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Lake Butler restarts city manager search

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Special to the Times

LAKE BUTLER — The city of Lake Butler held a special meeting Wednesday, Nov. 1, to interview its top three picks of the applicants for the position of city manager, but the meeting did not go as planned as two of the three persons selected for interviews had previously notified Mayor David Stegall that they had already found other employment, one as the new city manager of Jasper. Of the three, only local applicant Brian Reagan came to the meeting, but the commission felt it needed a bigger interview pool to select from.

After discussion, the board decided to re-advertise the position in search of more qualified applicants. Since it is doing so, City Attorney John Maines said it would not be appropriate to interview a single applicant ahead of time for the interviews from the new applications.

"If you interview now, the process may be conducted in a different manner or method than the later interviews, and this potential for inconsistency is not fair to any of the applicants," Maines said.

Commissioner Melissa Hendrix commented that she thought it best to reject all the outstanding applications and allow those who applied to re-apply. She also said she felt the whole process was over-long, taking almost two months from the publication of the advertisements to the interview date. She said a citizen had suggested that the board meet every 15 days to review applications received and that it seemed like a good idea to her. She also said she favored leaving the salary range for the position at \$75,000 to \$85,000 and thought the commission needed to rethink the requirement that the selected applicant live in the city.

Hendrix made three motions, all of which passed unanimously. The first was to give Mayor David Stegall the authority to cancel any of the special meetings set for the business of the candidate selection process. The second was to modify the residence requirement in the advertisements to state that it could be waived. In her third motion, she moved to leave the application process open-ended and to have a special meeting every 15 days

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Gunshots trigger school lockdown

The Union County Sheriff's Office said a nearby property owner triggered a shelter-in-place order at Lake Butler Elementary School when the man fired two gunshots to chase away birds that were eating his crops.

The agency said that around 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 25, the school's resource officer was alerted to the gunfire.

"The school took immediate 'shelter in place' actions for the protection of the school children," the office said. "All sheriff's office units responded and within seconds had a perimeter set up around the school as well as others interviewing neighbors behind and beside the school."

The office said the property owner was contacted and warned of his actions, and the school returned to normal operations with increased law enforcement presence in the area.

Lake Butler woman killed in Alachua County crash

The Florida Highway Patrol said a

53-year-old Lake Butler woman was killed on the morning of Saturday, October 28, in a crash between La Crosse and Gainesville.

According to an FHP report, the 53-year-old was driving south on State Road 121 when her 2000 Honda collided head-on with a northbound 2015 Toyota. The northbound Toyota was driven by a 22-year-old Lake Butler man, who was transported to UF Health Shands in Gainesville with serious injuries.

The crash occurred around 6:15 a.m., a quarter mile south of Northwest 177th Avenue.

70-year-old killed in crash

The Florida Highway Patrol said a 70-year-old Starke man died Tuesday after a head-on collision on State Road 100 west of Starke.

A family acquaintance identified the deceased as Loyal Eddie Aldridge, also known as Daddy Rabbit.

FHP said Aldridge's vehicle collided with another car driven by a 52-year-old man, who was trapped in his vehicle and had to be extracted by firefighters. He was then taken to a trauma center with serious injuries.

The crash occurred in the area of Southwest 101st Avenue around 3:30 p.m.



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WORTH NOTING

Veterans Day ceremony in Starke

American Legion Post 56 will hold a Veterans Day ceremony in at Charles Schaefer Veterans Memorial Park on East Call Street in Starke commencing at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 11. The public is encouraged to attend to pay honor to all veterans who have served their country. The event will include a flag retirement ceremony.

Camp Blanding Museum to host Veterans Day event

The Camp Blanding Museum will observe Veterans Day on Saturday, Nov. 11, with an event that features food available at World War II prices.

A ceremony kicks off the free event at 11 a.m.

Limited-edition T-shirts will be provided for free to the first 100 veterans who show up.

The event runs until 3 p.m. For more information, please call the museum at 904-682-3196.

Veterans honored with lunch and information

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

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

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

UCHS Veterans Day ceremony features former TOY

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



Bradford County Fire Rescue employees joined commissioners Diane Andrews, Kenny Thompson, Carolyn Spooner, Chris Dougherty and Danny Riddick for a photo with retiring Starke Fire Chief Gary Wise.

Starke Fire Chief Wise honored on his retirement

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

Bradford County Fire Rescue Chief Ben Carter said Gary Wise has always supported doing what is best for the community as a whole, and that's why he wanted to recognize Wise's retirement as Starke Fire Chief in front of the county commission Monday.

"Today we have the honor of paying tribute to a true public servant who's dedicated an impressive 29 years of service to our community. It is an honor to recognize the retirement of Starke Fire Rescue Chief Gary Wise, an accomplished professional who has made an indelible mark on not only

the city of Starke but Bradford County as a whole," Carter said.

"Chief Wise's career has been a testament to unwavering commitment and steadfast leadership. With close to three decades of service, he has stood strong in the face of countless emergencies, from battling formidable fires, leading his crews through intricate vehicle extrications, to even the occasional cat in a tree, and his ability to maintain composure and decisiveness in the most challenging set of circumstances has been an inspiration to many of his colleagues, myself included, and reassured those in distress."

"Throughout his career, Chief Wise has been a source of wisdom and guidance for city and county firefighters alike. His leadership has instilled a culture of excellence, emphasizing the importance of teamwork and professionalism. Under his stewardship, Starke Fire Rescue has continually demonstrated its dedication to public safety."

Carter continued, recognizing Wise's family for supporting him and Wise's valuable mentorship and friendship.

"Chief Wise, your service to our community has been invaluable, and your legacy as a dedicated public

servant and leader is secure. On behalf of the entire county and the fire rescue community, I extend our sincere appreciation for your contributions over the past 29 years. We wish you a retirement filled with contentment, new adventures and well deserved relaxation," Carter said.

From Lawtey to Theresa, from the country club to Brooker, Wise said there probably isn't a road in Bradford he hasn't traveled in an emergency vehicle over the past 29 years. He was grateful for the honor, saying he isn't going anywhere and will remain available. Both county and city responders are in good hands, he said.

Important projects require significant funding

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

A Halloween session of Bradford's Legislative Delegation drew the usual crowd, with many seeking a financial treat.

With Rep. Chuck Brannan and Sen. Jennifer Bradley both assigned to appropriations-related committees, they may have been knocking on the right door. In fact, meeting began with a presentation to the city of Starke for money obtained during the last legislative session, a combined \$2.4 million for a water and wastewater extension project and the downtown revitalization known as Citywalk.

Brannan delivered the check and presided over the meeting in the

absence of Bradley, who was under the weather.

The project to extend water and wastewater lines down S.R. 16 to the bypass interchange has an estimated cost of \$23 million, with money already committed by the city, county and state. There is a shortfall of \$1 million, and the Starke and Bradford commissions have submitted a joint request for the remaining funds.

Starke is in the process of annexing 177 acres at the bypass interchange for a future mixed-use commercial and residential development. The goal is to begin construction of the utility extension by the end of next year.

The city is also seeking additional support for infrastructure development and ADA access downtown, as well

as getting its wastewater treatment plant discharge out of Alligator Creek. This is necessary to allow pedestrian access to the creek and promote it as a recreational resource.

Sheriff Gordon Smith has requested funding to construct a new emergency operations center. Funds were previously awarded for the planning and design of the center. The current center at the sheriff's office falls short of meeting hurricane safety standards and is too small to accommodate the personnel and equipment necessary to respond in an emergency, according to the county. He estimated it would cost \$8 million to construct and outfit the new EOC.

Bradford County Fire Rescue Chief Ben Carter requested \$950,000

to fund the purchase of two fire engines. If awarded, this would bring the total he's been able to purchase with a state appropriation to three. The one purchased from this year's appropriation isn't slated for delivery until next September, however.

The Keystone Heights Airport Authority is seeking \$3.5 million to widen S.R. 100 at its two entrances and add deceleration and turn lanes. A road connecting both entrances will be constructed running parallel to the highway, allowing new businesses to develop along the corridor.

"This is about 100 acres now that will literally open up for additional

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T.J.Maxx announces grand opening

T.J.Maxx, the nation's leading off-price retailer with more than 1,300 stores currently operating in 49 states and Puerto Rico, will open at Bradford Square on Thursday, Nov. 16.

"Our newest store in Starke will offer an ever-changing selection of high-quality, on-trend and brand-name merchandise at the amazing prices T.J.Maxx is known for. Our buyers create a unique mix that offers value for styles in every department, and we're excited to bring this experience to a new neighborhood," said

Peter Benjamin, president of T.J.Maxx. "With a constant flow of new arrivals, we offer an exciting one-stop-shop that makes it easy for consumers to stay on-trend with styles they love and save big every single day."

Grand opening

On Nov. 16 from 8 a.m. until 10 p.m., local shoppers in Starke can celebrate the newest location, where they'll find big savings on brands they adore.

Store facts & features

Location: Bradford Square, 801 South Walnut St. in Starke. Approximately 22,720 square feet.

Regular store hours:

10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-

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Community support

In celebration of its new Starke location, T.J.Maxx will contribute to the local community by donating \$10,000 to The Arc Bradford County. The new store will also join all other stores nationwide in sponsoring Save the Children's U.S. Programs through T.J.Maxx's annual in-store fundraising campaign.



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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 johnryan@bctelegraph.com. Please include all relevant information about the veteran and your contact information as well.



Groups working together to bless those in need

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

United for the cause of feeding those in need, group members took turns making introductions and expressing their support for the joint effort this past Monday morning.

The occasion was the installation of a Blessing Box in the circular drive of the RJE Center. Purchased with a grant obtained by the Health Department, Starke Altrusans are sponsoring the box, pledging to help keep it filled with food and personal care items. It was placed on the property with the blessing of Concerned Citizens of Bradford County.

Concerned Citizens President Alica McMillian pointed to the nearby classrooms where parents drop off and pick up their young children from Head Start. The Health and Wellness Resource Hub will also be serving the community there.

A Blessing Box is just what is sounds like: a box open to the community to both offer and receive blessings. Anyone may help fill it with donations of nonperishable food and hygiene items, and anyone may partake.

The generous women of Starke Altrusa with the help of the Health Department and Concerned Citizens are sure to keep it well stocked.

"I just want to say thank you

guys," Starke Altrusa President Sarah Long said. "Thank you to the health department for bringing us this project. They came and spoke at a meeting back in August and we just kind of fell in love with the project."

With the help of a grant, the Health Department's Jim Lyons has been identifying locations for the Blessing Boxes. The Bradford Health Department, Answers Resource Facility and Lawtey Methodist Church have boxes, and he said another is being installed in Pleasant Grove this week. They are also located in Union County at Lake Butler City Hall, the Church of Christ and the Union Health Department.

In all, he said a grant provided money to build 12 boxes.

According to Lyons, "The idea for the Blessing Box project was born out of community response to greatest needs during the Community Health Needs Assessment taken by the community in early 2023. One of the greatest needs noted was food insecurity across Bradford County. It was noted that while food distribution programs helped greatly, the food didn't last long especially for a larger family, and those who work often could not take advantage of these distributions, as was also true with those who lacked transportation. After the surveys were ranked and food insecurity



Working together: Blessing Box provided by the Health Department on the property of the Concerned Citizens and sponsored by Starke Altrusans. Pictured are Janice Mortimer, Shelly Bowen, Teresa Phillips, Sylvia Reddish, Gale Trotter, Dimple Overstreet, Rachel Rhoden, Carolyn Carver, Alica McMillian, Carnell Williams, Sandra Demps, Jim Lyons, Norma Robinson, and Sarah Long.

was among the top issues, we started looking at ways to ease this need."

They didn't have to look far, finding neighboring counties were using these miniature food pantries.

