled

veterans on employment, skills and housing assistance. Reva Scippio with the Veterans Justice Program helps ensure that incarcerated veterans have access to VA medical, mental health and substance abuse benefits.

Each program in its own way grows chances for success and reduces the likelihood of recidivism.

"We don't want them coming back. We don't want to leave a light on for them. We want to turn it off, so they don't ever come back," Smith said.

The jail received positive comments following a recent unannounced inspection as further kudos to McKinley and her staff. County commissioners and staff shared their respect and appreciation following the sheriff's presentation.

McKinley also wanted to thank the coordinator who oversees all programs and organized the program overview.

"She is worth her weight in gold," McKinley said. "Her complete salary is paid out of the inmate welfare fund at no cost to our taxpayers."

She further thanked the medical team, command staff and correctional deputies, all of whom play a huge role in the entire day in and day out process, she said.

"Most importantly, without Sheriff Smith's unyielding support, none of it would be possible. He loves his community and believes in second chances," McKinley said.

Lawtey turns down fire-rescue agreement with county

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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During Lawtey's Nov. 4 council meeting, Council Member Emily Hoffman's motion to approve a memorandum of understanding between Lawtey and Bradford County died for lack of a second. The agreement would have clarified the terms under which the county would use Lawtey's fire station.

Hoffman said the only remaining sticking point for the city was the county's insistence that the city pay the utility bill for the station.

Fire Chief Ben Carter said that the city has always paid the station's electric bill and that the county is funding approximately \$750,000 a year for fire personnel, with additional salaries for EMS staff.

Carter acknowledged the city's donation of a fire truck to the county but added that the vehicle needs \$30,000 in repairs and that the county's truck ownership relieves the town of insurance costs for the apparatus.

City Clerk Lisa Harley said the monthly power bill for the fire station averages around \$600.

Now, the county is operating out of the station without an agreement with the city, and the city is footing the Florida Power and Light bill.

Fire rescue wins statewide award

Carter announced that the

Florida Department of Health awarded his department its top Emergency Medical Services designation last month.

"We are incredibly proud of that," he said. "It's the highest honor the Department of Health gives for fire rescue regarding EMS."

Carter also reported that Medic 5 ran 76 calls from the Lawtey station during October and that Engine 50 responded to 79 calls.

"You'll notice that the engine actually ran more calls than the medic unit," he told council members. "What we've been trying to do is to limit the number of unnecessary trips out of the station for the ambulance. So, if it's a fallen patient and they just need assistance up and to get back into their chair or something like that, we'll just send the engine by itself and not send the rescue unit, just to try and mitigate some of its call volume and keep mileage and everything off of the ambulances."

Complaints about speeding, roads, and parking

Attendee Vyunda Strong complained about speeding on Lake Street and asked why a caution light was removed from a city intersection. She also complained about the lack of maintenance on Middleburg Road and other streets on the east side of the CSX railroad tracks, the city's lack of economic

growth, the council's inaction on various topics, and where City Attorney Dan Sikes parked his truck before the council meeting began.

Harley said the caution light was removed because it was obsolete and no longer working.

A representative from Lawtey Police said the department has stepped up traffic enforcement on Lake Street but that, "If you go fishing, you ain't going to catch all the fish."

Citizen John Mercier asked about progress on the city's website.

Harley responded that she had located a provider who agreed to set up the site for \$2,000 and host it for \$100 a month.

Water and general funds up \$160K

Mayor Jimmie Scott reported that through September, the city's water fund had a surplus of \$96,553, and the general fund had excess revenues of \$64,498.

Jill Shea of Reddish and White presented the city's 2022-2023 audited financial statements, which reported excess revenues of \$64,936 for the year ended September 30, 2023, and excess revenues of \$9,999 the year before.

The accountant noted that 38% of the city's water fund revenues came from one customer: Lawtey Correctional Institution.

Shea also said that as of September 30, 2023, Lawtey still

owed nearly \$2 million to the U.S. Department of Agriculture for bonds issued in 2006 and 2016.

The debt financed improvements to the city's water and sewer system. The 2006 bonds are payable in annual installments, including interest at 4.5% per annum, on September 1 of each year. The final payment is due in 2044.

The 2016 bonds are payable in annual installments on September 1 of each year, including interest of 2.625% per annum.

Debt and interest payments total \$109,132 annually through 2044, with lesser amounts due afterward because of the satisfaction of the 2006 bond issue.

Forecasted principal and interest payments from 2024 through 2055 total \$2,993,606.

Recreation board to be reduced

The council approved the publication of an ordinance reducing the city's recreation board from seven to five members.

During previous meetings, council members said that

the measure would reduce the number of meetings canceled due to lacking a quorum.

The ordinance must pass twice during two separate council meetings for adoption.

Passing of former council members

Scott announced that two former council members died in October.

Russ Miscally passed away on October 23 in Orlando. The Jacksonville native worked

for CSX before retiring from Jacksonville Fire Rescue.

Wayne Massey died on October 28. In addition to his service on the city council, the 1957 Bradford High School graduate served in the U.S. Army and Florida National Guard and retired from the Florida Forestry Service.

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Letters

Thanks from Brooker

Dear Editor:
The town of Brooker would like to thank Bradford County Fire Rescue, Ben Carter, chief of fire rescue, for the help the town received during hurricanes Helene and Milton. We were contacted by Ben and asked if the county could house personnel and equipment at the City Hall/Community Center location before the storms arrived.

This is the first time our facility and grounds have been used before any storm in our area. The citizens and town council appreciated knowing we had help on hand before it was needed.

Also, we would like to thank the Maintenance/Road department for cutting down a big tree that was blocking the road and other work they have done for us.

Again, we would like to thank everyone that helped keep us safe during the latest storms in our county.

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New clerk loves Lake Region's friendliness

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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The City of Keystone Heights's new clerk said she loves the city's friendliness and that its neighborly culture more closely resembles that of her childhood home in Arkansas.

Stephanie Silva told the Keystone Heights Rotary Club during its Wednesday, October 30 meeting that she felt out of place living in Gainesville while working for the Alachua County Clerk's Office.

"My first day in Gainesville, I said hi to somebody, and they said, 'Who are you talking to?'" Silva recalled. "It was very scary."

"I was not a fan of Gainesville," the city clerk continued. "I'm sorry for anybody who comes from there. It was a lot for me, coming from Arkansas. It was very busy."

Silva added that after moving to the Lake Region in 2019, she applied for the city clerk's job four years later to work closer to home.

The 10-month city employee said that of the dozen people the municipality employs, only four have been there longer than her.

Silva also recounted her work in Alachua County, which included stints in file retention, library billing, facilities contracts, minutes, child support



City Clerk Stephanie Silva

auditing, jury management, probate court, and mental health court.

The clerk told the Rotarians about the local government's renewed efforts in events, highlighting two events that were previously produced by nonprofits but are now managed by the city: Boo on the Boulevard and Our Country Day.

She added that upcoming events include a Veterans' breakfast on November 1, the Veterans Day ceremony on November 11, the Parade of Trees Lighting on November 30, and a Christmas Market on December 14.

Lake Region Kiwanis will produce its Christmas parade and After Glow Party on December 14.

Clay school board looks at internal audits

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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The Clay County School Board discussed forming an internal audit committee during its October 29 workshop.

Representatives from RSM told school board members that their firm is the fifth-largest public accounting firm in the

nation. They briefed school board members on the requirements of the Florida statutes regarding school board internal audits.

RSM's Matthew Blondell told board members that in 2019, the Florida Legislature passed a law requiring districts with revenues exceeding \$500 million to hire an internal auditor. He added that soon thereafter, the Department

of Education issued letters stating that districts could hire outside firms to perform the work instead of employing an auditor.

Blondell, a Clay County Public Schools graduate, said internal audits might include verifying account balances and evaluating internal controls. They may also examine operational issues that go beyond traditional accounting

audits. School Board Attorney Jeremiah Blocker told members that the district's internal audit plan and evaluation of audit results would be approved by a citizen committee with one school board member on the panel.

WALK

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Driggers continues to draw strength from her family and the organization's cause to continue the fight.

You ARE "other people"

Wife, mother, and thyroid cancer survivor Carly Loznicka, 27, was a guest speaker at the event. She worked full-time throughout her cancer treatment. A volunteer with a servant's heart, Loznicka was already involved with the Rotary Club and had participated in United for a Cure's event two years running when she learned of her own diagnosis. Always ingrained with an adamant personality trait to survive and take care of others first, Loznicka was suddenly faced with being the one who needed to be cared for by others.

"It's interesting when you start doing things for other organizations, and you never think that you will have to reap the benefits from that organization," Loznicka said.

Loznicka was having lunch with Lloyd when she told her about her diagnosis. It was then that Lloyd suggested she apply.

"Miss Tina said, 'Carly, why don't you apply for United for a Cure?' And I said, 'No, that's for other people. And she said, 'Now you are other people.'"

Loznicka knew she was right and applied. She sought treatment at The Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa, which ultimately resulted in thyroid removal surgery and a positive road to recovery. It was United for a Cure's support that enabled her to receive gas cards and other financial resources, which made the multiple trips to and from Tampa while still working around her full-time schedule.

"I think I would want people to know that God's going to bring people to you during your time of need. Don't ever stop praying," she said.

As United for a Cure's cause gains growing awareness, more sneakers pound the pavement each year in solidarity and hope that one day, the path will end with a cure.

More information about how to apply for this assistance is on the organization's website - UnitedForACureInc.com.

Information about the organization is also available on its Facebook page, United for a Cure, Inc.



Braxton Wynn and London Halle both 8 years old.

Veterans Day Ceremony at UCHS

The Union County School District invites all veterans and their families to join us for a special ceremony on Monday, Nov. 11. Beginning at 9 a.m., the

program will be held in the Union County High School Auditorium, located at 1000 S. Lake Ave. in Lake Butler.

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

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Conservation board setting goals, raising visibility

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
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Bradford Soil and Water Conservation District reported on its activities and budget during the county commission's Oct. 17 meeting.

Amy Morie made the presentation on behalf of the other BSWCD board members, offering recap as well as a look at their goals.

Soil and water conservation boards are being held to new standards, including the requirement to establish goals and objectives as well as performance measures to evaluate their progress. By the end of next year, they must prepare an annual report detailing which of these goals were achieved and which were not.

"Because this is a kind of first pass at this process for the Bradford Soil and Water Conservation Board, I really want to kind of go through what we have been working on and use this as a chance to check in with our county commission, with other local governments, with our law enforcement and emergency management, economic development, all those kind of factors that kind of play into what we do and where our programs can be most effective," Morie said.

