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State hands over warehouse to Bradford County

Conveyance clears way for aerospace company leasing facility

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
General manager

STARKE — Florida's Cabinet led by Gov. Ron DeSantis voted to turn over a 100,000-square-foot warehouse and its accompanying 24 acres to Bradford County.

State CFO Jimmy Patronis and Attorney General Ashley Moody joined DeSantis in greenlighting the property transfer during a Dec. 19 cabinet meeting.

The Douglas Building is located at the southern end of the U.S. 301 Bypass, across U.S. 301 from Walmart.

The deal clears the way for the county to lease the property to Montreal-based MHD-Rockland, which owns the largest private inventories of Lockheed P-3 Orion and C-130 Hercules aircraft worldwide.

In 2020, the company began training German flight crews on the P-3 at the Keystone Heights Airport through a \$64.5 million contract with the U.S. Navy.

The Lockheed P-3 Orion is a turboprop surveillance aircraft used by the U.S. Navy since the 1960s. The P-3 is equipped for anti-submarine and reconnaissance missions.

The Boeing P-8 Poseidon will eventually replace it. However, the U.S. Navy and many foreign military



The Douglas Building is located at the southern end of the U.S. 301 Bypass, across U.S. 301 from Walmart. Photo: Dan Hildebran.

forces still use the P-3, including New Zealand, Japan, Australia, Germany, Brazil and the Republic of Korea.

MHD-Rockland said P-3s will continue to fly missions well into the 2030s.

County could make up to \$1 million a year

The county said in a memo justifying the transfer that the deal would allow the area to retain 22 jobs with an average salary of \$87,000 and could mean an additional 26 jobs with a high-end wage of \$200,000 a year.

The county added that lease revenue

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In 2020, MHD-Rockland began training German flight crews on the P-3 at the Keystone Heights Airport through a \$64.5 million contract with the U.S. Navy. Photo: Keystone Heights Airport.

Innocent man arrested for attempted carjacking

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
General manager

STARKE— A judge ordered a 37-year-old Starke man released from custody after his lawyer proved he was not the man accused of carjacking a vehicle at a Circle K convenience store.

Ray Charles Smith Jr. was arrested on December 13 for carjacking and battery.

According to a Starke police report, the victim claimed she was pumping gasoline and cleaning her windshield at the U.S. 301 and State Road 16 outlet when a man entered her vehicle and attempted to drive off.

The victim said she struggled with the offender to open the driver-side door.

"Somehow, he finally opens the door or stops fighting me to close it, and the man exits the car," the woman told police, as recounted in the arrest report. The victim added that the

offender, wearing a grey hoodie, then ran across the street and she drove off.

Police reported that they showed the victim a photo lineup of possible suspects, and the victim picked Smith from the lineup.

"Ray is known to wear a grey hoodie and frequent Circle K," wrote Officer George Durden in the report.

Durden added that after the victim identified the suspect, units canvassed the area looking for Smith but could not find him. However, Smith was seen at the convenience store the following day, and police took him into custody.

At a first appearance hearing later that day, Smith's lawyer produced a report from Shands Vista Hospital in Gainesville showing that Smith was in the facility at the time of the attempted carjacking. A judge ordered the defendant's immediate release, and the State Attorney's Office dropped all charges.

Family responds to police department's mistaken arrest

Commission asking sheriff back to discuss law enforcement

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

The family of a man arrested for a crime he couldn't have committed brought the case to city commissioners last week.

They say Starke police arrested Ray Charles Smith Jr. and placed him before a judge based on the claim of a single witness without realizing Smith had a foolproof alibi.

Smith was hospitalized at the time the woman claimed someone attempted to carjack her.

Nevertheless, the witness had identified Smith as the assailant in a photo lineup of potential suspects.

Starke police picked him up at the Circle K convenience store in town a few days later. He spent the night in jail accused of battery and carjacking.

Juanita Profit, Smith's mother, said they were told there was an arrest warrant for her son, but she had been shown no evidence of a warrant. The online court record shows no evidence of a warrant.

"I know for a fact that if you've got a warrant, they'll be at your door," she said.

Not only did the nighttime video from the convenience store fail to show a detailed image of the suspect, but Profit also said the video couldn't have depicted her son, who was hospitalized in Gainesville when the crime occurred.

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Bradford prepares to add new assessments in 2024

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

Bradford County commissioners took a first step last week to creating new special assessments for firefighting and emergency medical services.

During their final meeting of 2023, commissioners approved a resolution stating their intent to collect the assessments beginning when tax bills go out in fall 2024. If approved, the new assessments would join the recently increased solid waste assessment paid by all owners of improved property.