"That's the beauty of the Blessing Box. It isn't to provide a weeks' worth of groceries for someone; it is a simple, no questions way to provide dinner

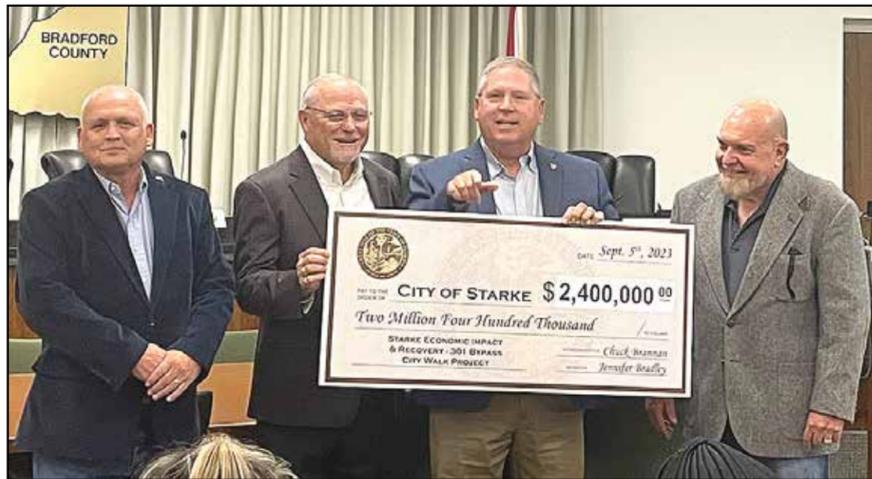
for a family who might not have the means to do so otherwise," he said, adding that toiletries, baby care items and children's books are also well received.

"So far, it had been a great success with almost everyone taking what they need and leaving something for the next person in need of additional food, and as the boxes are becoming more well-known. We see community

members dropping items off in the boxes to make sure food insecurity is held in check," Lyons said.

"We've got two wonderful groups that are working together, and I don't think it ends here," said Altrusan Rachel Rhoden. "Let's hope that we can continue to work together for the revitalization and betterment of Bradford County."

"We do share your enthusiasm for this partnership because we know it's going to be for the best of everybody, especially our citizens," said Starke City Commissioner Janice Mortimer, who is also a member of Concerned Citizens.



Starke city officials accepted a \$2.4 million check from Rep. Chuck Brannan on behalf of the state of Florida during the annual legislative delegation meeting Oct. 31. Pictured are Commissioner Danny Nugent, Mayor Scott Roberts, Rep. Brannan and City Clerk Jimmy Crosby. The funds will be used on behalf of the Starke Economic Impace and Recovery Project to extend utilitiy lines out to the bypass and the Citywalk downtown revitalization project.

REQUESTS

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economic development," said David Kirkland, chairman of the Keystone Airport Authority. The airport is a valuable asset, and the improvements will make it that much better, he said.

Having successfully completed roofing work on the RJE gymnasium, Concerned Citizens of Bradford County are turning their attention to renovating the classrooms and recreation building. They have requested an additional \$500,000. Bradford County contributed ARPA funds for the roofing work, and the city of Starke received a grant that will pay for renovations inside the gymnasium, including ADA compliance. The classroom

buildings will be used to host the Community Health and Wellness Resource Hub as well as afterschool and summer programs for children.

All of these projects have been supported by the county commission and county manager.

The sheriff also lobbied for a traffic light at the intersection of S.R. 100 and Southeast 144th Street, which is just east of the new Bradford Elementary School campus. Smith said there has been an average of 30 accidents a year at the intersection over the past three years, and the opening of the school later this month is only going to add to the traffic congestion and danger.

Smith read his letter to the Secretary of the Department of Transportation into the record: "A properly functioning traffic signal would not only manage the

increased traffic flow associated with the opening of Bradford Elementary School, but it also significantly enhances the safety of the students, parents, school staff, and other commuters who utilize the intersection daily. The safety of our community, especially children, must be our top priority."

Other requests from the public included infrastructure improvements for Lawtey to promote growth, including roadwork and broadband internet; support for soil and water conservation districts in helping connect landowners to available grant funding; veterans affairs and mental health; and even a request that Lawtey undergo a state audit.

The 2024 legislative session begins Jan. 9.

Spooner appointed to chair county commission

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

Carolyn Spooner was appointed chair of the Bradford County Commission, her first term serving in the position.

She follows another first-timer, Diane Andrews, who spoke glowingly of Spooner and her service to the community.

For a moment, it wasn't clear who would take over the office. Andrews nominated Spooner, but Kenny Thompson nominated Danny Riddick, and Chris Dougherty nominated Andrews for a second year. Andrews declined the nomination, but both Spooner and Riddick accepted, prompting Spooner to speak up for herself.

Spooner listed her years on the Starke City Commission, her three terms as mayor, her presidency of the executive committee of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council and the work she put into becoming a certified county commissioner.

"I wish to have this opportunity, I feel like I deserve this opportunity, and I wish for my board to allow me that



Spooner last year upon receiving her certification.

opportunity," she said, being the only sitting commissioner who has not served as board chair. "I want that opportunity because I feel that I've earned it."

Dougherty and Thompson withdrew their nominations, but Andrews shared why she had nominated Spooner. Self-knowledge and awareness, communication skills, focus, motivation, curiosity, positivity adaptability and experience were among the qualities Andrews listed.

With her comments completed, the board voted unanimously to appoint Spooner, and followed that by naming Riddick as vice chair.

Later in the meeting, Spooner revealed a first look at her work on strategic planning, gathering information and community input. The board agreed to a strategic planning workshop on Dec. 14 at 3 p.m.

Letters

What has happened to Sampson City?

Dear Editor:
A couple of years ago, we had a basically quiet neighborhood. Now we have such things as gunshots at 3 a.m. and several of the rocket-type motorcycles racing each other going at least 60 to 65 mph, passing 0- cars to keep up with each other.

On top of that, now teenagers are out in open-water area, where there are residential homes surrounding it, shooting off handguns and shotguns. This, just yesterday, resulted in them "sighting" in their shotgun and, to see how far it would shoot, shooting and killing a domesticated duck. Then they ran back to their residence.

This is forwarding to the cycle riders with a suicide wish to have it come to fruition or collide with an

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Hope Baptist Church hosted the fall Trunk or Treat with free food, hayrides, train rides, pumpkin slingshots and more! There was even a visit from Leo the Lion, Hope Christian Academy's mascot. Blane, Claude, and Rhett had a ball together.



Blane posing with HCA's mascot, Leo the Lion.



Dan and Pat Waltrap at the fishing stop.

City considers two property proposals

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

Starke commissioners decided to move forward with a contract to purchase a block of land downtown for an undisclosed project.

The city previously advertised for proposals to purchase property within a one and a half block area bordered on the north and south by Call Street and Madison Street and on the east and west by Church Street and the railroad crossing.

Two proposals were submitted by the deadline and ranked by a committee made up of the city manager, clerk and finance director. The top proposal, submitted by John and Elizabeth Jarmon, offered 320 E. Call St. for \$225,000. HealthSafe Services offered 435 E. Madison St. for \$280,000.

City commissioners stuck by the rankings, selecting the Jarmon property, pending finalization of the contract as well as environmental testing of the site. The city built time into the request for proposals to allow for that, if the owners agree.

Commissioner Danny Nugent said the city could do a lot with



The city of Starke will purchase the property pending finalization of the contract.

the property, but a specific use wasn't mentioned other than parking in the rear of the building. The former retail site has historic value, and there may be grants available to renovate it, he said.

The second property is right next to the Downtown Square, and the city commission expressed interest in further discussions with the property owner. Unlike the first property, which the city is purchasing with federal ARPA funding, City Clerk Jimmy Crosby had not identified funds available to make the second purchase.

Commissioner Shannon Smith was cautious about the city overextending itself, saying the board would be spending more than the purchase price on the Jarmon property to make it usable.

"We cut a lot of money last year, and now we're going out doing some other things that I just don't, I don't feel comfortable with it right now," he said. "I think we're doing the right thing with ARPA money getting that piece of property, and we can develop it and do some really good things with it using some grant money and some other stuff."

Commissioner Andy Redding said when they have more information, they can determine if it's feasible to move forward

with the second property as well.

Community State Bank changing name

Bank holding company DLP Bancshares announced that its commercial bank based in Starke: Community State Bank, will be renamed DLP Bank on November 13. In a news release, the company said the bank has \$250 million in assets and is owned by a consortium of private investors, including Don Wenner, CEO of the real estate investment and financial services firm DLP Capital.

"Since our investment, DLP Bank has experienced solid, measured growth," said Wenner in the release. "We have an extremely talented and experienced board of directors that is helping to guide the bank toward a new era of service and profitability. Their experience, plus DLP Bancshares' capital infusion, allows for new technologies, products, and services. We look forward to continued growth, especially in loan origination, as we service area homeowners and commercial businesses."

DLP Bancshares said it acquired the Starke-based bank in late 2022 and made significant capital contributions that have fueled its growth. "This capital has allowed the bank to increase lending limits, support balance sheet objectives, and enhance the range of customer services and technologies," the company said. "The newly renamed DLP Bank expects to expand its geographic reach to include commercial clients throughout the Southeast while remaining an important resource to local communities, having been founded in Florida in 1957."

First Church of Starke to host annual bazaar on Nov. 10-11

Starke Methodist Women are hosting a bazaar/craft event at First Church of Starke (formerly First United Methodist) at 200 N. Walnut St. on Friday, Nov. 10, and Saturday, Nov. 11.

Baked goods, seasonal crafts and jams/jellies will be available from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Nov. 10 and from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Nov. 11.

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Lake Region



Dale Jenkins of the St. Johns River Water Management District said 4,500 feet of pipe has been buried for the Black Creek Water Resource Development Project, and workers are installing 400 feet of pipe per day along State Roads 21 and 16.

All phases of Black Creek progressing

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
General manager

A St. Johns River Water Management District official said all three elements of the Black Creek Water Resource Development project are now under construction.

The primary goal of the project is to increase recharge to the Upper Floridan aquifer in northeast Florida using excess flow from Black Creek, in Clay County. The project is also expected to contribute to regional minimum flows and levels recovery and may help

improve water levels in lakes and the Alligator Creek system, including drought-stressed lakes Brooklyn and Geneva. Restoration of the lakes is a secondary benefit of the project.

Dale Jenkins, the district's director of its Division of Infrastructure and Land Resources, told the district's governing board on October 10 that the pump station and intake at the creek, the 17-mile pipeline from the creek to Camp Blanding, and the water treatment system that will discharge water into Alligator Creek between Lakes Magnolia and Brooklyn would

all be underway by the end of the month.

Jenkins said a pre-construction meeting for the water treatment system was scheduled for October 11, and he anticipated work on that element to be underway before November 1. The pump station and intake at the creek had been delayed by a nonperforming drill bit, but that delay has been remedied. Jenkins added that the electrical building at the pump station site is nearly complete, 4,500 feet of pipe has been buried, and workers are installing 400 feet of pipe per day along State Roads 21 and 16.

Lewandoski sworn in

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
General manager

Keystone Heights's newest city councilman took the oath of office in a minute-and-a-half swearing-in ceremony on November 1.

Dan Lewandoski is serving the remaining term of Bobby Brown, who resigned from the council in October for health reasons.

Lewandoski, a retired Air Force Colonel and former Keystone Heights charter review committee member, teaches at Q.I. Roberts Junior-Senior High School in Putnam County, where he has taught math, chemistry, physics, engineering, and aerospace studies. He served on the city council from 2015 to 2018 and is a native of Marin County, California. His current term on the council runs through April 2024.

Ntl. Guard rep. on airport board to go before voters

The Keystone Heights City Council passed the first reading of an ordinance on October 23 that would place a charter

amendment before voters next year, impacting the governance of the municipality's airport.