They pay a lot of attention to stormwater and flooding. Morie pointed out the work of Board Member Paul Still in monitoring water levels. They offer technical

assistance when contacted about issues related to flooding and contributing factors. They also try to connect citizens with resources, including funding.

Their work includes testing water quality, encouraging best management practices for land and water resources, and monitoring and managing the presence of invasive plant species.

"We've recently, in the last year, really kind of stepped up our efforts to reach the local landowners," Morie said.

This effort to educate landowners included holding the first in what they hope will be an annual event, bringing together experts from environmental, forestry and wildlife agencies to meet with the public, offer presentations and answer questions. The dinner was sponsored and did not cost taxpayers. The board has also started a series of tours.

"The first one we did was on a 3,000-acre timber property that has conservation easements that actually help them to manage that property. And we had a couple of landowners that came on that tour that had signed their properties up for conservation easements," she said.

Morie said citizens attend their bimonthly meetings to share what they are experiencing as lake residents or landowners in terms of erosion, flooding or invasive species. They've been partnering with other the UF/IFAS Bradford Extension

for events like Arbor Day and engaging youth in educational events with interactive exhibits. They further provide support to local youth through programs like 4-H.

In all, the more than 2,500 volunteer hours provided by the five board members was worth close to \$75,000 to the public, Morie said. Yet the BSWCD budget is just \$5,000, which has been split nearly equally between operations, water, public education and youth services.

The plan for the 2023-24 budget included \$1,300 for water level and quality monitoring, with a nearly equal amount spent on youth support at the Bradford County fair. Plans changed during the year, with money shifting to help with the removal of aquatic plants from Lake Sampson as a flood mitigation measure.

"I really thank you guys for being open to that project," Morie said. "We're looking at a new way that we can try to address these problems without incurring all of the expense. I'm a big proponent of I don't want to hear the complaint, I want to hear the solution. So, we are going to try to come to these problems with solutions that cost less, that are easier to maintain going forward."

The proposed budget this year includes \$1,500 each for water and flooding programs and youth support and education. \$500 was budgeted for invasive species, with around \$300 for



Hope NHS adds new members

Hope Christian Academy hosted its National Honor Society induction ceremony. Pictured are members and new inductees: (front to back, l-r) Gunner Lofton, Lacey Depoe, Anne Amis, Autumn Hunt, Elizabeth Amis, Natalie Lowe, Luke Drew, Benjamin Whalen, Zachary Hansen, Jude Hanson, Danielle Thomas, Carlene Carr, Tavian Frazier, Alyssa Hunt and Wyatt Gauthier. Not pictured is sponsor Rachel Morgan.

owner and operator education. The remainder was budgeted for operating expenses, including state fees, travel and supplies.

Morie talked about the future and creating a matrix that attempts to address the concerns of the various local governments, agencies and landowners. Then they can look for support by evaluating potential funding sources as well as programs to further board member knowledge and training. Of course, they will have to work on getting those goals and objectives on paper and evaluating their progress for annual reports going forward.

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Promised Land distributes food

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Special to the Times

While the City of Lake Butler hosted Farm Share food program provides needed food to residents of Union County, more options and opportunities are needed in the county to make sure all residents have enough to eat. While larger counties have food banks and other sources for people in need of a little help, little else has been available, until now.

Promised Land Family Ministries began a monthly food distribution some time ago, the program is growing. Promised Land founders Rebecca and John Hall, wanted to create a program closer to Providence to pose less of a trip for clients and to also increase the amount of food available in the county to hungry families. So far, in 2024, the program has provided food to an average of 500 people each month. At the last food distribution, on Oct. 24, 2024,

145 families were served. The food bags included meats, fresh produce, canned goods, bottled water/drinks and bakery products.

Promised Land has partnered with the Gainesville Bread of the Mighty program to supply most of the food they distribute. Food is donated to the Gainesville program by a number of local businesses that sell food. The donated food is short-dated or just-expired but is still fresh and totally safe and wholesome to eat. All donated items are examined by Promised Land staff and volunteers when it is received, then stored as appropriate in shelves, in a refrigerator or in a freezer. All meats are received frozen and stay that way, taken out of the freezer only in time for the distribution.

Distribution day is a busy one at Promised Land, with 15-20 volunteers arriving early, except those who must wait until they get out of school for the day. Canvas Church in Alachua and

Impact Family Church in High Springs members come out to volunteer, as do (for the first time) members of the Union County 4-H program, accompanied by 4-H Youth Development Agent Meagan Daniel. Many individuals from throughout the community often volunteer as well. The program is 100% volunteer led. The volunteers are kept busy sorting, examining and storing food items and packing them into bags to be distributed. Promised Land always receives at least three pallets of food and, at one distribution, received 11. While they never know exactly what they will get there is always a minimum of one pallet each of protein, produce and baked goods.

"We want to be a blessing to our community and share God's love by meeting practical needs, like feeding people," Promised Land Co-Founder Rebecca Hall said.

Promised Land is always looking for volunteers for their programs, as well as individuals and businesses interested in sponsoring their event.

The food distributions take place monthly, on the afternoon of the fourth Thursday at 3:30 p.m. The distribution is drive-up, and volunteers will assist in loading the food into the vehicles. The dates will be different for the months of November and December, due to the necessity of working around the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. The November distribution is set for the Nov. 21, while the December distribution is scheduled for Dec. 19 – both events will begin at 3:30 p.m.

North Florida Land Trust 25th Anniversary in Keystone

North Florida Land Trust is celebrating 25 years and looking forward to the future with an event at its Smith Lake Preserve and the launch of its end-of-year campaign. On Saturday, Nov. 9, NFLT invites the community to the preserve at 5525 Christian Camp Road in Keystone Heights to celebrate its 25 years of land conservation. The party will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. It is free and open to the public, but the nonprofit asks people to register at <https://www.nflt.org/2024/09/05/nflts-25th-anniversary-celebration/> to allow planning for food, drinks and trail rides.

"We invite everyone to join us at Smith Lake Preserve, home to our stewardship department, to tour the property that we preserved in 2019 and to celebrate all that we have accomplished since our inception in December of 1999," said Allison DeFoor, president and CEO of NFLT. "We have preserved over 40,000 acres over the last 25 years and are nowhere near done. We remain steadfast in our focus to preserve the most ecologically, agriculturally and historically significant lands in North Florida. It is now or never."

NFLT's 25th Anniversary Celebration, sponsored by The Roberts Companies and Heidja and Michel Kruse, will include trail rides through Smith Lake Preserve on the nonprofit's new

trail buggy. Food from Mission BBQ will be served, and guests can enjoy live music by The Remedy Tree. The event is rain or shine, but there will be a large, covered area if it does rain. The terrain at Smith Lake Preserve can be varied and uneven. Those needing special accommodations should contact NFLT at development@nflt.org or 904-559-4157.

As NFLT celebrates 25 years of conservation, it is looking ahead to special places that still need protecting with the launch of its end-of-the-year fundraising campaign, which has a goal of \$525,000. NFLT's board of directors has offered a match for the first \$25,000 of donations received. The nonprofit land conservation organization depends 100 percent on community contributions for its operating costs. To contribute to the campaign and become a part of the mission to save natural spaces, visit <https://www.nflt.org/take-action/>.

Church of God food distribution

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

GardenFest returns to Starke

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

On Friday, Nov. 15, GardenFest will be held at the Gov. Charley E. Johns Conference Center in Starke. Bradford County extension agent Luke Harlow will speak on "Integrating Art and Hardscape in the Garden." The next speaker, Beverly Williams, is an NGC-accredited master flower show judge. Her topic is "Container Grown Fairy Gardens." Sandy Dixon, a member of the Jacksonville Rose Society, will speak on "Rose Gardening." Dr. John Rossi, who has a passion for palm trees and Florida plants, founded the St. Johns Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve, which is the subject of his presentation.

Besides speakers, the garden clubs of District IV will be selling items of interest to gardeners, including plants. The event runs from 9 a.m. to 2:40 p.m. The registration fee of \$20 (\$25 at the door) includes morning refreshments and beverages. Attendees are asked to bring their own lunch and coffee cup.

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Boo in the Boulevard is 'Bootacular'

Halloween characters strolled the streets of Keystone Heights

BY JENN SAMSEL
Special to the Monitor

South Lawrence Boulevard (State Road 21) from Dunkin Doughnuts to city hall shut down for trick-or-treaters during the city's Boo-On-the-Boulevard event on Thursday, October 31.

The streets were packed on both sides of the road, and many people patiently waited to grab treats, filling their bags or buckets with candy. Even the doggies got something.

The event gets bigger and better each year. There was a fun photo booth, several food truck vendors, and a band this year.

Even the sheriff's office joined in on the fun, with their car decorated. One officer was in a fun dinosaur costume while the rest of the staff ensured the streets stayed safe.

"It was a very refreshing evening!" said Janice Goetzman, a Woman's Club Board Member. "Beautiful weather, and unlike experiences in the past, it was nice to have trick-or-treaters who were polite and respectful and parents accompanying them appreciatively. The costumes were unique, and it was nice to see many homemade ones."

Realtor Todd Beals, whose office is across Lawrence Boulevard from city hall, said that in his eight years of participating in the event, this year's Boo was the best.

"We had more businesses this



Debra Moore and Christine Hankin of Aging True.

year that asked if they could have a spot in front of our office than ever before," he said. "The turnout of people was amazing. We heard nothing but positive feedback from everybody that we talked to. We walked around to the different food trucks and asked them how they felt about the event, and we got all positive feedback, some that said they brought extra stuff and almost every year."

The president of the Rotary Club and an active Kiwanian also credited the city with organizing the event, noting that public works personnel spent the day preparing for it.

Beals, who operates Team

Beals—Lake Area Realtors with his wife, Debbie, added that he saw city council members walking the boulevard and interacting with trick-or-treaters.

Two blocks north, Patricia Hatch of Hatch Realty Services said the city did a wonderful job taking the event over from the Keystone Business Association.

"Family-friendly event for all ages," she said. "It is a great small-town community, bringing laughter and fun for all ages. This event would never happen without our local business owners, organizations, and citizens. Our community is extremely devoted to service, and it is an honor to be a part of it."



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The Rotary Club's Brent Bathurst and Shelley Gibbs.

Craft Fair and Expo

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New Bethel anniversary service

New Bethel Missionary

Baptist Church cordially invites everyone to its 109th church anniversary on Sunday, Nov. 10. At the 11 a.m. Memorial Service, past member Minister Andrew Patterson will speak. True Vine Outreach Ministry will be in charge of the 3 p.m. Fellowship Service. Dinner will be served after each service.

Crime

Recent arrests in Bradford, Union and Clay

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

Bradford

Richard Aldrich, 53, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 29 for failure to appear.