The assessment amounts have not been announced. Consultants with Bryant Miller Olive who conducted the previous analysis in 2019 were brought back to update it. Combined, the fire and EMS assessments from 2019 were more than \$300 for residential properties.

The commission changed course

following public reaction.

To be clear, the resolution approved Dec. 21 does not impose any new fee. It just declares the commission's intent to do so, with the stated reason being to fund firefighting and EMS services.

The resolution is a step required by Florida statute, which also requires the commission to notify each affected property owner by mail and hold a public hearing before actually approving the new special assessments.

The county chose the quietest way possible to pass the resolution of intent. It was placed on the consent agenda and approved alongside a loan modification agreement for the SHIP housing program. The resolution was not read by title, and there was no discussion by the board.

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Bradford Elementary student McKinley Reed enjoys picking out toys with Florida State Prison's Daniel Philbert during this year's Starke Shop with a Cop. The Dec. 18-19 event gave 400 children at Bradford, Starke, Lawley and Lake Butler elementary schools the chance to enjoy \$100 shopping sprees at Walmart in Starke. See inside for more. Photo by Cliff Smelley.

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Solid waste collection site closing

Bradford County solid waste collection sites will close for New Year's on Monday, Jan. 1, and will reopen on Tuesday, Jan. 2, at 10 a.m.

Watch night at New Bethel

New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 901 Keller St. in Starke, will be hosting a watch night service, Sunday, Dec. 31, starting 10 p.m. A to-go breakfast will be served immediately after service.

Testing for iron in water

The Bradford Soil and Water Conservation District has an ongoing study to monitor the existing state of iron levels in Bradford's surface waters. In 2024, conservation district proposes expanding its program by adding groundwater iron testing to its existing program for a more comprehensive view of iron content in the county's waters.

Board members are looking for people who will let them collect a water sample from their well in Bradford County. They are focusing efforts on shallow wells, usually with the pump on the top of the well. They will do limited testing throughout Bradford County for both shallow and deeper wells with pumps in the well.

Contact Paul Still at stillpe@aol.com or 904-368-0291 for more information or to have your water tested for iron content.

Soil and water conservation board meets

The Bradford Soil and Water Conservation District will meet at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 4, at the Bradford County Extension Office. These meetings are open to the public. Contact Paul Still at 904-368-0291 or stillpe@aol.com for more information.



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A new sales tax exemption system will be introduced to farmers and ranchers in 2024

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Farming has always been a rewarding yet costly lifestyle. There is an innate satisfaction in successfully growing food and harvesting the fruits of one's labor. However, this joy comes at a price, encompassing purchase of equipment, tools, and various input costs to maintain crop health, as well as fencing to protect crops from wildlife, and the ongoing maintenance of tools.

The list seems endless and ever-growing. However, there has been a silver lining: in the state of Florida, most of these essential items are designated as sales tax-exempt, saving money for agriculture-classified farmers and ranchers. This saved money can be redirected toward their home and loved ones.

Until recently, farmers had to follow a cumbersome process to obtain this sales tax exemption. They had to provide retailers and sellers with various forms depending on the purchased item, classified under Florida Statute, Chapter 212. This process, in place for years, required farmers

to keep and provide different forms for machinery, fertilizers, containers, fencing, and other agricultural necessities.

In 2023, Florida Senate Bill 1164 was passed to simplify and streamline this process for farmers and ranchers.

Starting Jan. 1, 2024, applications will be accepted through the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to obtain this new form: an identification card named the Farm Tax Exempt Agricultural Material (TEAM) Card. This new approach eliminates the need for various forms, replacing them with a single, convenient plastic wallet-sized card for identification when purchasing any classified sale tax-exempt items.

The application process for these new cards will begin on Jan. 1, 2024. Farmers and ranchers are eligible if their property is classified as agricultural under Florida Statute, Section 193.461, or if they have implemented agricultural best management practices adopted by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services pursuant to Section 403.067(7)(c)2.

While the old forms will still



Luke Harlow is the horticulture and small farms agent for the county extension office.

be accepted, this new system allows farmers and ranchers to streamline the process of obtaining the necessary equipment and items for the success of their harvests.

Any interested farmers can visit the Department of Agriculture's website to learn more at: www.fdaacs.gov/farmteam.

Sales tax holiday for school shopping

The Florida Retail Federation encourages Florida families and students to start the year strong by replenishing school supplies during the second period of the Florida Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday. Beginning Monday, Jan. 1, 2024, and running through Sunday, Jan. 14, Florida families can save on clothing, footwear, backpacks, school supplies, personal computers and more in the new year.

Florida shoppers can take advantage of tax savings during the beginning of 2024 in addition to the many discounts and sales

retailers offer at the start of the New Year.