Now, the airport is governed by a board consisting of four members from Keystone Heights, one member each from Clay and Bradford counties, and one from the Florida National Guard. The charter amendment would eliminate the Florida National Guard seat and add a seat for Keystone Heights.

The ordinance comes after an opinion from Florida National Guard's lawyers, who said guard members may not hold such seats. The ordinance must pass a second reading by the council before being placed on the April 2024 ballot.

keeping students safe.

Mary Bolla, the only board member voting against the motion, said changing to the sheriff's office would add \$2 million to school security costs.

Fishing pier pitched for Keystone Beach

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
General manager

The President of the Lake Region Development Corporation proposed building a fishing pier at Keystone Beach.

Vivian James asked the city council to pitch in \$25,000 of the estimated \$165,000 to \$220,000 total project cost. She said that the actual cost of the platform will depend on the features installed, adding that an optional jet ski port would cost \$18,000.

James asked that the city tap its Lake Account budget line item for the 25 grand. She added that she already has around \$24,000 for the project from a Keystone Volunteer Fire Department grant and will be seeking money from the Save Our Lakes board of directors, Chemours, and other sources.

The aluminum floating structure would be 150 feet long with a 40-foot gangway.

School board votes to negotiate with sheriff

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
General manager

The Clay County School Board, during a Thursday, Nov. 2 school board meeting, voted 4-1 to authorize the superintendent to negotiate with the sheriff for school security services.

The vote represented another step in transferring responsibility from the school district's police force to the sheriff's office for

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State to build bridge over 301

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
General manager

Officials with the Florida Department of Environmental Regulation told Bradford County leaders that the Florida Department of Transportation plans to build a pedestrian bridge over U.S. 301 between Starke and Hampton Lake as part of the Palatka-to-Lake Butler State Trail.

Officials with the Mike Rosses Gold Head Branch State Park, the trail, and the environmental agency held a public hearing at the Bradford County Courthouse to discuss the department's plans to upgrade the trail. County commissioners Danny Riddick and Diane Andrews, County Manager Scott Kornegay, and Sheriff's Office Major George L. Konkel Jr. attended the meeting.

Gold Head Park Manager Charlie Brown said FDOT's next two projects for the trail are a pedestrian bridge over U.S. 301 and a bridge over New River, connecting the Bradford and Union County portions of the paved walkway.

Andrews added that in 2021 or 2022, the state road agency sent commissioners several designs for the walkway spanning 301. The commission chair said the panel selected its preferred design, "and we sent it into them, but that was the last we ever heard about it."



The pedestrian crossing now under construction at State Road 100 is holding up the opening of the access from the state highway to the west.

Brown added that the pedestrian crossing now under construction at State Road 100 is holding up the opening of the access from the state highway to the west.

Motor vehicles plague trail

The parks officials also said that the biggest problem facing the trail in Bradford County is unauthorized motor vehicles using the walking and bike path. Park Services Specialist Carlos

Rosado, who maintains the trail between Putnam and Union Counties, reported that although motorized vehicles are prohibited from the trail, four-wheelers, golf carts, and motorcycles regularly trespass on the paved surface, which runs through southern Bradford County, in the Theresa and Hampton areas. Konkel said he planned to tour the trail and increase patrols on it. He also suggested that state officials use cameras to discourage the unlawful behavior.

Local artist, former daycare owner, to host first annual art exhibit

Eula Snell, a lifelong resident of Bradford County, will be holding her first art exhibit on Saturday, Nov. 18 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Let's Do It Productions Banquet Hall located on downtown Call Street in Starke.

The theme of her art exhibit is "A pot to piss in nor a window to throw it out of." Her paintings are a reflection of her life experiences and childhood memories.

Since retiring from childcare her passion for art has grown which has led to her selling many art pieces to businesses and art lovers throughout the area. Snell is self-taught, which makes her paintings unique and adventurous with creative expressions.

Your presence and support will enrich this event and inspire others to follow their dreams.



Eula Snell

Claimed undeserved homestead exemption

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
General manager

The Bradford County Property Appraiser's Office has filed a \$4,549.31 lien against a Starke property owner because she claimed a homestead exemption on a residence she did not live in.

The property appraiser's office was first tipped off to the possibility of Jarotha Reed not living at the Crum Street home when mail sent to the address was returned undeliverable. While the office investigated the case, Reed admitted to workers in the office that she did not live in the home.

The property appraiser's office said Jones took advantage of \$125,000 worth of homestead exemptions over five years for which she was not entitled.

Property appraiser Kenny Clark said many taxpayers are unaware of the laws governing homestead exemptions and unknowingly continue to benefit from the tax break after moving out of a home.

New congregation buys Anchor Christian Fellowship property

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
General manager

Culture House Church, Inc. purchased the land and building of Anchor Christian Fellowship near County Road 231, about one mile south of the Department of Corrections Reception and Medical Center.

Culture House Church was incorporated in November 2022 with Robert D. Jarvis II, Marvin H. Brooks IV, and Dustin Crews as directors. The deed transferring ownership from Anchor to the new congregation for \$380,857 is dated Aug 24, 2023, but was not recorded in county records until October 24.

The purchase of the two parcels totaling 5.25 acres and a main building of 8,600 square feet was financed with a mortgage from First Federal Bank of Lake City.

Before the transaction, Crews resigned from the church's board and was replaced by Stacy O. Lloyd.

Proposed car wash site changes hands

Masonic Charities of Florida Inc. closed on two parcels on November 1 for \$450,000. One 0.9-acre parcel fronts U.S. 301 north of Mosely Tire.

The second parcel is directly behind the first. Both sites are vacant, although the U.S. 301 site at one point hosted Solar Controller. A sign in front of the land fronting 301 indicates that a car wash will soon be constructed on the site.

The buyer is Woodall & Sons LLC of Albany, Georgia.

Upcoming solid waste closures

Bradford County's solid waste collection sites will observe Veterans Day on Friday, Nov. 10. The sites will be closed and reopen at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 11. The sites will also be closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 23 and 24. They will reopen at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 25.

Hatch is Kiwanian of the year

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
General manager

Lake Region Kiwanis has awarded its 2023 Kiwanian of the Year to Patricia Hatch.

A broker-owner of Hatch Realty Services, Hatch is the civic group's treasurer, organizer of its Klaus mission, and Lt. Gov. for Kiwanis Florida Division 4.

Hatch said she and her husband, Keith, sought membership in the group shortly after moving to the Lake Region in 2017.

"My dad had been in the Kiwanis, but back then, only



Patricia Hatch

men could join," she said. "We wanted to get involved with the community, so I reached out, and (Kiwanian) Steve Hart called me."

Hatch added that children are the focus of the civic group's efforts, such as establishing Key Clubs and Builders Clubs in local schools. Its most well-known project is the elementary school recognition program, Terrific Kids.

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Crime

Recent arrests in Bradford, Union and Clay

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

Bradford

William Casey Carter, 33, of Brooker was arrested by Bradford deputies on November 3 for withholding support.

Christopher William Crawford, 31, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on November 2 for an out-of-county warrant.

Matthew Scott Culverson, 32, of Starke was arrested by Starke Police on November 3 for possession of drug equipment.

Valarie Mae Duford, 30, of Hampton was arrested by Bradford deputies on November 1 for out-of-county warrants.

Shatamra Lee Autrey Gillyard, 25, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Bradford deputies on Nov. 1 for failure to appear.

Joshua Lee Hall, 28, was arrested by Bradford deputies on November 1 for a probation violation.

Shawn Casey Hall, 45, of High Springs was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 28 for out of county warrants.

Justin Neil Hogg, 42, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 31 for an out-of-county warrant.

Denis Elex Lopez Canaca, 22, of Gainesville was arrested by Bradford deputies on November 3 for failure to appear.

Michael Rodney McCarter, 25, of Keystone Heights was arrested on November 1 for a probation violation.

Darold William McRae, 53, of Starke was arrested by Starke Police and Bradford deputies on October 30 for DUI and a probation violation.

Adam Maurice Nicholson, 45, of Hampton was arrested by Bradford deputies on November 1 for a probation violation.

Dylan Seth Parker, 21, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on November 29 for a probation violation.

Jared Russell Rice, 34, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Bradford deputies on October 29 for failure to appear.

Benjamin Tyler Robinson, 22, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on November 2 for aggravated battery.

Ashley Nicole Smith, 40, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on November 2 for a probation violation.

Union

Jacob Lee Anthony Williams, 21, of Macclenny was arrested by Union deputies on October 30 for dealing in stolen property, fraud-impersonation and possession of marijuana.

Kristopher Levi Jones, 43, of Glenn St. Mary was arrested by Union deputies on October 30 for an out-of-county warrant.

Dilmar Basilio Domingo Martinez, 42, of Worthington Springs was arrested by Union deputies on October 31 for disorderly intoxication.

Brent Edward Gunn, 35, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on November 3 for an out-of-county warrant.

Clay

Brian Curt Biddle, 68, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on November 2 for DUI.

Morgan Emily Bryan, 25, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on November 2 for DUI.

Samantha Ray Donohue, 27, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on November 3 for trafficking in methamphetamine, possession of cocaine, possession of marijuana, possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, and a probation violation.

Ronnie David Smith, 35, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on October 28 for trespassing.



Kiser

Autistic man accused of rape

Bradford deputies arrested a man they described as autistic after a woman accused him of molesting her over a period of years and, at one point, sexually battering her.

Emanuel David Kiser, 19, was arrested for lewd and lascivious behavior by an offender aged 18 or younger on a victim aged 12 or younger and sexual battery by an offender aged 18 or younger on a victim aged 12 or younger.

According to court papers, the victim told deputies in July 2022 that the defendant touched her breasts, thighs, and buttocks both over and underneath her clothing numerous times over several years.

The victim added that one time, when the two were alone, the defendant told her to remove her clothing and then sexually battered her. The victim stated that the abuse stopped when a witness walked in on the defendant while he was abusing the girl.

Deputies wrote in court papers that the defendant denied he ever partook of any sexual misconduct with the victim.

"He stated that the two were very close as children and that they played a lot," wrote Detective Michael Garmon in a sworn complaint. "He also stated

that lots of this playing consisted of wrestling but that there were no times when the two were naked."



Pelham

Paid kids to send him porn

A Starke man was sentenced to eight years in prison after he pleaded to communicating with children on Facebook, Twitter, and other social media and persuading them to send him pornographic images of themselves, then paying the children for the images.

Joshua Kelvin Pelham, 33, pleaded to seven counts of possession of child pornography, five counts of obscene communication through an electronic device, and one count each of failure of a sexual offender to register internet identifiers, failure to report after vacating a residence, and failure to comply with registration laws.

According to court papers, the defendant used social media platforms to contact underaged females, engaged in obscene communications with them and paid the teens through Cash App after they sent him images of themselves engaging in sex acts.



Atkinson

Threatened father with pocketknife

Bradford deputies arrested Jeffrey Warren Atkinson, 65, of Starke on October 27 for the Sept. 12 offense of assault on a person aged 65 or older.

According to court papers, the defendant's father told Starke police that while the two were dining at Starke's IHOP, he asked Atkinson to turn the volume down on his phone because it was rude and disruptive. According to the victim, Atkinson responded by pulling out his pocketknife and declaring, "I'll cut you to pieces." The victim added that his son did not make a motion toward him. The defendant told police that "he did something stupid," admitting to pulling out

the knife but denying making a threat.

A woman who told police she witnessed the exchange said, "She saw (the victim) politely walk over to Jeffery and ask him to turn his phone down when Jeffery stated, 'I'll show you what I'll do,' and proceeded to pull his knife out and unfold the blade stating, 'I'm gonna cut your (expletive deleted) fingers off.'"