Seth Baker, 24, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 30 for assault and battery.

Erick Bay, 50, of Lawtey, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 28 for contempt of court.

Jeremy Gibson, 41, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 26 for DUI.

Gabrielle Hendrieth, 38, of Lawtey, was arrested by Bradford deputies on November 1 for withholding support and an out-of-county warrant.

Kelli Johns, 48, of Hampton, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 30 for possession of drugs and possession of drug equipment.

William Kapellen, 36, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 30 for a probation violation.

William Martin, 56, of Graham, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 31

for an out-of-county warrant.

William Maust, 45, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 31 for battery.

Jason Michael, 48, of Live Oak, was arrested by Bradford deputies on November 1 for driving with a suspended or revoked license, possession of drugs, possession of drug equipment, and resisting an officer.

David Mobley, 55, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 26 for burglary, criminal mischief, and vehicle theft.

Kathryn Mullins, 27, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 26 for DUI.

Kadreda Rhines, 28, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 29 for possession of drugs and possession of drug equipment.

Alvin Stinson, 38, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Bradford deputies on November 1 for a probation violation.

Traver Tetstone, 32, of Brooker, was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 29 for possession of drug equipment.

Union

Daniel Casillas, 41, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Union deputies on November 3 for battery and disturbing the peace.

William Lewis, 41, of Booth, Texas, was arrested by Union deputies on November 1 for possession of cocaine, possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and possession of marijuana.

Dexter Lumford, 52, of Lake

Butler, was arrested by Union deputies on November 1 for an out-of-county warrant.

Candace Mach, 35, of Lake City, was arrested by Union deputies on November 1 for battery.

Latavius McCutchen, 21, of Starke, was arrested by Union deputies on October 30 for possession of over 20 grams of marijuana.

Kyle Oltmer, 35, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Union deputies on October 30 for an out-of-county warrant.

Lance Osteen, 63, of High Springs, was arrested by Union deputies on October 31 for fraud-impersonation.

Galven Parrish, 45, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Union deputies on October 31 for a probation violation.

Christopher Truett, 47, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Union deputies on October 29 for a probation violation and an out-of-county warrant.

Clay

Bruce Trautman, 53, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Clay deputies on October 30 for domestic battery.

Sex in the prison library

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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A 63-year-old Union County woman pleaded not guilty to sexual misconduct with a state inmate after being accused of performing oral sex in the law library of Union Correctional Institution.

According to a Department of Corrections Inspector General affidavit, Laura A. Yonn was

employed as a library technical assistant at U.C.I. when, on September 30, a video camera in the law library allegedly captured images of the 63-year-old and the inmate slipping into a staff bathroom for nine minutes.

"During the time in the bathroom, L.T.A. Yonn and (the inmate) were seen hugging and being romantic towards each other," wrote an investigator in the affidavit. "Also, after (the inmate) leaves the bathroom, L.T.A. Yonn is seen stepping out of the bathroom door in what appeared to be just a bra covering her chest area and retrieving napkins."

In an interview with a detective, the inmate initially denied any personal relationship with Yonn. However, after being shown the video, he admitted to hugging and kissing the defendant but denied any sexual contact with her.

The defendant also initially denied a personal relationship with the inmate but changed her story after being shown the video.

"After being shown the fixed-wing video, L.T.A. Yonn advised that she and (the inmate) had been involved in a sexual encounter on that day, September 30, 2024," wrote an inspector. "Specifically, she advised she performed oral sex on (the inmate)."

Probation for Instagram threat

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An 18-year-old Lawtey man was sentenced to 30 months' probation after pleading to threatening a woman on Instagram.

According to court papers, on June 18, the victim complained to Bradford deputies that Richard Michael Hatala threatened her. She provided a screenshot to officers in which the defendant



Hatala



Jackson

allegedly wrote, "I will kill you dead ass."

According to a sworn complaint, Hatala admitted to making the threat in response to the victim's claims that he had sexually assaulted her. Hatala added that the woman's claims were false.

Hatala also asserted that the victim had previously threatened him.

The 18-year-old spent 56 days in pre-trial detention at the Bradford County Jail.

Judge James M. Colaw withheld adjudication in the case and prohibited the defendant from contacting the victim or possessing firearms during supervision. The judge also ordered Hatala to undergo a mental health evaluation.

10 years after 2nd probation violation

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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A 29-year-old Starke man initially sentenced to two years in prison and three years' probation for robbery was sent back to state custody for 10 more years after a drug arrest.

Aquiles L. Jackson, Jr. pleaded to armed robbery in February 2018 after he was arrested the

previous May.

According to an arrest report, two men entered the In and Out Food Store at the corner of State Road 16 and U.S. 301 on May 9, 2017. After one of them pointed a gun at the cashier, the employee handed over cash, and the two offenders fled the scene.

A week later, one of the men confessed to the hold-up and identified Jackson as his accomplice.

Jackson initially denied involvement in the robbery. However, the following year, he pleaded to the crime.

Jackson served nearly 15 months of his 24-month prison term, released in May 2019.

In 2022, the defendant was arrested for failing to make restitution payments to the store and its insurance carrier. A judge extended Jackson's probation for an additional five years due to the failure to pay.

According to a probation violation report, Jackson was arrested in Alachua County on May 16, 2024, for possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana, and resisting an officer.

A scoresheet calculated a minimum sentence of 59 months and a maximum of life for Jackson's armed robbery conviction.

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looks like is different to every community," Carter said. "But for our program that help means

we're going to go to their door, we're going to go into their living room, and we're going to chat with them and figure out what their needs are. Each patient has individualized care. They're all different. It's specifically tailored

to that patient. Now, if they're not going to the emergency department as their primary care, it frees up emergency department beds for people who actually need it."

"Not everybody needs to go

to the emergency department," Carter said. "Not everybody needs to go to the emergency department, but especially in rural communities, there's not a lot of access to care. And so that's one of the biggest gaps, is that access to care."

In the video, Carter also discusses the cost advantages of community paramedicine using the case of a patient who called 911 more than 50 times over the course of the year at a cost of \$39,000. Reducing calls by even a fraction of that amount can provide a substantial savings as well as reduce the use of emergency rooms for primary care and provide better individualized care.

In addition to an education in community paramedicine, the video also serves as an appeal to leaders to embrace the future and provide a funding mechanism

to support these programs, including the ability to bill insurance providers.

"We're saving the patient by not incurring an ambulance bill and potentially an ER bill and then a physician bill, and it's better for the patient," said Chief Amy Stafford with Hendry County Public Safety.

Bradford County Manager Scott Kornegay said the video would be viewed across the state and perhaps the country, and he said it was encouraging that Carter was asked to be involved.

"That speaks volumes not only for Chief Carter but this fire department and Bradford County," he said.

Carter expressed his thanks to the commission for their trust and support of the paramedicine program, which played a large part in this statewide recognition. Commissioners congratulated Carter and his staff and thanked them for their hard work.

"I just thank you from the bottom of my heart for everything you do, for always being the first to get there and the last to leave. Just thank you for a job well done," Commissioner Diane Andrew said.

Amendment 3 allowing adult use marijuana recreationally failed to receive 60% of the statewide vote. Most Bradford, Union and Clay voters were opposed to passage.

Similarly, Florida refused to overturn restrictions on abortion. Again, Bradford, Union and Clay voters were mostly opposed to the amendment.

Ballots in Starke and Hampton also had local charter initiatives. Asked about removing references to the police chief and police department from the Starke charter, 70% of voters chose yes. Hampton voters also approved changes modernizing their charter, with 71% voting yes.

Voter turnout going into Election Day was nearly 50% in Bradford and 56% in Union. Nearly 7,000 went to the Bradford Courthouse during the early voting period. Mail ballots pushed early votes over 9,100. In Union, there were more than 3,400 early votes and 670 mail ballots before Election Day.

At the end of Election Day, voter turnout was 76% in Bradford and in 84% Union. Clay reported overall voter turnout was at 81%.

The results are all unofficial until certified. For more on the election and results in other races, visit www.votebradfordfl.gov, www.unionflvotes.com and www.clayelections.gov.

RESULTS

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Florida's U.S. Senate seat was returned to Sen. Rick Scott, who also won with 56% of the vote. Bradford, Union and Clay showed him overwhelming support for him as well.

Both representatives Kat Cammack and Aaron Bean held onto their seats in the U.S. House. Cammack won District 3 with 62% and Bean won District 4 with 57%.

Rep. Chuck Brannan had no problem retaining his seat in the Florida House with 75% of the vote, assuring his fourth and final term.

With a slew of proposed constitutional amendments on the ballot, the two most debated have finally been decided.

Community yard sale

There will be a Community Yard Sale on Saturday, Nov. 9, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 15043 U.S. Hwy 301 South (the former Jay's Mini Mart). Sponsored by We Care Democrats. If you would like to set up your own table that day, call 904-612-3942 to reserve your space.



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Vaughan is new PA announcer for FSU baseball, soccer

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Giving in to peer pressure is often portrayed as a negative, but in the case of Terry Vaughan, it was a good thing.

Sort of like a soccer player scoring a goal or a baseball player hitting a home run.

Vaughan, who was Bradford County's longtime supervisor of elections before retiring and moving to Thomasville, Georgia, with his wife, Jennifer, is the new public-address announcer for FSU women's soccer and baseball.

"It's like coming full circle with my FSU fandom," said Vaughan, an FSU alumnus who has been an FSU booster and season-ticket holder for football for 41 years and who regularly attends games for other FSU sports.

The opportunity started with a Florida State Seminoles Facebook post seeking applicants interested in being a PA announcer. Donna Commander and Karen Power, who are friends Vaughan has known since he was an elementary school

student, shared the Facebook post with him and encouraged him to apply.

Vaughan was play by play announcer for the WEAG 106.3-FM broadcasts of Bradford High School football games for 30 years (1985-2015).

"At the beginning, I just laughed it off and was flattered that they thought that would be something I'd be good at," Vaughan said.

It turns out they weren't the only ones who thought it would be something Vaughan would be good at. With so many friends providing encouragement through Facebook, Vaughan said he felt an obligation to look into the position.

"It never hurts to apply," he said.

The website link attached to the Florida State Seminoles Facebook post provided a sample script that applicants were to read and submit via video.

"I downloaded the script and simply went to the dining-room table and used my cell phone," Vaughan said. "It was the most simplistic application I suspect



Terry Vaughan is pictured in the press box at Florida State University's Seminole Soccer Complex. Vaughan is the new public-address announcer for FSU soccer and baseball.

Florida State has ever received for public-address announcers.

"I think it took me two takes. I then submitted it."

It took approximately three days for Vaughan to receive a call from Logan Wesolowski, who is FSU's assistant director of marketing.