The following items are available for purchase tax-free through Jan. 14:

—clothing, footwear, and certain accessories with a sales price of \$100 or less per item.

—certain school supplies with a sales price of \$50 or less per item.

—learning aids and jigsaw puzzles with a sales price of \$30 or less.

—personal computers and certain computer-related accessories with a sales price of

\$1,500 or less, when purchased for noncommercial home or personal use.

This second tax-exempt period helps cut costs for students and teachers when replenishing essential school items needed for the spring semester.

Visit www.fldoe.org to learn more about what you need to prepare and help your children return to school after winter break. For a full list of eligible tax-free supplies, please visit FloridaRevenue.com/BacktoSchool.

Orangewood Apts. sold for \$3 million

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
General manager

STARKE — A Panama City-based real estate partnership has sold the Orangewood Apartment complex on Starke's South Water Street to a similar partnership for \$2,950,000.

Orangewood Apartments, LTD, with Royal American Development, Inc. as its general partner, sold the 5.7 parcel with nine apartment buildings and one office building to Orangewood Preservation LP, with Waddell Plantation, Inc. as the general

partner on November 29.

The two general partners have two officers in common: Jeannette B. Chapman serves as a director of Royal American and as president of Waddell Plantation. Laurretta J. Pippin serves as secretary of both entities.

Orangewood Apartments, LTD, constructed the complex in 1984. The Bradford County Property Appraiser values the complex at \$1,383,757.

The buyer assumed a \$1 million loan payable to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Housing Service and signed a restrictive covenant limiting the use of the property to providing housing to very low-, low- or moderate-income tenants.

Calling all Brooker alumni

Brooker Elementary and Junior High School alumni, staff and families from 1942 through 2021 are invited to a reunion that will take place Feb. 16, 2024, at Belle Oaks Barn in Brooker.

Join the "Brooker Elementary (& Junior High) Alumni" page on Facebook for more information, or contact Sondra Bothwell (Green) at bsegarrett@aol.com, Suzanne McRee (Dyal) at mcreesd@gmail.com or Patsy Pullen at easyace7@yahoo.com.

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Audubon continues 34-year bird count tradition

BY JOY SEGALL
Santa Fe Audubon

Seventy-three birders with binoculars, telescopes, and cameras took to the roads, fields, forests, and lakes on December 15 for the 34th annual Christmas Bird Count of the Melrose Circle.

Covering over 175 square miles in a circle centered at the intersection of State Road 100 and Clay County Road 219, the same area has been surveyed by local volunteers on a single day each December since 1990 as a part of a National Audubon Society project that "constitutes the longest running and geographically most widespread survey of bird life in the Western hemisphere."

This extraordinary example

of citizen science began in 1901 when many of our iconic water birds were nearly hunted to extinction in the name of fashion. Melrose, interestingly, had one of the earliest counts, led by the Rev. Walter I. Eck in 1907, but there were no more local counts until the current circle was established. That first year, with far fewer observers and considerably less sophisticated equipment, 35 species and 1,145 individuals were recorded.

2nd-highest species ever counted

This year, 127 species and 27,627 individuals were tallied.

It was the second-highest number of species ever counted locally and the third-highest number of individual birds.

The most widely spread species was the Northern Cardinal, with 17 of the 19 teams reporting cardinals. Tree Swallows, with 6,070 recorded, constituted this year's highest count of individuals, closely followed by American Robins at 5,499. Three other species breaking the 1,000 mark were Ring-billed Gulls, Ring-necked Ducks, and Red-Winged Blackbirds.

Exciting finds this year included two Eared Grebes, commonly found west of the Mississippi, and two Ruby-throated Hummingbirds who have chosen to winter in the area. Other rarities include the Franklin's Gull, Black Scoter, and Field Sparrow.

Counts of woodpeckers were up from last year, as were warblers and hawks, but there were fewer Cedar Waxwings.

In 2022, there were 83 Circles in Florida. The Melrose Circle led the state with American Robins at over 100,000, a huge record that will be tough to break, and was over one-third of all American Robins seen in the state. The Melrose Circle also led the state in the rarer Golden-Crowned Kinglet, with 10 individuals counted. The 2023 robin count was robust



Tom Olkowski and Betty Rosenblatt, Photo: Bill Chitty.



Richard Kaskan, Photo: Bill Chitty.

but nowhere near last year's record, and our count of Golden-Crowned Kinglets dropped to two birds this year.

Data used in research

The Christmas Bird Count has grown continuously from its initial 25 to nearly 2,000 count circles across the US and its territories, southern Canada, and, increasingly, Latin America.