Lee

Sold meth near Smyrna Baptist

A 44-year-old homeless man was sentenced to five years in prison after pleading to selling methamphetamine near Starke's Smyrna Baptist Church in February.

Bruce Austin Lee pleaded to two counts of selling methamphetamine within 1,000 feet of a place of worship, possession of methamphetamine within 1,000 feet of a place of worship, and use of a two-way communications device to facilitate a felony. He also pleaded to the April 30 offenses of fleeing and eluding, resisting an officer, and driving with a suspended or revoked license.

According to court papers, a confidential source from the sheriff's drug task force traded \$80 for the narcotic around 10 p.m., February 2, from the defendant at a Pratt Street address. Detectives supervised a second buy to the source for \$100 an hour later. The sales took place 350 feet from the church.

Deputies said that in April, the defendant fled from them on a motorcycle in Hampton and on foot east of Starke. Department of Corrections tracking dogs helped apprehend Lee near Southeast 150th Street.

10 years after breaking into truck

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
General manager

LAKE BUTLER—After serving two years in prison, a man on five years' probation was sentenced to an additional 10 years behind bars after a judge found him guilty of violating probation.

Ira L. Holmes Jr., 41, of Lake Butler, was first sentenced after pleading to a 2021 burglary in which he attempted to crawl through a window on Southeast 5th Avenue in Lake Butler. According to the victim, Holmes got one arm through the window but fled when the victim chambered a round in his gun.

In April, the defendant was arrested for burglary after the victim said someone broke into his truck, and witnesses saw Holmes near the vehicle around the time of the break-in.

During a probation violation hearing, witnesses told Judge Mitchell D. Bishop they saw Holmes near the truck, but no one saw him enter the vehicle.

Deputy Charles Townsend Jr. testified that he found the defendant in his backyard while investigating the burglary.

"I just simply looked at him and said, 'Why'd you go in that man's truck?'" Townsend recalled. "He said, 'I needed money.' That was about it."

Holmes told Bishop that he was nowhere near the vehicle when the burglary occurred and denied admitting to Townsend that he broke into the truck.

The defendant's prior convictions include loitering or prowling, criminal mischief, burglary, grand theft, exposing

sexual organs, aggravated assault, lewd and lascivious behavior, battery, arson, possession of a firebomb, attempted burglary, robbery, and escape.

10 years for armed robbery of dirt bikes

The second of two men accused in May of robbing two men of dirt bikes at gunpoint has been sentenced to 10 years in prison.

Chandler Parrish Ellison, 28, pleaded to one count of robbery with a firearm. The state dropped a second robbery count in addition to two counts each of kidnapping and aggravated assault.

Ellison's co-defendant, 20-year-old Aaron Tyler Higgins of Waldo, pleaded earlier this year and was also sentenced to 10 years.

According to an arrest warrant affidavit, the two victims told Bradford Detective Joseph Shiller that Higgins and Ellison were buying two dirt bikes from the victims when the buyers pulled a black handgun on them.

"(The suspects) told both victims to get in the back of (Higgins's) truck and drove off with both victims in the truck against their will," Shiller wrote. "Higgins and (a then) unknown suspect dropped the two victims off at SE CR (230)A and SE CR 100A."

The detective added that the suspects told both victims they would kill them if they called police.

Girlfriend sneaks fentanyl to inmate

The girlfriend of a Union Correctional Work Camp inmate was sentenced to a two-year suspended sentence and three years' probation, while her boyfriend earned an additional four years in state custody after the couple pleaded to smuggling contraband into a correctional facility.

Crystal Monique Garcia, 29, of Lake Butler, and the inmate Troy Aaron, 26, pleaded to trafficking in phenethylamines. Garcia also pleaded to introducing contraband into a correctional facility, and Aaron pleaded to possession of a controlled substance by an inmate.

According to court papers, the couple was seated at a table during visitation when a correctional officer saw the inmate reach to the ground and put something in his boot. The white, powdery substance was wrapped in clear cellophane and black duct tape. The 29 grams tested positive for Fentanyl.

State inspectors wrote that Garcia admitted to making deliveries to Aaron three times over several months but did not know what the deliveries contained. Aaron refused to answer investigators' questions.

Woman arrested after Capital One records phone calls

Bradford deputies arrested a 34-year-old Lawtey woman after her family members accused her of making over \$16,000 in unauthorized purchases with her aunt's credit cards.

Brandi Fawn Knight was arrested for exploitation of the elderly and fraudulent use of identification of a victim aged 60 years or older.

According to court papers, in March, the victim and her son called the sheriff's office after discovering purchases on a credit card that the victim had canceled. The pair told deputies that when they called Capital One about the card, the company told them the card had been reopened, and the address for the card had been changed to another address, which matched that of the niece. Knight told deputies she was unaware the card had been canceled and that she only used it with her aunt's permission. Meanwhile, the aunt signed a complaint withdrawal due to not wanting to file criminal charges

against Knight.

However, two days later, after finding additional purchases on the card, the victim called deputies back, saying she wanted to press charges.

Deputies subpoenaed Capital One for records on the account and received recorded telephone calls in addition to account statements from the company.

Deputies wrote that in one recorded call, a woman believed to be Knight could be heard canceling the card and then later in the call requesting a replacement card and giving Knight's phone number as the point of contact for the account.

The victim told deputies she allowed Knight and her family to live with her for free in exchange for the niece helping the elderly woman with her finances. This arrangement gave the defendant full access to the victim's financial information.

The victim told deputies Knight made over \$7,000 in fraudulent purchases with the Capital One card and another \$9,000 in fraudulent buys with a USAA credit card owned by the victim.

Shared ex's private photos

A 39-year-old Lake Butler man was sentenced to 90 days in jail after pleading to sharing his ex-girlfriend's private photos on social media and threatening to print the images and "place them all over town."

T.J. Waters pleaded to sexual cyberharassment.

In September, the victim told deputies she had ended a domestic relationship with the defendant and that he had been harassing her ever since with threatening phone calls and text messages, forcing her to change her phone number.

She then discovered that she no longer had access to her Gmail and social media accounts and realized that after vacating the residence the couple had shared, she left behind a desktop computer on which she had accessed her email and social media accounts.

The desktop was not password protected, and the victim had also hidden private photos on the computer to which the defendant now had access.

Waters disseminated the sexually explicit content and posted one such image as the victim's profile photo on a social media account. He also changed the passwords on the victim's accounts, preventing her from removing the photos. The defendant also threatened that he was going to print the photos and place them all over town.

The victim provided law enforcement with screenshots of incriminating messages from the defendant, in which he described the cyberharassment.

Claimed Republicans plotted to kill him

An Orange Park man sentenced to a year in jail claimed he was the target of a Republican plot to take his life and criticized Sheriff Brad Whitehead for not calling the FBI to report local corruption.

Wesley Mikell Morgan, 37, pleaded to harassing communication and threatening an elected official.

According to court papers, between December 2021 and February 2022, the defendant originated nearly 30 phone calls and text messages to the sheriff's office and the victim's cell phone, threatening the victim with harm and incarceration.

Deputies arrested Morgan in February 2022. Judge Mitchell D. Bishop conditionally released the defendant the following June, finding the defendant incompetent to proceed. The judge revoked Morgan's release in November after the defendant violated the terms of the pre-trial release.

In a pro se motion to dismiss the case, Morgan wrote that he had been the subject of plots by political and business leaders and that all public officials are corrupt.



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All Suwannee defenders can do is give chase as Brian Cliffin (far right) sprints into open field for a 23-yard touchdown in the second quarter. Photos by Cliff Smelley.

Bradford defeats Suwannee 35-3 to end regular season

Bradford celebrates perfect regular season and Rodgers' 100th career win

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

It was a revenge game, but when judged against the previous two weeks, it looked like the same old, same old for the Bradford High School football team.

And the same old, same old looks pretty impressive.

After two 42-0 victories, the Tornados defeated visiting Suwannee 35-3 to conclude the regular season on Nov. 3 and become the first Bradford team since 1990 to go undefeated in the regular season.

With the win, Bradford ended the regular season as the number-two overall team in the state in the Florida High School Athletic Association's Class 2S power rankings and the number-one seed in Region 2. The Tornados

(10-0) host eighth seed Port Orange Atlantic (5-5) in a Region 2 quarterfinal game on Friday, Nov. 10, at 7:30 p.m.

Suwannee defeated Bradford 10-7 last year – the Tornados' only loss of the regular season. Head Coach Jamie Rodgers said sometimes the revenge factor can work against a team, but come kickoff time, he had no concerns about his team and how it would perform.

"Sometimes you're overhyped, sometimes you might jump offsides, sometimes you might have a personal foul, but I wasn't worried about that tonight," Rodgers said. "I saw the focus in their eyes."

Rodgers said Bradford was facing a good Suwannee team that was coming off a three-point loss to Wakulla, which is the fifth-ranked team in Class 2S. The Tornados, though, built a 28-0 halftime lead and missed recording their third straight shutout when the Bulldogs (6-3) kicked a field goal on the last play of the game.

"We made it look a lot easier

than it probably was," Rodgers said.

The coach said it was a testament to how hard his players work in preparing for games.

"They practice really well Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. That's what it takes," Rodgers said. "We had as crisp of a walkthrough (Nov. 2) as I've had since I've been here. I knew they were locked in."

Bradford came up empty on the game's first series despite driving from its own 40 to the Suwannee 25. The Tornados turned the ball over on downs after two consecutive incomplete passes and needing 6 yards for a first down.

The Tornados would cash in quickly on the next series, which followed a big special-teams play. Suwannee lost 3 yards on a third-and-8 play when quarterback Koy Frier was chased out of bounds by Malakai Murphy. Bradford's Torin Brazell then blocked the ensuing punt, setting the Tornados up at

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Tornado halftime scenes



Majorette Allison Watts.



Color guard member Tra'Nique Thompson.



Wyatt Canipe (left) on piccolo and Hayden Paris on clarinet. Photos by Cliff Smelley.



Alto sax players Sevon Smart (left) and Irene Jaimes.



Color guard member Jazzy Hamilton.



Color guard members Kayden Schiffler and Ryliegh Hagan.

ABOVE: Sabrina Mikkelson on piccolo. LEFT: Hailey Redding (left) on tenor sax and Leskai Padilla on baritone sax.

AMENDED NOTICE OF TAX FOR SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY

The School Board of Union County will soon consider a measure to amend the use of property tax for the capital outlay projects previously advertised for the 2023 to 2024 school year.

Amended Projects to be funded:

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All concerned citizens are invited to a public hearing to be held on:

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at

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55 SW 6th Street, Lake Butler, Florida 32054

A DECISION on the proposed amendment to the projects funded from CAPITAL OUTLAY TAXES will be made at this meeting.

KHHS girls drop soccer opener

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Keystone Heights High School began the girls soccer season

with a 9-1 loss to host Clay on Nov. 6.

Kiersten Shaw scored the lone goal against a Class 5A Clay team that was a regional semifinalist last season.

The Indians, who play in Class 3A, host Williston on Friday, Nov. 10, at 4 p.m. Keystone then travels to play Columbia on Monday, Nov. 13, at 7:20 p.m.,

following a junior varsity match at 5 p.m.

Keystone's JV team lost 5-2 to Clay.

KHHS boys soccer season starts Nov. 13

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Keystone Heights High School begins boys soccer season with a road match against Palatka on Monday, Nov. 13, at 7:20 p.m.

The Indians then travel to play Fort White on Tuesday, Nov. 14, at 7 p.m.

Keystone's junior varsity team will play prior to the Palatka and Fort White matches at 5 p.m.

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Indians defeat Blue Wave 27-22 for 4th win in 5 games

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Cartez Daniels had a strong second half, rushing for 132 yards and two scores as the Keystone Heights High School football team defeated Class 1S P.K. Yonge 27-22 on Nov. 2 in Gainesville.