"He said that he liked my audition video and if I was still interested (in the position), they would follow up with me shortly," Vaughan said.

That follow-up led to Vaughan being hired as the PA announcer for soccer and baseball.

Baptism by fire

He began with an exhibition match against TCU on Aug. 9. Vaughan laughed and said FSU "threw me in the deep end."

"There was a two-and-a-half-hour rain delay," Vaughan said. "I had no spotter. There was not even a roster provided. It was actually a very good experience. I think they wanted to see how I would react and if I could handle it. I think it turned out well."

"It was kind of a baptism by

fire, but I knew if I could get through that game, then most of the other games would be much easier."

Vaughan admitted his past experiences "put me somewhat at ease" in transitioning to his new role. He wasn't only the Voice of the Tornadoes for WEAG, but also worked at the station as a morning deejay under the moniker of "Scott in the Morning." He also served as master of ceremonies for numerous events while living in Starke.

"It was not intimidating for me," Vaughan said.

Doing play by play for radio is different than stadium announcing, though Vaughan said he discovered through his WEAG broadcasts of road football games that some PA announcers provided play by play and/or color commentary.

"That's not the way it's supposed to be," he said. "PA announcers are supposed to give you the facts after they happen and not get overly emotional and

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Thompson wins \$2,500 grand prize at Altrusa Gala

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Chrissy Thompson was the winner of the \$2,500 grand prize at the Altrusa of Starke gala, which had more than 60 prize winners in all at the annual fundraising event on Oct. 24 at the Gov. Charley E. Johns Conference Center in Starke.

Thompson wasn't present, which prompted Master of Ceremonies Terry Vaughan to suggest that what she didn't know wouldn't hurt her.

"How many people are here tonight? We can all walk home with \$5," Vaughan cracked.

Everyone who purchased a ticket to the gala was entered in a prize drawing, with 64 of the total 161 winning prizes donated by businesses and individuals.

The reverse drawing, which consisted of Altrusa President Rachel Rhoden pulling names out of a bowl, eliminated individuals (prize winners and non-prize winners) until five names remained: Thompson, Renee Long, Sandra Reddish, Sherry Ruszkowski and Stefanie Smith. All five won something. Smith won a Yeti cooler donated by Montford Body Shop, while Long won an iPad donated by Tatum Lumber. After Reddish was announced as the winner of a smart TV donated by Roberts Insurance, it came down to Ruszkowski and Thompson. Ruszkowski's name was then drawn as the winner of a \$500 Hilton Hotel gift card donated by DLP Bank, meaning Thompson had claimed the night's big prize.

A dinner provided by Blue Water Bay preceded the prize drawing, which first began with Rhoden recognizing that it was Vaughan's birthday.

"A man we all love and respect was born on this day," Rhoden said. "I won't say how many years ago, but I will give you a clue. The number-one song in the U.S. on the day he was born was



SO CLOSE! Sandra Reddish, Sherry Ruszkowski and Renee Long (l-r) are hopeful they'll be the last one standing. They were three of the final four names left in the drawing, with Chrissy Thompson not present. All four won fabulous prizes, but the last remaining name, which was Thompson, received the \$2,500 grand prize.

Altrusa members who helped deliver prizes to their winners included (front to back) Sheryl Dixon, Brenda Thorntone and Roxanne McBride.



"I Want to Be Wanted" by Brenda Lee."

After Rhoden led the crowd in singing happy birthday, Vaughan said, "The truth of the matter is I'm not going to tell you how old I am, but more exciting than getting gifts and eating cake and all those sorts of things is knowing that I'm just one year away from Medicare. Hallelujah."

Vaughan said he was asked to speed up the event this year, which he said was no problem. He turned to his wife, Jennifer, and asked her to pick a number between 1 and 10. After she picked 2, Vaughan said, "Two is the winning number. Jennifer gets \$2,500. The rest of you just make a mad dash to the (prize) table."

As has become a tradition

at the gala, Vaughan, who announced this will be his last year as master of ceremonies, shared many groan-inducing puns and jokes. Several, as usual, had to do with his wife.

"You may not know this, but when I first met Jennifer, she was working at a zoo," Vaughan said. "That's when I knew she was a keeper."

Jennifer's short stature usually comes up every year in a joke. This year, Vaughan said, "Just the other day, unbeknownst to Jennifer, I replaced our bed with a trampoline. She hit the roof. Actually, I'm not sure Jennifer could make it to the roof, even with a trampoline. Maybe a catapult."

Vaughan made no secret about pulling for his wife to win the grand prize, remarking every so often about how she was still in the running. When he did so just before announcing the winner of a gun-cleaning set that was donated by Teal Tile and Carpet, someone remarked, "Maybe she'll win that."

"Knowing Jennifer, she'd want to make sure the rifle is perfectly clean before she shoots me with it," Vaughan said.

Jennifer, who's been married to Vaughan for 39 years, didn't win the gun-cleaning set. A few names later, Vaughan was ready to announce the winner of an electric pressure washer, also donated by Teal Tile and Carpet.

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Terry Vaughan (right) returned to emcee the event and announce the names in the drawing, which were provided to him by Altrusa President Rachel Rhoden.

Tax-Aide recruiting volunteer counselors for Bradford County

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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If you have a love for helping people and can spare (as of now) at least four hours one day a week during tax season, the AARP Foundation has volunteer opportunities through its Tax-Aide program in Bradford County.

Tax-Aide and its volunteer counselors provide free tax preparation and filing for low- to moderate-income elderly.

Training, which is free of charge, takes place this month and in early December, with volunteers becoming certified by the IRS.

"We want people to be certified by early January," volunteer Arvid Nelson said.

Those interested should visit aarp.org/aarp-foundation/get-involved/tax-aide or call Nelson at 904-385-8216.

As of now, tax help would be provided one day a week in Starke at the Bradford County Public Library, though volunteer Jeri Benson said, "The more (volunteers) we have, the more we can open up on more days."

Volunteer counselors don't need to have prior tax-preparation knowledge. Benson said some volunteers are people

who've done their own taxes and are interested in doing so for others, while others are from career fields that have nothing to do with preparing taxes, such as nursing.

All that's required is a heart for helping others. That's why Benson is a volunteer.

"I like to be involved because it makes you feel good to help someone who comes in petrified, not knowing the process, not knowing how to deal with computers and afraid of the tax people, in general," Benson said. "You can leave them smiling with a copy of their taxes in hand. They know they can check that off their list for the year."

Nelson said he once helped a woman whose husband passed away. She told him, "My husband used to take care of this. I don't know what I'm doing."

After Nelson helped her prepare her taxes, she told him, "You're so helpful. Can I cry on your shoulder?"

"This tugs on my heart," Nelson said. "When people say thank you, when people refer some of their friends to us — that's telling me that we are providing them a very good service."

can participate in one of three types of training: self-study (with a book provided to them), in-person or virtual.

Nelson stressed that counselors don't have to memorize anything. They have resources via a laptop computer at their disposal that they refer to during training and while offering tax help to others.

"We don't have to remember anything," Nelson said before joking, "They even give me a name badge to put on so I know my name."

If volunteers need additional help, they can rely on fellow, experienced volunteers.

"We work as a team," Benson said, adding, "It's a way of mentoring and nurturing new people so they don't feel just dropped in."

Counselors in Bradford County would be committing to working four hours one day a week, though Nelson said they should plan for up to an additional two hours that would include setting up and breaking down before and after appointments.

Tax-Aide is the nation's largest free tax-assistance service. It consists of approximately 28,000 volunteers.

The service assisted 1.7 million taxpayers last year.



North Florida Technical College's Brad Bishop (far left) and Keith Kirby (far right) are pictured with DLPbank representatives Carolyn Reddish (second from left) and Marty Rhoden.

DLPbank offers scholarships for career and technical fields

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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In accordance with its motto of "Dream, Live, Prosper," DLPbank has established scholarships to help graduating high school seniors dream big, live boldly and prosper to the largest extent possible.

The bank will award five \$1,000 scholarships annually to students who plan to enroll in the fields of licensed practical nursing/certified nursing assistant, firefighter, police officer, commercial vehicle driving and welding.

Students in Bradford and Union counties can apply as well as students in Alachua and Putnam counties. This year's deadline to submit applications is April 4, 2025.

Applications are available at DLPbank as well as the schools where its branches are located.

Completed applications can be returned to DLPbank (in an envelope marked "DLPbank Scholarship Committee") or mailed to the address provided on the application form.

Brad Bishop, the director at Starke's North Florida Technical College, invited Executive Vice President Carolyn Reddish and Executive Assistant Marty

Rhoden from the Starke branch of the bank to his campus to thank them for creating career-technical scholarships. North Florida Technical College offers programs in practical nursing, nursing assistant, commercial vehicle driving and welding.

"This is really, really cool," Bishop said. "It's specifically for the programs that are offered here, with the exception of firefighter and police officer."

Rhoden said the inspiration for such scholarships came from attending a Bradford High School senior-awards event in support of his daughter. After observing that most scholarships were being awarded to high-honors graduates — typically students who wouldn't be pursuing career-technical education — Rhoden asked himself, "Why can't we offer something to what I call the average kid?"

"We primarily wanted to focus on the kids who get overlooked," Reddish said.

Some of those students will be seeking careers in fields that are anything but overlooked.

"Career and technical education is what keeps the world moving," Bishop said. "It keeps your vehicles running, your houses from burning down, your safety with the police,

your healthcare — a career in technical education is near and dear to my heart."

Scholarship applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.0, write an essay profiling themselves and why they're seeking a particular career field and provide a letter of recommendation from a school official as well as a letter from a community member.

Applicants, who also must provide their family's latest tax return, must live in Bradford, Union, Alachua or Putnam.

An impartial committee will select the winning recipients, who'll be notified no later than May 2, 2025.

Bishop said the scholarships will be of great benefit to high-school graduates who want to enroll in North Florida Technical College's commercial-vehicle driving and certified nursing assistant programs. Pell grants aren't available for either program, though some assistance is available through CareerSource vouchers.

"This is a great opportunity for two of our programs that don't qualify for your traditional financial-aid Pell Grant," Bishop said. "The majority of our students (in other programs) use the Pell Grant to go to school."

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A Ford Drive 4 UR School event will be held Friday, Nov. 8, at North Florida Technical

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Obituaries

Jason Bennett

Jason Bennett, 57, of Starke passed away peacefully on Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2024. He was born in Starke to David Bennett and Betty Moody Bennett, along with his older brother, John. Jason happily shared his life with his wife, Minta, for 32 years. He graduated from Bradford County High School and earned a bachelor's degree in criminology. He began his career as a deputy at the Bradford County Sheriff's Office and then proudly served at the Clay County Sheriff's Office for 30 years, where he retired honorably as a Chief. He had been retired for five years and lived his life to the absolute fullest. He spent every day helping family and friends. He made the most of his retirement years and was always there to lend a helping hand to anyone who needed it. He was preceded in death by his Granny, Joyce Bennett, whom he adored and is now spending an eternity with.