The second touchdown by Daniels, who rushed for 147 yards in all on 34 carries, proved to be the difference. P.K. Yonge scored twice in the fourth quarter, but was unsuccessful on an onside-kick attempt with less than two minutes remaining. The Blue Wave eventually got the ball back with time enough for one play, which resulted in the second of two interceptions by the Indians' Bryce Hollingsworth.

Keystone (6-4) created four turnovers in all and overcame its own three turnovers.

"The key is this group of kids' resilience and their ability to work and overcome adverse situations," Keystone Head Coach Steve Reynolds said.

With the win, the Indians remained at seventh in the Florida High School Athletic Association's final Region 2-Class 2S power rankings, which qualified them for the postseason.

"We came into this one in a good position," Reynolds said. "No guarantees, but we felt like, 'Win, and we're in.' That's how the kids approached it."

Keystone will travel to play second seed Yulee (8-2) in a quarterfinal game on Friday, Nov. 10, at 7:30 p.m. The Indians head into that game off their first win away from home in three



Cartez Daniels (far left) avoids a tackle on his way to a 147-yard night. Photos by Cliff Smelley.

tries this year and first since Oct. 28, 2021.

"We've been struggling on the road," Reynolds said. "We finally went and got a win."

P.K. Yonge (3-7) received the opening kickoff, but failed to pounce on the ball as it rolled on the ground. Jackson Parmeter fell on the live ball to give the Indians possession at the Blue Wave 33. Baylor Ford completed a 14-yard pass to Bryson Wester on fourth-and-2 to give Keystone a first down at the 11-yard line. The Indians, though, would eventually fumble the ball away.

The Blue Wave picked up a couple of first downs before Hollingsworth made his first interception, which occurred at the Keystone 25.

Keystone's offense responded with first downs on runs by Ford (10 yards) and Daniels (6 yards), but two consecutive holding penalties put the Indians into a hole they couldn't dig out of. P.K. Yonge fielded Connor Guy's punt inside its own 10-yard line, with Parmeter making a tackle at the 5.

Six straight carries by Corinthian Graham gained 42 yards and moved P.K. Yonge out of the shadow of its own end zone. A run by quarterback Lawrence Wright moved the Blue Wave past midfield, but a sack by Trey Jeffries had P.K. Yonge facing a third-and-16 play. After a 4-yard pass play, the Blue Wave went for it on fourth-and-12, with Wright behind held to a 1-yard gain.

Darrion Grady caught a 21-yard pass from Ford to move the Indians to the Blue Wave 29. A personal-foul facemask penalty advanced the Indians to the 14. Then, on third-and-10, Ford had a 7-yard run on which P.K. Yonge was also penalized. That made it first-and-goal from the 2. The Blue Wave tackled Daniels

for a 1-yard loss, but Ford threw a 3-yard touchdown pass to Bryson Wester, putting Keystone up 6-0 with 4:21 remaining in the first half. A fake play on the PAT resulted in an incomplete pass. Reynolds said the trick play was worked on all week based upon how P.K. Yonge lined up.

"When they came out, they had a different look," Reynolds said. We ran it. It wasn't there. That was on me."

The Blue Wave evened the score approximately three minutes later. Wright had a 13-yard run and completed passes for 13 and 14 yards as P.K. Yonge moved from its own 44 to the Keystone 16. A 14-yard run by Graham set up a 1-yard touchdown run by Wright. The Blue Wave went for two, with Wyatt Van Zant tripping Wright up on a failed run attempt.

Keystone turned the ball over on an interception on its series to open the second half, but the defense stepped up and forced the Blue Wave to punt after three plays. Jadyen Goodman had a 6-yard sack on second-and-2. On third down, a bad shotgun snap rolled past Wright. Wright recovered and was able to shake off the Indians' Talan Messina, but Jackson Herman came up and sacked the quarterback for a 17-yard loss.

Daniels, who had 10 carries for 15 yards in the first half, got his big second half started in earnest on the ensuing series. He had consecutive runs of 5 yards each before Garrison Teague caught a 16-yard pass to the Blue Wave 32. Daniels then had runs of 14 and 16 yards, with the second seeing him break through several tackles and drag several defenders down to the 2-yard line. Daniels scored on a

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Deonte Jones (left) picks up a big gain on a reception in the first quarter as the Tigers defeat Ambassadors Christian Academy 42-0. Photos by 1stWayShots.



Tigers end regular season with 42-0 win over Ambassadors

BY ANTONIO HENDERSON
Special to the Telegraph-Times-Monitor

Union County High School's football team is heading into the postseason off an easy 42-0 win over visiting Ambassadors Christian Academy on Nov. 3.

The Tigers (6-3) scored three first-quarter touchdowns and led 35-0 at halftime. They now prepare for a home playoff game when they host Hilliard (3-7) in a Region 3-1R quarterfinal on Friday, Nov. 10, at 7:30 p.m.

Union's offense began the game against Ambassadors at midfield, with Toren Tyson getting the call for a 6-yard run. After an incomplete pass, the Tigers went back to Tyson, who had a run of 14 yards for a first down. Quarterback Trenton Klein found Deonte Jones wide open on a curl route, with Jones shaking a couple of defenders for a 27-yard gain. Klein dropped back again and threw a 4-yard touchdown pass to Bobo Woodall. Jonathan Edwards, who had a successful extra point after every touchdown, added the PAT for a 7-0 lead with 10:37 to play in the first quarter.

The Stallions (1-9) couldn't get anything going on their first possession, which began with a penalty for delay of game. Union's Johnte Nichols came up with a tackle for a 7-yard loss, but the Stallions answered with



Toren Tyson (right) follows the block of Dylan Lane into the end zone.

a 10-yard run. Another penalty was followed by Connor Bresee making a tackle for a 6-yard loss. On third-and-14, Jimmy Cox made a tackle for no gain. A fumble on a bad snap was then recovered by the Tigers.

Union fumbled the ball right back, but Cox continued his strong play on defense. Cox made a tackle for a 7-yard loss and then recovered a fumble for a touchdown with 5:20 remaining in the first quarter.

The Ambassadors offense had another fumble, which resulted in Union's Erich Seager making a tackle for a 21-yard loss. A second fumble on the drive

and an incomplete pass had the Stallions lining up to punt. A fake attempt was snuffed out by Thomas Williams, who made the tackle that set the Union offense up at the Stallions' 3-yard line. Tyson, who finished with three carries for 23 yards, scored on a run from there as the Tigers built a 21-0 lead with 2:33 on the clock in the first quarter.

After Union's defense forced a three-and-out, Gavin Jenkins caught a Klein pass for a 16-yard gain. The Tigers then had two incomplete passes before going back to the run game, with Drew

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Bryce Hollingsworth (background, right) intercepts a pass.

Whitehead places 10th at state

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Union County High School sophomore earned a 10th-place finish at the Nov. 4 Class 1A Swimming Finals, which were held in Ocala.

Whitehead, participating at state for the second straight year, swam a 10th-place time of 58.91 seconds in the preliminaries of the 100-yard backstroke, which qualified her for the

consolation finals. She missed the championship finals by two spots.

In the consolation finals, Whitehead had the second-best time of 58.81 seconds to finish tied for 10th overall with Cocoa Beach's Abby Clayton. P.K. Yonge's Alessandra Quintana had the best time in the consolation finals (58.69).

South Florida HEAT's

Erika Pelaez won the state championship with a time of 51.29.

Whitehead, who placed 20th in the 100 backstroke at last year's state finals with a time of 59.35, also competed in the 200 individual medley. She placed 22nd with a time of 2:12.

Bolles' Lila Higgo won the 200 IM championship with a time of 1:59.

UCHS volleyball season ends with loss to Bucs in region final

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Union County High School's volleyball team was attempting to beat Branford for the first time this season, but the host Buccaneers got the best of the Tigers again, winning the Region 3-1A championship 3-1 (25-11, 25-7, 21-25, 25-22) on Oct. 31.

Branford, the region's top seed, went 4-0 against second seed Union this year. The Buccaneers went on to defeat Newberry in the state semifinals before finishing as state runner-up to Baker.

The Tigers (12-13) got 15 kills and eight blocks from Jailyn

Simmons and 12 kills and 15 digs from Layla Barber. Indi Knox and Rylie Parrish had nine and six kills, respectively, with Knox also recording 10 digs and Parrish adding five blocks.

Jurney Crim led the team in digs with 28. Jordan Hendricks and Bella Johns added 18 and 10, respectively, while Kamryn Southerland had nine.

Southerland and Hendricks had 17 and 13 assists, respectively.

This was the fourth straight year Union qualified for the regional playoffs and the 10th time in the last 13 years. It was also the second straight year the Tigers advanced to at least the regional finals and the sixth

region-finals appearance in 13 years.

Crim, after the Oct. 31 matches, was ranked fourth in all of Class 1A in digs this season with 421, while Simmons was fifth in blocks with 108. Simmons was also 12th in kills with 245.

The Tigers had other players ranked in the top 20 in various statistical categories: Parrish 13th in blocks (57), Hendricks 14th in assists (285), Southerland 17th in assists (250) and Barber 19th in kills (188).

Union loses three players to graduation: Crim, Hendricks and Parrish.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULES THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA A HEARING REGARDING THE BELOW RULES WILL BE HELD

November 13, 2023 • 5:15 P.M.

Bradford County School District Office • 501 West Washington Street, Starke Florida 32091

Policy #	Req	Proc	Status	Option	Policy Title	Comments/Reason
2.200	X				Wellness Program	Review policy annually
3.060	X	X	Revision		Safe and Secure Schools	Threat Assessment to Threat Management, new model, and Drills; HB 543, 6A-1.0018, 6A-1.0019
TBD	X		New		Internet Safety	Legislative and Rule Changes; HB 379
4.120	X	X	Revision		Instructional Materials Selection	Legislative and Rule updates incorporated; HB 1069, Rule 6A1.094126;
4.130	X	X	Revision		Educational Media Materials Selection	Legislative changes and Rule updates- HB 1069; Rule 6A-1.094126
TBD			New		Operation of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (Drones)	Requested by several districts
5.101	X				Bullying and Harassment	Review policy every 3 years
5.130	X		Revision		Zero Tolerance	Legislative and rule updates; HB 1537
5.150	X	X	Revision	X	Administration of Medication	Pursuant to legislative changes; HB 1537
5.190	X	X	Revision		Student Records	Legislative changes; HB 1 – revising F.S. 1003.25 to transfer student records in 5 days instead of 3
5.400	X		Revision		Children of Military Families	Legislative Change; HB 633
6.390	X		Revision		Report of Misconduct	Legislative changes; F.S. 1012.797
8.040	X	X	Revision		Emergency Drills	Legislative and Rule Changes; HB 543; Rule 6A-1.0018;
8.320			Revision		Smoking and Tobacco Free Environment	Recommended by Tobacco Free Florida

Policy #	Req	Proc	Status	Option	Policy Title	Comments/Reason
3.130		X	Revision		School Volunteers	Clarifying best practice for level 2 screening of volunteers; Legislative updates HB 1121 on volunteer retirees only required if Board is creating a post-employment volunteer program.
6.216	X		Revision		Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP)	Legislative Updates SB 7024; DROP to 96 months; the sick leave payout schedule was not modified from 5 years because it is not in law; it may be adjusted if the district chooses.

Obituaries

Loyal Aldridge Jr.

Rev. Loyal E. Aldridge Jr., 70, born on April 26, 1953, in Starke, passed on Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2023. He attended the local schools of Bradford County. He was a member of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church. He was self-employed as the owner and operator of Rabbit Lawn Service.

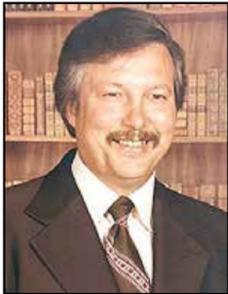
He leaves to cherish his memories his sons, Renard Hudson, Antonia Aldridge, Travis Aldridge, Dennis Jackson, Cicero Pinkney and Mario Thomas; daughters, Evelyn Hudson, Latoya Harris, Brandy Tucker and Yulonda Peques; a brother, Freddie Lee Aldridge; and a sister: Jeanette Perry; 20 grandchildren; nine great-grandsons; and a host of nieces, nephews, uncles, aunts, cousins and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 11, at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church will Rev. Alvin Green conducting the service. Interment will be held at Freewill Memorial Garden Cemetery in Starke. Visitation will be held on Friday, Nov. 10, from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. at the Carl and Elaine D. Haile Memorial Chapel/Haile Funeral Home Inc., 802 N. Oak St. Starke, Florida 904-964-7905. The cortege will form on Saturday morning, Nov. 11, at the home of Mary Tyson, 1019 E. Brownlee St. Starke, 32091 at 12:30 p.m. The Repass will be at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church.

PAID OBITUARY

John H. Bates

John "Johnny" Howard Bates, 86, of Lawtey, passed away on Monday, Nov. 6, 2023, at HCA Florida Starke Emergency in Starke. He was born in Gadsden, Alabama on Sept. 21, 1937, to the late John W. Bates and Cora McLusky Bates. In 1942, he and his family relocated to Lawtey and made Bradford County their forever home. He attended Lawtey Elementary School and started working early in life. He was an entrepreneur who owned and operated several companies throughout the years.



He owned the White Elephant and Pool Hall bars in Starke, then started branching out into the junk-car business. He worked in Baldwin for many years with a partner, hauling junk cars, and buying and selling parts. This later turned into starting Epps Motors in Starke, which he operated alongside his beautiful wife, Bernice. Together, they served the community, selling and buying used cars for over 22 years. He was a lifelong, avid poker player. He enjoyed a good game of poker with a cigar. More than anything, he loved his family and enjoyed spending time with them. He was preceded in death by his parents; loving wife, Bernice Epps; brothers, Robert "Bob" Bates, Floyd Fugatt, and Harmon Fugatt; sisters, Laura May Kiser and Colleen Sanders; and nieces, Laura Jane Bates, Tonya Bates, and Regina Kirby.

He is survived by his loving daughters, Glenda (Alan) Greenberg of Ormond Beach and Donna Kay (Jimmy) Brownlee of Starke; granddaughters, Donna (David) Harris of Raiford and Wendy L. Padgett of Lawtey; great-grandchildren, Ashley Harris, Lake Harris, Shelby Pearson, and Jaycee Edwards; nieces, Mary (Garry) Hanson, Rustee Lane, Gaye (Sven) Taffs, Darlene (Victor) Moser, and JoAnn (Arthur) Denman; nephew, Floyd "Flap" (Sandy) Fugatt Jr. and Robert (Theresa) Taylor; along with numerous extended family members and friends.

A Graveside Celebration of Life will be held on Thursday, Nov. 9, at 10 a.m. at Lawtey Cemetery with Pastor Lester Austin officiating. The family will receive friends 30 minutes prior to the service at the cemetery.

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.

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Gard of Thanks

Thank you!

To our family, friends and loved ones, we thank God and each of you for your many acts of kindness and labors of love during our time of bereavement. Your prayers and cares are very dear to us and we appreciate each of you. God bless and keep us all.

The family of the late Lester L. Mitchell

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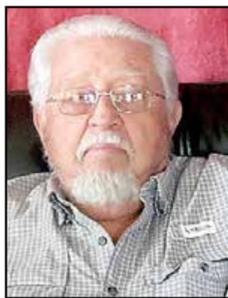
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Hilton Coleman

Hilton C. Coleman Sr., 85, of Starke passed away Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2023, in Gainesville. He was born Nov. 20, 1937, in Lumber City, Georgia to William and Mary (Pittman) Coleman. Prior to retirement he served as the horticulture instructor for Lawtey Correctional. He was a longtime member of Morgan Road Baptist Church, an avid Atlanta Braves fan, and enjoyed working with his plants and bird watching. He was also known for making his daily trips to Walmart, Winn Dixie, and Aldi, as well as working the election polls. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Lollie Browning; and son-in-law, Mike O'Steen.



He leaves behind his loving and devoted wife of nearly 67 years, Nancy (Conner) Coleman of Starke; and their children, Carol O'Steen of Starke, Lisa (Joey) Sapp of Lawtey, Becky (Kenny) Thomassen and Hilton (Deanna) Coleman Jr., all of Starke; along with siblings, Hubert Coleman of Waldo, Ellen Martin of Starke, and Lynda Dicandio of Tennessee. He was lovingly called "Papa" by eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

The family received friends on Sunday, Nov. 5, at Morgan Road Baptist Church. Funeral services followed with Pastor Jason Crawford officiating. Interment followed at Conner Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 620 E. Nona St. Starke, 32091. 904-964-6200. www.jonesgallagherfh.com.

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Amanda Hall

Amanda Jean Hall passed away peacefully in Gainesville surrounded by her kids on Saturday, Nov. 4, 2023, at the age of 80. She was born in Starke on March 25, 1943 and that is where she met the love of her life, the late Arthur Lamar Hall Sr. She had a passion for clothes, which led to her career as a retailer working for Diana Shop, Belk Lindsey and Goody's, where she retired. She enjoyed going to church and was a true believer in God. She was preceded in death by her mother, the late Iva Mae Lewis; and brother; the late Edward Endicott.



She is survived by her four children, Patricia Becker, Marilyn Woodard, Sharon (Jimmy) Harp, Artie (Angie) Hall; six grandchildren, Shannon Mathis Cline, Buddy Mathis, R. J. Woodard, Brent Woodard, Katrina Hygema, Christopher Isaac; and nine great-grandchildren, who will miss her dearly.

Viewing was held at Forest Meadows Funeral Home, 725 NW 23 Ave., Gainesville, on Wednesday, Nov. 8. Service will be held at Brooker Baptist Church, 17198 Bradford Ave., Brooker, on Thursday, Nov. 9, at 1 p.m. Burial to follow service at Forest Meadows Cemetery, 3700 SE Hawthorne Road, Gainesville.

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Jane Hayes

Jane Ellen Crawford Hayes passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on Sunday, Nov. 5, 2023; the firstborn daughter to A.E. and Myrtle Clark Crawford, arriving on March 23, 1931. She was a 1949 graduate of Union County High School. On Nov. 3, 1957, she married the love of her life, W. H. "Fats" Hayes, and began making their life on the family farm in Brooker. Together they had four children, Nathan (stillborn), Everett "Bubba," Stacey, and Jill. After the unexpected passing of Fats in 1972, she continued maintaining the family farm. In 1974, she was a founding partner of SC&H Custom Meats. She was a lifelong member of Harmony Free Will Baptist Church, where she taught Sunday school for many years, and was a member of the woman's auxiliary. Her love for her sisters, Jackie, Ida, and Nancy, was obvious in the amount of time they spent together on many Tuesday nights and vacationing together. She was known as "MawMaw" to her grandchildren and will be remembered as the best listener, straight shooter, and cook (everything tasted better at MawMaw's house). Her nieces and nephews will remember all the lessons of rummy and shanghai. To all, she will be remembered for her love of family, quick wit, her beehive hairstyle, contagious giggle, and celebrating life in everyday things!



She was preceded in death by her daughter, Jill Hayes Teston; and sister, Jackie Crawford Spradley.

She is survived by her children, Everett (Diane) Hayes of Bristol, and Stacey Hayes of Gainesville; son-in-law, Michael (Brenda) Teston of Middleburg; grandchildren, Denver, William (Tiffany), Nathan (Caitlyn Martin) Hayes of Bristol, Allison Teston (Kyle Freeze) of New Orleans, Louisiana, Michael Blaine Teston of Middleburg, and Mikayla Flourney (Colby Clark) of Bristol; great-grandchildren, Case and Cade Clark of Bristol; her sisters, Ida Bivins of Earleton and Nancy (James Roy) Stalnak of Lake Butler; and a host of nieces and nephews, all of who will cherish their memories of a loving mother, "MawMaw," sister, and aunt.

Services to honor her life were held on Wednesday, Nov. 8. A visitation followed by a funeral service were both at her church, Harmony Free Will Baptist Church, with Brother Larry Clyatt and Brother Bob Brown officiating. She was laid to rest following the service at Elzey Chapel Cemetery.

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

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Betty Kerce

Betty June Kerce, 92, peacefully passed away on Saturday, Nov. 4, 2023, at Haven Hospice in Lake City. Born on May 20, 1931, in Lake Butler, she lived a remarkable life filled with purpose and kindness. Education played an important role in her life. After attending Dallas Bible Institute, she transferred to Trinity Bible College in Clearwater, where she graduated in 1957. Her career spanned many years as she worked for a Mission Board in Illinois. Her various roles left behind a legacy of integrity and excellence. Known for her quiet, yet witty, nature, she possessed an extraordinary ability to radiate joy without uttering a word. Her joyful and happy demeanor was contagious and brightened the lives of all those fortunate enough to know her. She genuinely believed that actions spoke louder than words and embodied this philosophy every day. Outside of work, she found joy in helping others. Following her retirement, she moved to Advent Christian Village in Dowling Park. She enthusiastically volunteered her time and skills there, further exemplifying her selflessness and compassion for those around her. She was preceded in death by her parents, Frank W. Kerce Sr. and Mable Tillis Kerce; her siblings, Cleveland, Julia, Carlton, Sheldon, James, Roy, Ina, and Frank Jr.; and her nieces, Marilyn Bodiford and Millie Jean Register.



She is survived by her nieces, Wanda Petrena and Francis Kelly; nephew, Randy Kerce; along with multiple great-nieces and nephews.

A graveside service to honor her life was held on Wednesday, Nov. 8, at Mt. Zion/Swift Creek Cemetery in Lake Butler.

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Simmons breaking free for an 18-yard gain. Klein, who was 4 of 7 for 79 yards, then found Jenkins for a 32-yard touchdown with 10:32 to play in the second quarter.

Jenkins finished with the two catches for 48 yards.

The Tigers' offense was on the move again after the defense forced another punt. Bryan Tyson, in at quarterback, had a 12-yard run and then got the Stallions to jump offside. Bryce Lawton (three carries for 29 yards) took a handoff for a 14-

yard gain, followed by Simmons gaining 8 yards. Bryan Tyson would eventually end the drive with a 16-yard touchdown run as Union led 35-0 with 4:49 to play in the first half.

Tyson finished with four carries for 46 yards.

Simmons, who rushed for 46 yards on four carries, almost added another score before halftime with a 46-yard punt return.

The final score came on a 5-yard run up the middle by Wyatt Elixson for a touchdown in the fourth quarter.

Seager led the Union defense in tackles with six, while Klein had four.



Jordan Daniels (right) prepares to wrap up Suwannee's Marquavious Owens for a loss.

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the Suwannee 13.

Jyquez Cason, following an illegal-procedure penalty, scores on an 18-yard run on which he bulldozed over a defender standing between him and the goal line. Declan Hense kicked the extra point as Bradford took at 7-0 lead with 5:34 to play in the first quarter.

Cason finished with 29 yards on three carries.

The Tornadoes increased their lead less than two minutes later. On a third-and-6 play, Frier attempted to pass with Bradford's Jordan Daniels practically on top of him. The ball deflected off of Daniels' hands and fell into the hands of Duke Lewis, who was also bringing pressure. The result was a 20-yard interception return for a touchdown. After Hense's PAT, the score stood at 14-0.

Suwannee had good field position on its third series, thanks to an interception that set the Bulldogs up at the Bradford 44. The drive, though, resulted in a punt after three plays, with the Tornadoes' Jalen Williams coming up with a sack on third-and-9.