He is survived by his mother, father, brother, wife, son, and daughter. The funeral was held at the Sampson City Church of God on Tuesday, Nov. 5. The funeral was preceded by a visitation. Arrangements were by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke. 904-964-6200 www.jonesgallagherfh.com.



PAID OBITUARY

James 'Chris' Cole

James "Chris" Christian Cole, 70, of Starke, passed away on Sunday, Sept. 1, 2024, at Riverwood Health and Rehabilitation Center in Starke. He was a loving brother and uncle. Chris was born in Live Oak on Dec. 28, 1953, to the late William "Bill" and Audrey Cole. He was a Christian by faith. He was raised in Live Oak, where he attended Suwannee County High School. He worked in construction and drywall until his retirement. Chris moved to Starke in 2006 to be closer to family and friends. He had a big heart for all animals, especially for his beloved dogs, Nancy and Scruffy. He enjoyed fishing and hanging out with his best friend, Jack. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, William "Billy" Cole; sister, Mary Louise Mitchell; nephews, Harold David Skeen II and Donnie Cole; and brother-in-law, R.V. Durrance. This tribute was prepared by the family of Mr. Cole.

Chris is survived by his sister, Beverly L. Durrance; and many nieces and nephews.

The family will be holding a private Celebration of Life gathering with Pastor Bobby Epps officiating.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services and Archie Tanner Memorial Chapel, Starke. 904-964-5757. Visit www.ferreirafuneralservices.com to sign the family's guest book.



PAID OBITUARY

Doris Hoffman

Doris Hoffman of Melrose, born Doris Elizabeth Goetzman on Dec. 16, 1930, in Sardinia, New York to parents George and Elizabeth Goetzman, passed away on Monday, Oct. 28, 2024. She leaves behind a legacy of love, laughter, and a beautiful smile. She was a devoted mother to three amazing children, Linda Hoffman Coughlin, Charles R. Hoffman III, and Gregory L. Hoffman. She also was an adoring grandma to five grandchildren, Brendan D. Coughlin, Caitlin Coughlin Hall, Jacob E. Hoffman, Lucas C. Hoffman, Beau G. Hoffman and one great-grandchild, Madison R. Hall. She loved them very much and spoiled them with kindness and her wisdom. After spending her youth and early married years in upstate New York, Doris and her husband, Charles, moved to Melrose in 1974, where she established her own full-service hair salon called Doris's Beauty Shop. As a talented hairdresser, she specialized in hair coloring and was an expert on call across North Florida for Redken products for many years. She spent her career making others look and feel their best. Her hairdressing skills and her warm, caring personality won her many dedicated customers and friends. She was well known in the Keystone Heights and Melrose communities for her passion to make others feel beautiful. Doris and her husband were among the founding members of Keystone United Methodist Church. She served as the Methodist Youth Fellowship leader for a number of years. Rest in peace as your love and legacy will live on through the countless lives you touched. With a heart of gold and a wit as sharp as her scissors, Doris Hoffman will be deeply missed by all who knew her. Her family will cherish memories of her warm hugs, kind advice, and the countless hours she spent serving others in the community.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date, with details to be shared with friends and family.



PAID OBITUARY

Barbara Pridgen

Bill Pridgen

Barbara Lee Pridgen, 86, passed away on Saturday, Sept. 28, 2024. She was joined in heaven by her husband of 67 years, Verlon "Bill" Huey Pridgen, 87, who passed away on Monday, Oct. 28, 2024. Both Barbara and Bill will forever be remembered for the loving parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, and friends that they were.

Barbara and Bill are survived by their two children, Marc (Donna) Pridgen and Lesli (Greg) Wheeler; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.



PAID OBITUARY

Arthur Starling

Arthur Mark Lee Starling, 78, of Starke, died Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2024, at UF Health Shands Hospital in Gainesville.

Survivors are his children, Sean (Jeannie) Starling, Chera (Jonathan) Ferguson, and Maranda (Josh) Martin; brother, Timmy (Toni) Starling; and extended family members and friends.

A Celebration of Life was held Saturday, Nov. 2, at Oak Grove Baptist Church, Middleburg. A private graveside service was held Monday, Nov. 4 at Oak Grove Baptist Church Cemetery.

Arrangements were under the care and direction of V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services and Archie Tanner Memorial Chapel, Starke. 904-964-5757.



Mary Walls

Mary Ellen Kimble Walls, 93, of Keystone Heights died Monday, Oct. 28, 2024, at the Bailey Center in St. Augustine.

She leaves behind her son, Jesse; daughter, Barbara; three grandsons; and three great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends at the Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Keystone Heights on Saturday, Nov. 9, from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. Funeral services will begin at 3 p.m. Interment will follow in Keystone Heights Cemetery.

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

George Leath

George Earle Leath died Friday, Oct. 18, 2024. He was born Sept 25, 1945.

Visit his memorial page to share a memory or send condolences to the family, read the obituary, and find the upcoming events. <https://www.stjohnsfamilyfuneralhome.com/obituaries/George-Leath/>

GALA

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"Jennifer could win this, and she can clean up the blood from the carpet," Vaughan said.

When Jennifer's name was drawn to win the pressure cleaner, Vaughan continued to joke about his demise at the hands of his wife.

"I told them this would be my last year doing this," Vaughan said. "I didn't really know what that meant, but I think I do now."

Vaughan had some fun with the Teal-Hamilton family — again. At last year's gala, family members won two vacuum cleaners, which Vaughan joked about because of the Teal Tile and Carpet family business.

This year, it looked as if no one in the family was going to walk away with anything. The first two family names called — Morgan Hamilton and Bailee Hamilton — won nothing.

"You're off to a really good start tonight," Vaughan said, later adding, "If you all want to leave now, we'll understand. Beat the traffic. Grab a piece of dessert on the way out the door."

After Ty Hamilton was announced as a non-winner, Vaughan warned the family, "Do not cross the street tonight."

"The curse," as Vaughan called it, was broken when Braxton Hamilton won a bumblebee basket donated by Sandra Luke. Kensley Hersey then won a men's pocketknife donated by Beverly Hardy.

Vaughan told Hersey, "Now

listen. You all aren't winning a lot of stuff. You've got a pocketknife. I'm just saying, if you want to get out of here with some stuff, you know what to do."

Vicki Teal kept up the family's newfound winning ways, receiving ceramic cookware donated by Rachel Rhoden. Kevin Hamilton, though, was a non-winner.

"We're back to normal here," Vaughan said.

Of course, no one was safe from Vaughan's wisecracks. After Paul Sanders and his wife, Jessica, were non-winners, Vaughan said, "All of the Sanders, including Col. Sanders, will walk away empty handed tonight. I suspect fowl play."

Sandra Luke was a non-winner, but her husband, Randy, received a Weber Grill donated by Brenda Thornton.

"Sandra lost, but you pick up the grill," Vaughan told Randy Luke. "The grill of your dreams going home with you."

After Beth Tillman of Sporting Chance won the \$50 cash prize that she donated, Vaughan cracked, "You met your quota today, and you get \$50."

A Dublin crystal vase donated by Julee Tinsler was won by Todd Ferreira of Ferreira Funeral Services. Vaughan said, "A funeral-home guy could use one of those. Somebody is going to end up in a vase, making an ash out of himself."

Vaughan joked about the number and variety of baskets that were prizes. After a fall basket donated by Teal Tile and



ABOVE: Gale Trotter, who serves on the Altrusa of Starke board of directors, keeps things organized at the prize table. RIGHT: Altrusan Mary Kramer goes over the prize list prior to the start of the drawing.



Carpet had been won, Vaughan was set to announce the winner of a throw-blanket basket that was donated by Chris Hoglund.

"Not to be confused with a fall basket," Vaughan said. "You fall on one and throw the other."

When a market basket donated by Carolyn Carver came up as a prize, Vaughan said, "We've got every basket under the sun. We've got a market basket. I'm not sure what that is, but I think it's great."

A wine basket donated by Teal Tile and Carpet prompted Vaughan to say, "These baskets are getting better by the minute. You start with the wine basket, and you end up at the fall basket."

Perhaps Vaughan is a bit of a basket case, but it all amounted to a good time in supporting Altrusa of Starke's major fundraiser every year. The event helps support the club's scholarships as well as various projects, such as providing Easter baskets for children in the Guardian ad Litem program, Christmas gifts for Rainbow Center children and books for Bradford County students as part of the Books in the Classroom Literacy Project. The club also makes donations, including to the Bradford Food Pantry and the Bradford County Public Library's summer and Christmas programs.

The club has received grants to provide more ways to support the community, including:

- \$10,000 from Clay Electric to support the University of Florida Literacy Institute program at Bradford elementary schools.

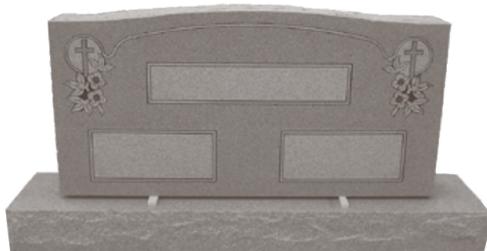
- \$1,000 from Capital City Bank to support the Cambridge AICE Diploma Program at Bradford High School.

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Tigers suffer 1st loss, fall 30-29 in final seconds to Chiefland

BY CECE THOMAS
Special to the Telegraph-Times-Monitor

The last time the Union County Tigers and the Chiefland Indians played against each other was four years ago in the playoffs, the Indians came out on top in a close game.

Union was attempting to end the regular season undefeated, but Chiefland came out on top in another close game, with both sides making good plays in what was a 30-29 Indians win on Nov. 1 in Chiefland.

The Tigers (8-1) and the Indians (9-1), who are first and fifth, respectively, in the Florida High School Athletic Association/MaxPreps Rural Class power rankings, now wait for the start of the playoffs on Friday, Nov. 15. Matchups and seeding are still to be determined.

Union's Jesse Chaikin received the opening kickoff, returning the ball to his own 39-yard line. Trenton Klein completed a pass to Alec McClellan that picked up 5 yards. Klein's next pass attempt was complete to Gavin Jenkins for big yardage and a first down at the Chiefland 30. A flag on the Indians for offsides set up a first-and-5 play on which Klein gained 4 yards on a keeper.