Bradford muffed the ensuing punt, but managed to fall on the loose ball, which had the offense starting a drive at its own 7-yard line. An 11-yard run by quarterback Dae'Jon Shanks resulted in one first down, while two consecutive passes of 16 and 22 yards to Chalil Cummings gained two more, moving the Tornadoes to the Suwannee 36. Shanks, who rushed for 48 yards on eight carries, then ripped off 13-yard run before keeping the ball again on a 23-yard touchdown run at the 8:42 mark of the second quarter. Hense added the PAT for a 21-0 lead.

Shanks finished 4 of 8 passing for 42 yards, with Cummings catching all four passes.

The Bulldogs managed to gain 9 yards on the following series, but elected to punt on fourth-and-1 from their own 41. The punter dropped the snap, with the ball eventually rolling out of bounds at the 27-yard line. That gave Bradford's offense a short field, but the Tornadoes found themselves facing a fourth-and-6 play. They went for it, with Brian Clifflin carrying the ball into the end zone on a 23-yard run with 4:38 remaining until halftime. The score, after Hense's PAT, was now 28-0.

Suwannee had a third-and-1 play on its next drive, but running back Marquavious Owens was tackled for a 2-yard loss by Daniels, Devon McBride and Jeremiah McKenzie. The Bulldogs, who failed to gain a first down in the half, punted.

Bradford's defense, which

held Suwannee to 18 yards rushing and 82 yards overall, got a sack from Brazell on the first play from scrimmage in the second half. A fumble after a completed pass on the next play was recovered by the Tornadoes at the Suwannee 47-yard line.

The Bradford offense benefitted from a 15-yard facemask penalty and then got an 11-yard run from McKenzie to set up first down at the 18. Two plays later, a 7-yard McKenzie run resulted in first-and-goal at the 8. Clifflin, who rushed for 70 yards on 11 carries, scored from there for his second touchdown of the night. Hense kicked the extra point to make it 35-0 and institute a running clock.

Suwannee picked up all three of its first downs on its third drive of the half. Frier completed a 23-yard pass and had a 26-yard run, while a pass-interference penalty resulted in another first down. The Bulldogs eventually turned the ball over on downs at the Bradford 20, but got the ball right back on a fumble at the Tornadoes' 10-yard line. Nate Raymond sacked Frier for a 15-yard loss on the first play following the turnover. The Bulldogs moved back inside the 15 on a 13-yard pass play before kicking a 29-yard field goal as time expired to avoid the shutout.

The Bulldogs entered the game averaging 32 points and 300-plus yards per game.

Bradford, which has held six opponents to less than 100 total yards, has won its last three games by a combined score of 119-3 and is defeating opponents by an average score of 32-4.

This year's team became the seventh in BHS history to go undefeated in the regular season, joining the 1960, 1961, 1965, 1966, 1985 and 1990 teams.

The win over Suwannee provided a lot to celebrate about, including the fact that Rodgers earned his 100th career win. It occurred at the school that gave him his first head-coaching job.

Rodgers, who's also coached at Baker County and Cook (Adel, Georgia), said the milestone wasn't about him, but about all the coaches he's worked with and the players he's coached.

"Without them, it couldn't be done," Rodgers said. "It's the players first, the coaching staff and then the head coach. That's the order it goes in for a successful organization. If the head coach has to do it alone, it's not going to be as good as it can be."

The coach enjoyed being able to share the moment with his family and all those in Bradford County who've supported him.

"It's been a lot of fun," Rodgers said of his past two years at BHS. "I want to let the people here know how much I've appreciated everything they've done for me."

Senior Tornadoes sign photos, items for younger Tornadoes



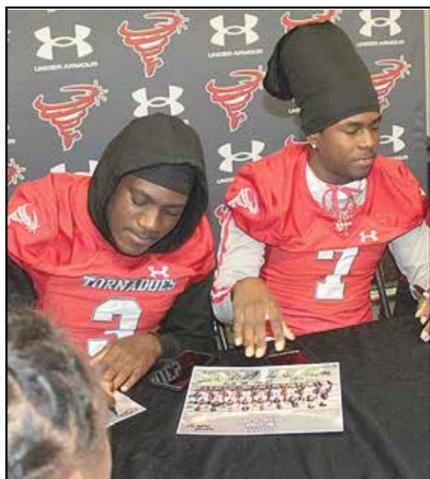
Bradford High School senior football players and cheerleaders visited Bradford Elementary School on Nov. 3 to sign photos and personal items brought to them by BES students. LEFT: It was an extra-special moment for BES student Chance Reed, who brought an old photo of himself and Dae'Jon Shanks for the current BHS quarterback to sign. Future events involving BHS athletes and cheerleaders will be planned for the county's other elementary schools. Photos by Cliff Smelley.



LEFT: Abbigale Moore (left) chats with Jazmine Johnson after signing a photo for her. BELOW: Ariana Hadley (right) doesn't settle for just an autograph. She gets a high-five from Malakai Murphy.



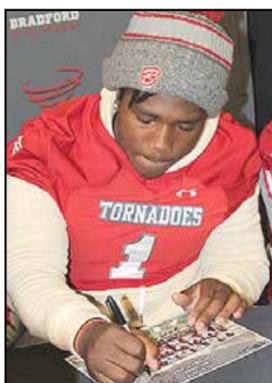
RIGHT: Cheerleader Emma Mueller chats with a BES student. LEFT: Kemari Hall puts her autograph on a student's water bottle.



Devon McBride (left) and Malakai Murphy participate in the signing.



Jalen Williams (left) autographs a shirt after it was signed by Damarion Hankerson.



Torin Brazell signs a photo.



Chalil Cummings signs a shoe.



Chason Clark signs a water bottle.



ABOVE: Abigail Casey (right) passes a photo to Abbigale Moore after signing it. LEFT: Shayla Hardee looks on as a photo is signed by Abigail Casey and Abbigale Moore.

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run from there at the 4:17 mark of the third quarter. Tyler Sapp kicked the extra point for a 13-6 Keystone lead.

The Indians' defense forced another three-and-out, with the offense taking to the field again at the P.K. Yonge 42. A 17-yard run by Daniels and a penalty on the Blue Wave resulted in a first down at the 13. Three plays later, P.K. Yonge's Devin Johnson intercepted a pass at the goal line.

P.K. Yonge was able to drive almost 20 yards from its own 18 before Zane Leger picked off a pass at the 45 and returned it to the 15. A couple of Daniels runs moved the Indians inside the 10, but an unsportsmanlike-conduct penalty backed them up. Ford then threw a 21-yard touchdown pass to Teague. Sapp added the PAT, making it a 20-6 game at the 10:50 mark of the fourth quarter.

The Keystone defense came up with another turnover when Joe Paul recovered a fumble, but the Indians couldn't capitalize. Connor Guy got off a 42-yard punt, which had P.K. Yonge

starting a drive at its own 24.

Two plays later, the Blue Wave had first-and-goal at the 9 after a 63-yard run by Johnson. Wright scored a touchdown on a run from there with 7:27 to play. On the two-point conversion, Wright slipped out of a tackle in the backfield and made his way into the end one, making the score 20-14.

A 20-plus-yard kickoff return by Parmeter had the Indians beginning their next drive at their own 38. A 15-yard penalty gave Keystone a first down at the P.K. Yonge 45. Daniels then carried the ball seven straight times, with the final carry resulting in a 3-yard touchdown run with 3:40 on the clock. Sapp kicked the extra point for a 27-14 lead.

Wright returned the ensuing kickoff 29 yards to the Keystone 31. Graham was stopped for no gain on first down. After a holding penalty, Parmeter tackled Johnson for no gain, resulting in a third-and-20 play. Wright completed a 34-yard pass to Calvin Thomas to the 7-yard line. Graham scored on a run from there with 1:53 to play. Graham broke several tackles on a successful run on the conversion attempt, making the

score 27-22.

Teague recovered P.K. Yonge's onside-kick attempt. The Indians couldn't gain a first down, but were able to hold onto the ball for more than a minute and a half before punting.

After Guy's 30-yard punt, P.K. Yonge was at its own 18 with 4 seconds to work with. Wright's deep pass was intercepted by Hollingsworth.

Ford rushed for 41 yards on seven carries and completed 8 of 21 passes for 133 yards.

Teague caught two passes for 37 yards, while Wester had two catches for 17 yards.

"We had a good night from our tight-end group," Reynolds said.

The Indians, who went 2-8 in 2022, won four of their last five regular-season games.

"Last year, we were very young and green," Reynolds said, adding, "Last year, a lot of these kids took some lumps. They learned from it. They obviously improved from it and got better from it."

That improvement has led the Indians to the playoffs.

"We're not just glad to be there," Reynolds said. "I think we've got a good club with some possibilities."

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Kiwaniis Club of Starke members Kenny Clark (left) and Tanya Ramirez wrap slabs of ribs at last year's Steve Denmark Memorial Rib Sale. Pickup for this year's slabs will be at the Bradford Agricultural Fairgrounds. File photo by Cliff Smelley.

Starke Kiwanis' Steve Denmark Memorial Rib Sale set for Nov. 18

The Kiwanis Club of Starke's annual Steve Denmark Memorial Rib Sale is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 18, with a new pickup location: the parking lot at the Bradford Agricultural Fairgrounds.

Smoked slabs of ribs cost \$25

each and will be available for drive-up pickup from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

You may purchase slabs from any member of the club prior to the sale. You can also send a message to the club's Facebook page ("Kiwanis Club of Starke").

BizNass: a group showcasing and supporting small-business owners

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

For a group of entrepreneurs in Bradford County, the bottom line isn't how much is made in sales. It's simply to let the community know what exists right at home as well as being an encouragement to each other and other small-business owners.

April Acosta, Rosalyn Baker, Tahlesa Bernstein, Jill Johnson, Gabrielle Luke, Yulonda Peques and Yolanda Thomas have formed a group they call "BizNass." They get together at Let's Do It Production (210 E. Call St.) in downtown Starke for monthly vending showcases, allowing the public to come and see what products and services the women offer and to meet them personally.

"It's nice for people to come in and see bright and smiling faces, people who want to engage with them and who are positive," Baker said.

Acosta said, "The customer service you're going to receive from any business that is in here with us — it's Chick-fil-A, Publix level."

The vending showcases are more than just the chance to meet people and to perhaps gain new customers. It's a chance for the entrepreneurs to support each other and to have a good time.

"As small business owners, you have your ups, you have your downs," Baker said. "Sometimes it's good to be around other people who know that, who know that you have your ups and your downs. We can encourage each other and say, 'Hey. It might be down now, but you'll be up soon.'"

Spotlight for small-business owners

Peques had the idea of starting such a group, inspired by vending event that was hosted by Let's Do It Production. She said following that, she said to herself, "Let me try and reach out to some small-business owners and see if they would like to come together as a group."

The business owners she reached out to "jumped right on board," Peques said. They all knew they had made the right decision when they hosted the first BizNass vending event. Peques said, "Once we got in here and got together, we realized we were a perfect fit for each other."

Peques is the owner of Jewels by Dazzling Divas. She's the only BizNass member with a physical storefront (5121 N.W. 177th St. in Starke). Her business began when she and her sister became involved with selling Paparazzi Accessories in 2019.

"That's why it's Jewels by Dazzling Divas," Peques said, referring to the plural form of "Divas." "She's still one of my partners, but she's silent now."

Acosta and her husband, Julian, have a business called Chill N Art, which provides painting parties at a locale of the customer's choosing.

"We will provide all the supplies," Acosta said. "It's like Painting with a Twist, except we come to you."

Chill N Art is also an outlet for Acosta's husband, who uses as art as post-traumatic stress disorder therapy.

"He loves it," Acosta said. "It's just something he enjoys doing."

Besides Chill N Art, Acosta also has a personal blog on various social-media platforms called Real Life with April. She said she talks about life, but "with a dash of laughter."

Baker is an independent beauty consultant with Mary Kay. She said she first got involved simply because she loves makeup, but she enjoyed learning about founder Mary Kay Ash and how she began the business as a way of empowering women.

As Baker put it, "When you feel good inside and out, you're a different person."

"Once I started getting into learning the product and learning about Mary Kay herself,

I thought, 'This is a really powerful ministry for me. I can serve the community and make women feel important.' That's our goal, to make women feel important and to make them feel loved," Baker said.

Bernstein has an at-home cake business called K3 Bakery. She brought bakery experience with her when she moved to Bradford County from Albany, New York. Her experience, though, goes back to when she was child, helping her Nana in the kitchen.

"I started with my own Easy-Bake Oven as a baby," she said. "Now, I'm here making real-deal cakes and memories from some of the best customers a cake lady could ask for."

Johnson is the owner of Jill's N the Ville Southern Cooking and Elite Upscale Travel. She also provides concessions for events. Liza Mosley, who is Johnson's sister and represented her in the interview for this story, said Johnson has been cooking for approximately 25 years.

"She was the one who was always in the kitchen who liked to cook," Mosley said. "We always called her the nosy one because she was in the kitchen, seeing what was going on with everything."

As for Johnson's travel

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BRADFORD

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

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

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

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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LEGAL NOTICE:

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

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

A FAIR HOUSING/EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE JURISDICTION
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 23000371CA
DIVISION: Mortgage Foreclosures
METRO NORTH FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, a Florida credit union, Plaintiff,
vs.
JESSICA LYNN BROWN, an individual;
AUDREY MARLENE CLEMONS, an individual; BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; and ANY AND ALL

UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION.

Defendants.
NOTICE OF ACTION

To the following Defendants: JESSICA LYNN BROWN
3114 NW County Road 225
Lawtey, FL 32058
OR
8118 NW 183rd Terrace
Starke, FL 32091
OR

Whose residence is unknown
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following described property:

PARCEL 21
A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN THE NW1/4 OF THE NW1/4 OF SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID NW 1/4 OF NW 1/4 AND RUN NORTH 88 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 09 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY THEREOF, 454.53 FEET TO A SET 1/2" IRON ROD AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM POINT OF BEGINNING THUS DESCRIBED CONTINUE NORTH 88 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 09 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID NORTHERLY BOUNDARY, 127.82 FEET TO A SET 1/2" IRON ROD; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREE 01 MINUTE 07 SECONDS EAST, 448.78 FEET TO A SET IRON ROD; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 36 SECONDS WEST, 127.82 FEET TO A SET IRON ROD; THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREE 01 MINUTE 07 SECONDS WEST, 448.87 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

ABOVE DESCRIBED PARCEL BEING SUBJECT TO AND TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS OVER AN EXISTING ROADWAY ALONG THE NORTHERLY 25 FEET OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PARCEL AND EXTENDING EASTERLY TO THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF THE RIGHT OF WAY OF COUNTY ROAD 225.

TOGETHER WITH A 1998 HICK TRIPLEWIDE MOBILE HOME WITH THE ID#S GAFLW35A14358HH21, GAFLW35B14358HH21, AND GAFLW35C14358HH21 WHICH IS LOCATED THEREON. a/k/a 118 NW 183rd Terrace, 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 Austin T. Hamilton, whose address is Jimerson Birt, P.A., One Independent Drive, Suite 1400, Jacksonville, Florida 32202, and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court on or before thirty (30) days from the first publication, otherwise a Judgment may be entered against

you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

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WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 6th day of November, 2023.
DENNY THOMPSON
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Bradford County, Florida
As Clerk of the Court by:
By: Kanetra Jenkins
As Deputy Clerk

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA,
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO.: 04-2023-CP-0098
DIVISION: PROBATE

IN RE: ESTATE OF JOSEPH ARTHUR SHULER
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of JOSEPH ARTHUR SHULER, deceased, whose date of death was July 16, 2023; is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division; File No. 04-2023-CP-0098; the address of which is 945 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida 32091. The names and addresses of the Petitioners and the Petitioners' attorney are set forth below.
All creditors of the decedent and other persons, who have claims or demands against the decedent's estate, including unmaturred, contingent or unliquidated claims, and who have been served a copy of this Notice, must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons who have claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmaturred, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE IS: November 9, 2023.

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Florida Bar No.: 124394
Dukes Legal, P.A.
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386-269-2394
Petitioner:
DANA SHULER
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Brooker, Florida 32622
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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REGISTER FICTITIOUS NAME

Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes, notice is hereby given that the undersigned: CHARLENE GUINN, sole owner, doing business under the firm name of: CG NOTARY SERVICES, 839 SE 38th WAY, MELROSE, FL 32666, intends to register fictitious name under the aforesaid statute. Dated this 3rd day of November, A.D., 2023, in Bradford County.

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CALL FOR BID

The Town of Brooker will receive bids for a "Class C Operator" for the water plant in Brooker. You must be able to take Bacteriological reports and mail, maintain operation records, check plant equipment (chlorinator, booster pump, well pump, generator), take chlorine residuals, keep plant flow recorded, and CCR annual report. Bid must be sealed and received on or before 1:00 p.m. on December 11, 2023. Mailing address: P.O. Box 127, Brooker, FL 32622. Also, a drop box is located at the Town Hall if you prefer to drop off bid. Bid will be accepted for a two year period beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2026. The Town Council reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:

MIRACLE AUTOMOTIVE & TOWING gives notice that on 11/24/2023 at 12:00 PM the following vehicle(s) may be sold by public sale at 620 N THOMPSON ST, STARKE, FL 32091 to satisfy the lien for the amount owed on each vehicle for any recovery, towing, or storage services charges and administrative fees allowed pursuant to Florida statute 713.78. KMHD88AE9BU095511 2011 HYUN This notification is published in BRADFORD COUNTY TELEGRAPH on 11/09/2023.

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UNION

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

IN RE: ESTATE OF RODNEY LAMONT JENKINS
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of Rodney Lamont Jenkins, deceased, whose date of death was January 17,

NOTICE OF SELF STORAGE SALE

Please take notice Lake Butler Mini Storage, located at 1015 SW 3rd St. Lake Butler, FL, 32054 intends to hold an auction of goods stored in the following units in default for non-payment of rent on Lockerfox.com. The sale will occur on 11/29/2023 at 10:00 am on Lockerfox.com. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings.
Unit #78 John Doe
Unit #17 Rhonda Brevlado
Unit #72 Garrett D. Thornton
All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. See manager for details.
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SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE

The City of Lake Butler City Commission will hold a **SPECIAL MEETING** on Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at 4:00 pm at the City Commission Chambers located at 200 SW 1st Street Lake Butler, FL 32054. A special meeting will be held to review all applications received to date and to select any prospective applicants for interviews.
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agency, Mosley said, “She can get you where you need to go. She is not one of those who is going to leave you hanging. If you’ve got a problem, she is going to be right there with you.”

Luke is the owner of LoveLee

Mobile Massage. The licensed therapist has a background in chiropractic care, sports, prenatal, children, etc., and is in her second year of proving mobile massage and event services to several counties.

Thomas is the owner of Faith LifeT’s, but the business, which started in 2020, is about more than T-shirts. It promotes faith on items such as canvas bags and

drinking glasses/mugs as well.

Despite the fact BizNass is currently composed of nothing but female entrepreneurs, Peques said, “We don’t want to say it’s like a sisterhood because we do want to have men in this group.”

Acosta said, “This group — it’s not about just women. It’s definitely about uplifting each other and building our little community.”

The BizNass members want to welcome more small-business owners into their group. Thomas said, “We do want to grow into a bigger space so we can support more vendors.”

As the group grows, perhaps it can do more things for the community. For example, the group gave out 20 free backpacks filled with school supplies at one of its vending events.

“That’s just the beginning of what we would like to do for our community,” Peques said.

Fun and fellowship

The BizNass members, of course, are happy if they make sales during their monthly showcases, but if they don’t, that’s OK. They enjoy each other’s company.

“For us, it’s the camaraderie of it — the fact that we can fellowship together and laugh,” Peques said, adding, “Because we get along so well, we look forward to getting together.”

Thomas said the showcases are always a chance to laugh with each other and even buy each other’s products. She added that good food is always available, thanks



Members of the small-business owners group BizNass include (l-r) Yulonda Peques, Yulonda Thomas, Rosalyn Baker and April Acosta. Not pictured: Tahlesa Bernstein, Jill Johnson and Gabrielle Luke. Photo by Cliff Smelley.

to Jill’s N the Ville Southern Cooking and K3 Bakery.

“There is no competition between any of us,” Thomas said. “We just have a good time.”

Acosta said, “It’s cheaper than dinner and drinks.”

The fact that Acosta attends the showcases proves how much fun she has since she doesn’t have actual products to sell.

“It really is just hanging out with my homies,” she said.

Baker said, “She provides the comic relief,” to which Acosta replied, “Somebody’s got to do it.”

The showcases offer fun as well as helping people get back into the habit of getting out and about. Baker said weekly town-hall meetings she attends reveal that

people still haven’t re-connected with the community since the covid pandemic.

“That’s what we want to do — get people back involved with the community,” Baker said. “There are even some great businesses right here on Call Street. Come on out and visit with them and see what’s out here.”

Some people may be surprised at the number of small-business owners “out here.” Thomas is, especially when she thinks about her days as a youth in Bradford.

“I don’t recall when I was growing up that there was this level of small businesses,” she said, adding, “I see so many small businesses within Starke that I never knew existed.”

If those small-business owners

want to enjoy some fun and fellowship as a part of BizNass, they are welcome to contact Peques at 904-769-2037. In the midst of having a good time, they just might find some valuable resources and the encouragement they need on those days when things aren’t going so well.

“There are so many things between all of us that we have learned,” Thomas said. “We can ask a question in our group chat. One of us probably has an answer or at least an idea or a resource to find out.”

Baker said, “It creates a network for all of us.”

KHHS girls drop soccer opener

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Keystone Heights High School began the girls soccer season with a 9-1 loss to host Clay on Nov. 6.

Kiersten Shaw scored the lone goal against a Class 5A Clay team that was a regional semifinalist last season.

The Indians, who play in Class 3A, host Williston on Friday, Nov. 10, at 4 p.m. Keystone then travels to play Columbia on Monday, Nov. 13, at 7:20 p.m., following a junior varsity match at 5 p.m.

Keystone’s JV team lost 5-2 to Clay.



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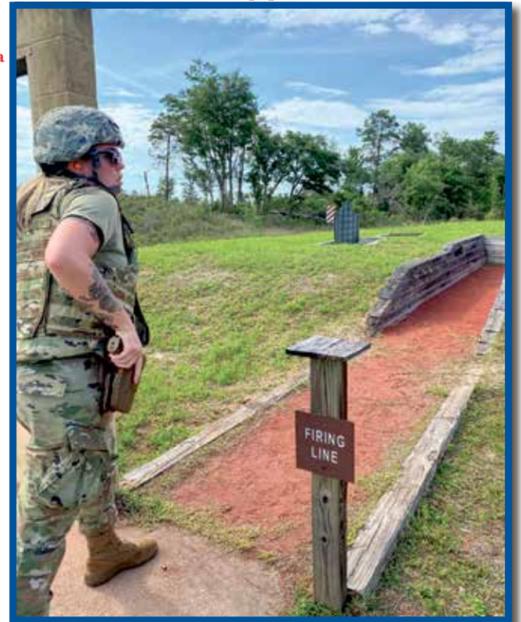
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SrA Walker, Harleigh
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10/6	@ Oakleaf	W 12-0
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