Klein kept the ball again for a first down at the 19-yard line. The next play saw Klein throw a pass to Ibn Williams in the end zone for a touchdown and a 6-0 Tigers lead with 9:26 left in the first quarter. The extra point was no good.

A fair catch by the Indians on Jenkins' kickoff had them taking over at their own 30-yard line. Klein ran down the quarterback in the backfield for a loss of 2 yards. The quarterback was then sacked again, making it third-and-16. A run play didn't pick up any yardage, so Chiefland punted, with the Tigers taking over at their own 42.

Klein's pass was tipped and intercepted by the Indians. The Chiefland offense took over at the Union 47-yard line.

Chiefland had an incomplete



Quarterback Trenton Klein, pictured carrying the ball in an earlier game, threw three touchdown passes in the loss to Chiefland. File photo by CeCe Thomas.

pass, a short run play and another incomplete, resulting in a punt that rolled into the end zone. The Tigers took over at their own 20-yard line.

Klein, on a keeper, picked up a couple of yards, but his pass intended for Drew Simmons on second down was intercepted and returned for an Indians touchdown with 5:31 left in the first quarter. The extra point was good, with the Indians taking a 7-6 lead.

McClellan returned the kickoff to the Union 43-yard line. After a pass was just out of Jenkins' reach, a handoff to C.J. Ivey gained 2 yards, setting up third-and-8. Klein's pass was tipped and incomplete, but a flag against the Indians resulted in a first down for the Tigers at the Chiefland 44.

Simmons took a handoff for a huge carry around right end. A flag for holding went against the Tigers, but the foul occurred beyond the line of scrimmage, so the play still resulted in a first down at the 29-yard line.

Union was penalized again for a false start. A Klein pass to Jenkins was uncatchable due to pass interference by the Indians, which gave the Tigers an automatic first down at the 19.

A handoff to Simmons picked up a couple of yards. The ball was pitched to Simmons again on second-and-8, but he was stopped for no gain as he tried to take it around right end. A Klein pass to Jenkins was then caught for a touchdown with 1:54 left in the first quarter. The Tigers went successfully for two, with the score standing at 14-7 in their favor.

As the second quarter got underway, a Chiefland pass was completed for a first down at the Union 40-yard line. The ball was then handed off for a pickup of about 4 yards. Another handoff picked up another first down at the 29-yard line. A quarterback keeper picked up 5 yards, but a runner was met at the line of scrimmage on second down, resulting in third-and-5. A quarterback keeper picked up 3 yards. Chiefland went for it on fourth-and-2, with the quarterback keeping it again and picking up just enough yardage for a first down inside the 20.

Another quarterback run picked up about 5 yards. A handoff on second down gained 4 yards, setting up third-and-1. The quarterback kept the ball for first-and-goal at the 5. The Tigers stopped the quarterback on a run attempt on first down. After an incomplete pass on second down, the quarterback was almost sacked on third down before getting rid of the ball and getting penalized for intentional grounding. The Indians now had a fourth-down play at the 25-yard line. Chiefland completed a pass, but the receiver was stopped well short of the goal line.

The second half began with the Indians going three-and-out.

After the punt, a Klein pass went for 6 yards. Simmons then had a carry for a first down.

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Eva Whitehead (left) and Courtney Manning represented Union County High School at the District 2-1A swimming finals, with Whitehead earning Region 1 berths in both her events.

UCHS' Eva Whitehead to swim at Region 1-1A finals

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Union County High School's Eva Whitehead earned top-five finishes in the 100-yard breaststroke and 200-yard individual medley at the Oct. 29 District 1-1A meet at Jacksonville's Episcopal High School.

Whitehead will swim in both events at the Tuesday, Nov. 5, Region 1 meet, which will be held at The Bolles School in Jacksonville.

The junior swam her way to a third-place finish in the 200 IM with a time of 2:06.53, which left her trailing two swimmers from Bolles: Ella Gotham, who had a time of 2:05.10, and Lucero Mejia Arce, who had a time of 2:05.76.

Those three swimmers had the fastest district times in all of Class 1A.

Whitehead bettered her postseason performance in the event from last year by almost 4 seconds, which she swam at the

regional level.

In the 100 breaststroke, Whitehead swam a fifth-place time of 1:06.45.

Whitehead, who went undefeated in the regular season, was the only swimmer from a public school in the top 10 in both the 100 breaststroke and 200 IM.

Courtney Manning, a first-year swimmer, also competed for Union this season. At the district meet, the freshman placed 26th in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 35.35 and 27th in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 1:20.43.

Whitehead is in position to swim her way to state for the third straight year. Besides having the third-best 200 IM time in Class 1A, she has the 11th-best 100 breaststroke time.

To advance to state, a swimmer must earn a top-two finish at the regional level or receive an at-large berth. Each event will have 16 at-large qualifiers.

KHHS boys golf season ends at region

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Keystone Heights High School placed 12th out of 12 teams at the Region 2-1A boys golf tournament, which was held Nov. 4 at New Port Richey's Seven Springs Golf and Country Club.

Every other team in the tournament was a private school — the kind of situation that led to the creation of this year's Florida 1A Public School Championship, which Keystone won on Oct. 25 prior to the start of the Florida High School Athletic Association's state-series events.

The Indians, who qualified off their District 5 runner-up finish, finished with an 18-hole team score of 360. Windermere Prep and Winter Springs' Circle Christian each had a score of 287 to top the field, which also consisted of Orlando's First Academy, Orlando's Lake Highland Prep, Lake

Mary Prep, Port St. Lucie's Morningside Academy, Winter Park's Trinity Prep, Montverde Academy, Spring Hill's Bishop McLaughlin, Gainesville's Oak Hall and Melbourne's Holy Trinity.

Four of those teams were state qualifiers last year, with Lake Mary Prep and Morningside placing fourth and seventh, respectively.

The Region 2 tournament consisted of 71 individuals. Ty Mitzel was the highest finisher for Keystone, shooting an 87 to finish in a four-way tie for 59th. He made par on nine holes.

Nate Bardier and Jacob Beach had scores of 89 and 90, respectively, for the Indians, with Bardier making par on eight holes and Beach making par on four.

Also competing for Keystone were Hunter Sheppard and Will Begue. Sheppard made par on six holes in shooting a 94, while Begue made par on one hole in finishing with a score of 98.

BHS' Rantz, Spratlin earn chance to golf in regionals

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Bradford High School's Sarah Rantz and Cody Spratlin didn't earn automatic berths, but did receive at-large bids to continue their golf seasons at the regional level after their district-tournament performances.

Spratlin competed in the Region 1-1A boys tournament on Nov. 4 at Jacksonville Beach Golf Club. He made par on nine holes and shot an 18-hole score of 85, which placed him 35th out of 72. Spratlin was the fifth-best golfer from a public school.

Rantz participated in the Region 1-1A girls tournament, which was played after the Telegraph-Times-Monitor deadline on Nov. 6 at Tallahassee's Golden Eagle Golf and Country Club.

Indians end season with 26-10 loss to playoff-bound Raiders

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Keystone Heights High School's football team gave a playoff-bound Crescent City team a tough battle before falling 26-10 to end the season on Nov. 1 in Crescent City.

The Indians (2-8) scored first, led at halftime and trailed by only three points for most of the second half until the Class 1A Raiders (8-2) scored two touchdowns in the final two minutes.

"They played like warriors," Keystone Head Coach Steve Reynolds said. "They came close. I'm proud of them."

Keystone had several key players out with injuries, including leading rusher Zane Leger and leading receivers Tallon Campbell and Andrew Wilson.

Injuries — including a season-ending one to lineman Bryce Daniels in the team's second game — were an ongoing part of a season that began 2-2 before a six-game losing streak.

"That hit us pretty hard this year," Reynolds said of the injury bug. "As much offseason training as we do to get ready for all that stuff, sometimes you can't avoid it."

The Indians got big defensive plays early against the Raiders, who threatened to score on its first two possessions.

Crescent City quarterback Eric Jenkins ran for a 20-yard gain to the Keystone 43 on the Raiders' first drive. That was immediately followed by a 12-yard run from Ja'Maris Fuller. Crescent City gained a net of 2 yards on its next two plays. On third down, Freddie Major fumbled on a jet sweep and recovered for a 1-yard loss. The Raiders went for it on fourth-and-9, with Keystone's Colton Hollingsworth tackling Jenkins for a 2-yard loss on a keeper play.

The Indians went three-and-out on their first offensive series and appeared heading toward the same result on their second drive, but Jackson Parmeter completed a 10-yard pass to Baylor Ford for a first down at the Keystone 42. Parmeter made the most of a bad snap on the following play, keeping the ball and running

Pete Bostic (right) tackles Crescent City running back Zay Robinson in the Indians' 26-10 season-ending loss.



for a 7-yard gain. A 5-yard carry by Hunter Crumpton gave the Indians a first down at the Crescent City 46.

Crumpton added runs of 10 and 4 yards for another first down, but a fumble put an end to the drive, with the Raiders recovering the loose ball at their own 34.

The Raiders wasted little time driving into the red zone. A 12-yard carry by Fuller resulted in a first down at the Keystone 48, while a 30-yard pass from Jenkins to Kyrie Rolhac moved Crescent City to the 18-yard line. Jenkins ran for a 6-yard gain, but was then dropped for an 8-yard loss by Luke Bacorn, which left the Raiders facing third-and-12. After an incomplete pass, Giancarlo Baylon attempted a 37-yard field goal on fourth down, which was no good, leaving the game scoreless with 10:36 remaining until halftime.

Keystone and Crescent City each had a three-and-out series before the Indians put together a drive that resulted in the game's first points. That possession began with an explosive play, with Ford gaining 46 yards on a pass play to the Raiders' 19-yard line. Two Hollingsworth carries resulted in a net loss of 1 yard before Parmeter had an 8-yard run to the 12. On fourth-and-3, Tyler Sapp kicked a 29-yard field goal to put the Indians ahead 3-0 with 3:58 to play in the half.

The Raiders responded with a six-play scoring drive, though it didn't get off to a good start for Crescent City. Major was held to a 2-yard gain by Damien Dunlap and Trase Wooden on first down, while a second-down carry by Jenkins resulted in another 2-yard gain after he was tripped up by Hollingsworth. Jenkins was

chased out of the pocket on third down and tackled for no gain by Dunlap. However, the Raiders went for it on fourth down, with Jenkins scrambling for a 12-yard gain to the Keystone 46.

After completing a 7-yard pass to Jariah Fuller, Jenkins had to chase down a fumble on a bad snap. After recovering the loose ball, he scrambled toward his team's sideline and lofted a deep pass to Zay Robinson for a 39-yard touchdown with 13.9 seconds on the clock. Baylon's extra-point kick was good, putting Crescent City up 7-3.

The Raiders successfully attempted an onside kick, giving the ball back to their offense with 9.9 seconds remaining until halftime. Jenkins attempted to connect on another deep pass, but Sapp tipped the ball away from the receiver. Parmeter, who was behind the play, intercepted the ball inside his own 5-yard line. He took the ball past midfield and pitched the ball to Ford on a lateral before being tackled. Ford carried the ball the remaining distance for a touchdown. Sapp added the PAT for a 10-7 Keystone lead.

It was the Indians' first halftime lead since their Sept. 20 win over Dixie County.

Crescent City began the second half with a 10-play, 60-yard touchdown drive to take the lead for good. Robinson and Chris Washington had runs of 10 and 11 yards, respectively, to pick up first downs as the Raiders moved from their own 40 to the Keystone 30. Jenkins then rushed 12 yards to the 18-yard line. After a 5-yard carry by Jenkins, Robinson was tackled for a loss of a yard by Pete Bostic. Jenkins,

See KHHS, page 16

The Matthews Museum (Bradford County Museum) Needs Volunteers!

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

To find out more

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



Legal Notices

Legals for the week of Nov. 7, 2024

BRADFORD

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

Certificate Number: 1168
Year of Issuance: 2017 :
Parcel Number: 05079-0-01001
Case Number: 2024-TD-020
Description of Property: Commence at the Southwest corner of Lot 9 of Block 7 of said Town of Hampton and run N 01°25'06"W, along the West line of Lots 9, 10, 11 and 12 of said Block 7 and along the Easterly R/W line of Florida Avenue (a 50' platted street) for a distance of 100.00 feet to the Northwest corner of said Lot 12 of Block 7; thence run S 88°28'54"W, along a Westerly prolongation of the North line of said Lot 12 of Block 7, for a distance of 25.00 feet to the centerline of said Florida Avenue for the Point of Beginning. From the Point of Beginning thus described run S 01°25'06"E, along the centerline of said Florida Avenue, for a distance of 125.00 feet to the intersection of the centerline of said Florida Avenue and Plum Street (50' platted street); thence run S 88°29'49"W, along the centerline of said Plum Street, for a distance of 25.00 feet; thence run N 01°25'06"W, along the Westerly R/W line of said Florida Avenue, for a distance of 25.00 feet to the Southeast corner of Lot 8 of Block 10 of said Town of Hampton; thence continue N 01°25'06" W, along the Westerly R/W line of said Florida Avenue and along the East line of Lots 8, 7, 6 and 5 of said Block 10, for a distance of 100.00 feet to the Northeast corner of said Lot 5 of Block 10, thence run N 88°28'54"E, along an Easterly prolongation of the North line of said Lot 5 of Block 10, for a distance of 25.00 feet to the Point of Beginning.
AND
Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, Block 10, of the Town of Hampton, Section 30, Township 7 South, Range 22, East, and Lots 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12, Block 10, of the Town of Hampton, Section 30, Township 7 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida. Bearing date the 28th day February, AD. 1990, recorded in official records Book 408, page 0344, in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Bradford County, State of Florida. (This is a second sale on this property due to an error in the legal description by the title company on the first sale dated March 13, 2024)

Name in Which Assessed: TERESA A EVANS; WILLIAM T LANEY; MARTHA G LANEY
Name on last tax roll, if different: TERESA A LANEY ET AL
All of said property being in the County of Bradford, State of Florida. Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the BRADFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, STARKE, FL on the 12/18/2024, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.

Denny Thompson,
Clerk Of The Circuit Court
Bradford County, Florida
BY: Kanetra Jenkins
KANETRA JENKINS,
Deputy Clerk

Contact the Tax Deed Office at 904-966-6280 to obtain the amount necessary to redeem.

DATED: October 21, 2024
DATE OF PUBLICATION: OCTOBER 24, 2024; OCTOBER 31, 2024; NOVEMBER 7; NOVEMBER 14, 2024

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO: 2024-CA-000273
DIV:

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

NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: SAMPSON LAKE PROPERTIES, Inc.

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

1, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA. SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINE OF SR 225 AND THE CENTERLINE OF SEABOARD COAST LINE RAILROAD AND RUN NORTH 46 DEG. 31 MIN. 44 SEC WEST, A DISTANCE OF 1418.47 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 34 DEG. 50 MIN. 33 SEC. EAST, A DISTANCE OF 50.56 FEET, TO THE NORTHEASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF COUNTY ROAD 225, TO A 1/2-INCH CAPPED IRON ROD (PLS 5098), FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN NORTH 34 DEG. 50 MIN. 33 SEC. EAST, ALONG THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF ORB 2056 PG 458, A DISTANCE OF 155.20 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH CAPPED IRON ROD (PSM 5500); THENCE RUN NORTH 35 DEG. 05 MIN. 01 SEC. EAST, ALONG THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF ORB 1960 PG 342, A DISTANCE OF 119.63 FEET TO A 1/2-INCH CAPPED IRON ROD (PSM 5098), BEING THE WESTERN MOST CORNER OF THAT PARCEL, A CEMETERY, EXCEPTED PER ORB 1415 PG 252; THENCE RUN SOUTH 54 DEG. 55 MIN. 57 SEC. EAST, ALONG THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF THAT PARCEL EXCEPTED PER ORB 1415 PG 252, A DISTANCE OF 234.68 FEET TO A 5/8-INCH IRON ROD WITH NO IDENTIFICATION; THENCE RUN NORTH 53 DEG. 01 MIN. 26 SEC. EAST, A DISTANCE OF 806.38 FEET TO A 2-INCH PIPE WITH NO IDENTIFICATION; THENCE RUN SOUTH 38 DEG. 59 MIN. 18 SEC. EAST, ALONG THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF LOTS 15-LV AND 16-LV OF AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION SURVEYED BY JOSEPH G. KNAPP "BREAMWOOD POINT LAKE LAKEVIEW AND BREAMWOOD LAKEVIEW" AS FILED WITH BRADFORD COUNTY OFFICIAL RECORDS AS MISC. MAP BOOK 1 PAGE 43, BOTH LOTS ALSO BEING DESCRIBED IN ORB 1470 PG 0265, A DISTANCE OF 256.93 FEET TO A 1-INCH IRON PIPE, BEING THE SOUTHERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 15-LV; THENCE RUN SOUTH 58 DEG. 16 MIN. 54 SEC. WEST, ALONG THE NORTHWESTERLY LINE OF LOT 14-LV PER SAID BREAMWOOD POINT LAKE, A DISTANCE OF 50.26 FEET TO A 1-INCH IRON PIPE (NO ID), ALSO BEING THE WESTERN-MOST CORNER OF SAID LOT 14-LV; THENCE RUN SOUTH 39 DEG. 00 MIN. 58 SEC. EAST, ALONG THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE AND THE SOUTHEASTERLY PROJECTION OF SAID LOT 14-LV, A DISTANCE OF 146.65 FEET TO A 1/2-INCH ILLEGIBLE CAPPED IRON ROD; THENCE RUN SOUTH 43 DEG. 16 MIN. 47 SEC. WEST, ALONG THE NORTHWESTERLY LINE OF ORB 1861 PG 216 PARCEL 5, A DISTANCE OF 110.28 FEET TO A 1/2-INCH CAPPED IRON ROD (LS 6209), SAID POINT ALSO BEING THE PRESUMED INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINES OF SECOND STREET AND ISABELLE STREET OF SAMPSON CITY, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1 PAGE 1 IN THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF BRADFORD COUNTY; THENCE RUN SOUTH 46 DEG. 40 MIN. 52 SEC. EAST, ALONG THE PRESUMED CENTERLINE OF SAID SECOND STREET AND THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF ORB 1861 PG 216 PARCEL 5, A DISTANCE OF 254.13 FEET TO A 5/8-INCH IRON ROD, SAID POINT BEING THE PRESUMED INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINE OF SECOND STREET AND THE ALLEY OF BLOCK 10 LOCATED BETWEEN LOTS 1 AND 2, PER SAID SAMPSON CITY PLAT; THENCE RUN SOUTH 43 DEG. 30 MIN. 27 SEC. WEST, ALONG THE PRESUMED CENTERLINE OF SAID ALLEY BETWEEN SAID LOTS 1 AND 2, A DISTANCE OF 250.50 FEET TO A 5/8" IRON ROD (NO I.D.) ALSO BEING THE PRESUMED INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINE OF THE ALLEYS LOCATED BETWEEN LOTS 1 AND 2 OF BLOCK 10, AND THE PRESUMED CENTERLINE OF THE ALLEY LOCATED BETWEEN LOTS 2 AND 3 OF BLOCK 10 OF SAID PLAT OF SAMPSON CITY; THENCE RUN NORTH 46 DEG. 30 MIN. 07 SEC. WEST, ALONG THE PRESUMED CENTERLINE OF THE ALLEY BETWEEN SAID LOTS 2 AND 3, A DISTANCE OF 249.92 FEET TO A 5/8" IRON ROD (NO I.D.), BEING THE PRESUMED INTERSECTION OF SAID ALLEY AND THE CENTERLINE OF ISABELLE STREET PER SAID PLAT OF SAMPSON CITY; THENCE RUN SOUTH 43 DEG. 31 MIN. 04 SEC. WEST, ALONG SAID CENTERLINE OF ISABELLE STREET, A DISTANCE OF 639.82 FEET TO A 5/8" IRON ROD AND THE INTERSECTION OF SAID CENTERLINE OF ISABELLE STREET AND THE NORTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SW COUNTY ROAD 225; THENCE RUN NORTH 46 DEG. 31 MIN. 44 SEC. WEST, ALONG SAID

NORTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 716.40 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. Parcel ID Number: 00838-0-00000 (3440)

Property Address: SW CR 225, Starke, Florida 32091
has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on the Hildebrandt Law Firm, the Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 10300 49th Street North, Suite #207, Clearwater, FL 33762, on or before _____ or 30 days after the 1st publication, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court at its physical address or in person at 945 N. Temple Ave., Starke, FL 32091 or P.O. Drawer B. Starke, FL 32091 either before service on the Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request. WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on 18th day of October 2024. DENNY THOMPSON
As Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: K. SMITH
As Deputy Clerk
(904) 966-6280
Hildebrandt Law Firm, LLC
Attorney for Plaintiff
10300 49th Street North, Suite #207
Clearwater, FL 33762
To be Published in: Bradford County Telegraph

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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 October 24, 2024: William Gryboski, 101 S Bay Street, Suite B-3, Anna Maria, FL 34216, has submitted an Environmental Resource Permit (ERP) application number ERP-007-250064-1. The project is located in Bradford County, Section 33, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, and includes 0.68 acres of impervious area on a total project area of 2.78 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. PUBLISH: no later than November 7, 2024 /tm

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING A SPECIAL EXCEPTION AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE BRADFORD COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS BY THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to the Bradford County Land Development Regulations, as amended, hereinafter referred to as the Land Development Regulations, objections, recommendations and comments concerning a variance, as described below, will be heard by the Board of Adjustment of Bradford County, Florida, at a public hearing on November 21st, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the County Commission Meeting Room, North Wing, County Courthouse located at 945 N. Temple Avenue in Starke, Florida. V 24-09 an application by Dan Brejcha to request a Variance be granted as provided for in Section 4.7 "RE", 4.7.7 Minimum Yard setbacks from a required 10' to a requested 5' along the exterior lot lines of the property being described as follows; Lots 1 and 2, Block 3, Santa Fe Shores, according to plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 74, of the public records of Bradford County, Fla. and being Bradford County Parcel Number 06219-C-00100. The public hearing may be continued to one or more future dates. Any interested party shall be advised that the date, time and place of any continuation of the public hearing shall be announced during the public hearing and that no further notice concerning the matter will be published, unless said continuation exceeds six calendar weeks from the date of the above referenced public hearing. Aforementioned public hearing, all interested parties may appear to be heard with respect to the appeal. Copies of the material are available for public inspection at the Office of the Director of Zoning, Planning, and Building, County Courthouse located at 945 North Temple Avenue, North Wing, Starke, Florida, during regular business hours. All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decision made at the above referenced public hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NUMBER: 63-2024-CA-0015
BULLARD-DENUNE INVESTMENT

date of the above referenced public hearing. At the aforementioned public hearing, all interested parties may appear to be heard with respect to the appeal. Copies of the material are available for public inspection at the Office of the Director of Zoning, Planning, and Building, County Courthouse located at 945 North Temple Avenue, North Wing, Starke, Florida, during regular business hours. All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decision made at the above referenced public hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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PUBLIC HEARING
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
A PUBLIC HEARING will be held November 19, 2024, at 5:15 P.M. at Bradford County School District Office, 501 West Washington Street, Starke Florida 32091, regarding the proposed rule for the 2024-2025 Student Progression Plan Amendment- Grading Policy for Bradford Elementary School, Bradford High School, Bradford Middle School, Lawtey Elementary School, Starke Elementary School.
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CO., a Florida corporation,
Plaintiff,
VS.
LUBOV BOGOPOLSKAYA, and
THE COMMONS LANDOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida non-profit corporation,
Defendants.

CLERK'S NOTICE OF SALE
UNDER F.S. CHAPTER 45
NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT, in accordance with the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated October 28, 2024, in the above styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on the Courthouse steps, Union County Courthouse, 55 West Main Street, Lake Butler, Union County, Florida, at 11:00 A.M. on January 23, 2025, the following described property:
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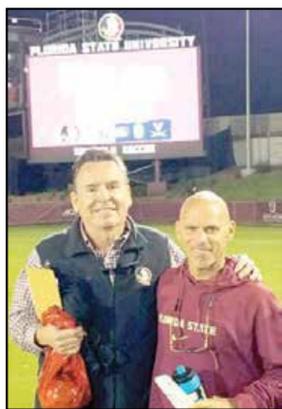
overly chatty.”

In fact, apart from announcing goals scored, free kicks and penalty kicks, Vaughan said he goes through long periods of saying nothing during soccer matches.

“That will not be the case as much in baseball because you have to constantly announce who’s coming to the plate in addition to other scripted announcements that will be provided,” Vaughan said.

Vaughan does have scripted announcements for soccer, too — approximately seven pages worth, covering such things as promotions, sponsorships and upcoming events.

Though he views his role as sticking to the facts, that doesn’t mean Vaughan can’t have some fun with it. He announces FSU soccer scores with an elongated “gooooo!” If the score is by senior midfielder/forward Taylor Huff, Vaughan’s call is, “Goooooal, Florida State! Taylor made by Huff!” If the scorer is freshman



Terry Vaughan (left) is pictured with FSU Head Soccer Coach Brian Pensky.

forward Solai Washington, it’s, “Olé! Olé! Solai!”

“The only time you really get to ad lib (in soccer) is when goals are scored,” Vaughan said.

Announcing FSU baseball is special

Being the PA announcer for

soccer is a great opportunity as Vaughan and his wife have been season-ticket holders for the sport for a couple of years now. However, getting the chance to fill the same role in baseball is special for Vaughan.

“My experience with FSU baseball goes way back,” he said. “My first recollection of Florida State baseball was in 1970 when they went to the College World Series and lost in 16 innings to USC for the national championship.”

As a “young lad,” Vaughan became “hooked.” He still remembers players such as Pat Osburn and Mac Scarce from that 1970 team.

Vaughan has followed FSU baseball ever since. He even took a trip to the College World Series in 1995, though the Seminoles dropped two straight games after winning their first.

“It was a bucket-list thing that I checked off,” Vaughan said. “I would like to go back.”

More than anything, he’d love to see FSU finally win that championship that has eluded the Seminoles in 23 trips to the

World Series.

“I can tell you, if they ever win the big one, I will probably sit down and cry,” Vaughan said.

Vaughan recently provided the PA duties for his first baseball game, which was an exhibition between the ‘Noles and Alabama on Oct. 26. The program also played an intrasquad Garnet and Gold game on Nov. 1. Vaughan described the opportunities as “a chance to get my feet wet before the actual season starts” on Feb. 14.



Terry Vaughan (right) jokes that he’s the “grandpa” of FSU’s sports marketing. He’s pictured with his 24-year-old boss, Bryan Richey.

involved that make it all work. The average fan, I do not think, has any real concept of that.”

One of the people coordinating everything that occurs during a game is Bryan Richey, the assistant director for sports marketing and Vaughan’s boss. Since Richey is 24, Vaughan likes to joke with him, asking

him, “What’s like working with Grandpa?”

“I think sometimes he doesn’t know how this is supposed to work because I’m so much older, but we have a great relationship,” said Vaughan, whose first boss (before Richey was hired) was 21-year-old Jack Oliaro.

It’s an entire team of people Vaughan described as “young enough to be his grandchildren.”

Vaughan said being surrounded by youth “energizes” him, adding, “These are all talented, young people. Typically, a lot of them are interns, so you’re talking anywhere from 18 to 24 years old. Yet they’re all so talented and all have bright futures.”

The “grandpa” of the team has a bright future, too. Vaughan described it as “coming full circle with my FSU fandom.”

“Much is made of serendipity,” Vaughan said. “While I didn’t pursue this opportunity (initially), I’m so thankful I have friends who believed in me and pushed me to pursue it. It’s been a lot of fun. I hope to continue in this role for a while.”

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Klein passed again, with a completion going to Williams for a touchdown with 7:04 left in the third quarter. Carter Whitehead's extra point was good, making the score 21-7.

Chieffland's offense faced

third-and-6 on its next drive. The quarterback kept the ball and was taken out of bounds right at the first-down marker. After gaining a new set of downs, the quarterback picked up a bunch of yardage on a run play, dragging defenders with him for a first down at the Union 35-yard line.

The Indians then picked up 5 yards on two straight run

plays. On third down, the ball was handed off again, with the runner picking up enough for a first down at the 23-yard line. A Chieffland runner then went around right end and took it in for a touchdown with 51 seconds left in the third quarter. The extra point was good, with the Tigers now leading 21-14.

With play underway in the

fourth quarter, a Chieffland running back somehow broke free of Tiger defenders for a huge gain to the Union 34-yard line. A huge run on another handoff almost picked up a first down. On second-and-1, it looked as if the back would be tackled, but he broke loose and took the ball all the way to the 11-yard line. The Indians would then take it in for a touchdown with 9:45 to go in the game. Chieffland successfully went for two for their first lead of the game at 22-21.

Simmons returned the following kickoff to his own 43-yard line. After Simmons carried the ball for a 3-yard gain, a pass intended for Bryan Tyson was broken up. On third down, a pass to Jenkins was complete for a first down at the Chieffland

42. A keeper by Klein gained 7 yards, while a carry by Simmons picked up enough yardage for a first down at the 28-yard line.

A pass to Jenkins was completed for a short gain, bringing up second-and-8. Klein kept the ball and picked up enough yardage for another first down at the 18-yard line. A 5-yard run by Klein was followed by a pass to Jenkins in the end zone that bounced off his hands for an incompletion. On third-and-5, a handoff to Simmons went for no gain. A double pass on fourth down had Jenkins catching a pass from Klein and then throwing a touchdown to Tyson with 4:11 remaining. A successful two-point conversion had the Tigers leading 29-22.

The Indians took over at their own 45 after the Tigers' kickoff. After an incomplete pass, the quarterback was sacked on second down, bringing up third-and-12. The quarterback kept the ball and almost picked up the first down. On fourth-and-1, the Indians picked up the first down and then some, taking the ball all the way to the Union 25-yard line.

Chieffland later faced fourth-and-6 with 30 seconds left on the clock. A huge run by the quarterback took the ball inside the 5-yard line for first-and-goal with 14 seconds remaining. A touchdown pass with 10 seconds left made it 29-28. The Indians went for two and got it for the one-point win.



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however, then had a 10-yard run to set up first-and-goal at the 4. Robinson eventually scored on a 2-yard run to put the Raiders ahead 13-10 at the 5:30 mark of the third quarter. The PAT was no good.

Keystone went three-and-out on its first series of the half, but put together a promising drive the next time its offense had the ball. Parmeter had a 9-yard carry to convert a third-and-long play and later completed an 8-yard pass to Ford to set up a fourth-and-1 play on which Parmeter rushed for 12 yards to the Crescent City 28. A 12-yard run

by Hollingsworth resulted in a first down at the 14, but the drive stalled at the 11. Sapp set up to attempt a 28-yard field goal, but a low snap prevented the attempt, with holder Parmeter throwing an incompletion with 5:41 remaining in the game.

The Raiders' Robinson had four carries for 48 yards on an eight-play, 89-yard drive that ended with a 22-yard touchdown reception by Major with 1:51 left to play. Baylon added the PAT, which made the score 20-10.

A Keystone fumble set Crescent City up at the Indians' 1-yard line. Robinson scored on a run from there with 1:15 remaining, putting the Raiders up 26-10. The PAT was no good.

Ford and Parmeter were responsible for the bulk of the

Indians' 158 total yards. Parmeter rushed for 43 yards on seven carries and was 4 of 11 passing for 72 yards, with Ford catching all four completions.

Perhaps more wins will come for the Indians in 2025. Reynolds mentioned how the 2023 team bounced back from a losing season to win six games and earn a spot in the playoffs.

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