It provides valuable long-term data for researchers studying

winter bird populations and for federal agencies making decisions related to birds. More than 300 peer-reviewed articles have already resulted from analyses done with the information gathered by more than 50,000 observers who contributed their time.

Santa Fe Audubon Society thanks all participants, including employees at some restricted properties and volunteers from the wider region - Gainesville, High Springs, Penney Farms, and others - who joined the local observers.

Thanks, also, to the many private property owners who allow us to cover their properties from parts of Gold Head Branch State Park and Camp Blanding to the Lake Region from Keystone Heights, Florahome, Melrose, Earleton, and Grandin to Melrose Landing and including, among many others, Lake Santa Fe, the Santa Fe Swamp, and Lakes Geneva and Brooklyn.

More information on the Christmas Bird Count is available at <https://www.audubon.org/conservation/science/christmas-bird-count>.

McRae, Keystone employees are award finalists

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
General manager

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—The Clay Education Foundation announced during the Dec. 7 school board meeting that the winners will be announced during the foundation's Apple Awards ceremony on February 8 at the Thrasher-Horne Center.

The Teacher-of-the-Year finalists are from Wilkinson Junior High, Robin Campbell; from Oakleaf Junior High, Karen Whitten; from Wilkinson Elementary, Sarah Gums; from Swimming Pen Creek Elementary, Regina Bragg; from Spring Park Elementary, Allison Altwater; from Orange Park



Elementary, Wendy Stevens; from Oakleaf High School,



Edwin Romeo; from Lakeside Junior High, Sherry Bumpers;

from Coppergate Elementary, Lisa Allen; and from Argyle Elementary, Valerie Jenkins.

The finalists for school-related employee of the year are Josephine Roquemore of Grove Park Elementary, Tremmy Chambers of Argyle Elementary, Philip Turturro of Doctors Inlet Elementary, Amanda Zayas of Wilkinson Junior High, Valerie Messer of S. Bryan Jennings Elementary, Andrea Wilson of Ridgeview High, Stacy Jackson of Oakleaf High, Shalanda Delano of McRae Elementary, Pamela Saxon of Keystone Heights Elementary, and Cameron Rivera of Clay Virtual Academy.

Community partnership school lifts Keystone High

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
General manager

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — The outgoing director of the community partnership school at Keystone Heights Junior-Senior High School said one reason the high school reclaimed its "A" grade this year after 12 years is because of higher graduation rates promoted by her partnership.

Tina Baker told the Keystone Heights Rotary Club that with graduating classes of between 150 and 200, less than five students failing to walk could significantly impact the Orchard

Avenue campus's graduation rate.

"I can stand up here and tell you that last year, there were three students that I know graduated because of the services we provided to those students," she told the club. "Not only did they attend and pass their tests, but they also walked across that stage— three students. That's huge."

The school is a partnership between the school district, the Children's Home Society, Santa Fe College, and Aza Health Care. It provides students and their families with health, social, and other services.

Last year, high school Principal Laurie Burke told the Clay County School Board that through the partnership, 167 students received tutoring services that resulted in all 167 increasing their grade point averages. She added that five percent of KHHS students received behavioral health services through the partnership school, and over 11% of the

student body received medical and dental appointments.

"Thirty-seven students and families were able to use the laundry facility," she said. "Lastly, 152 volunteers dedicated over 1,300 hours in supporting the community partnership schools initiative."

Baker told the Rotary Club that the partnership school helps the five percent of students from families that cannot provide their children with what most people would consider necessities.

"And those are the five percent that we will probably be supporting on state welfare, SNAP benefits, housing, and homeless (services)," she said.

Baker stated that one critical service the school offers to change students' lives is Camp Boost, held at the Montgomery Presbyterian Center for rising seventh graders.

She added that during the camp, the partnership's mental health counselor establishes relationships with at-risk students and starts substance abuse



Tina Baker told the Keystone Heights Rotary Club that the community partnership school helps the five percent of students from families that cannot provide their children with what most people would consider necessities. Photo: Dan Hildebran.

education with the campers.

Baker said that after the week of camp, where the campers are immersed in substance abuse education, the coaches and P.E. teachers at the high school follow up with consistent content about the risks and dangers of vaping, marijuana, alcohol, and other drugs.

"We have a great partnership with the coaches at the high school," she said. "We push in a foundation that continues in our PE classes. So, one time, you may not get it, but if the kids hear over and over that vaping is not good, and marijuana, even though your parents may be using marijuana because they

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Commerce secretary visits Starke, airport

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
General manager

STARKE — Florida Commerce Secretary J. Alex Kelly toured Starke's Douglas Building and the Keystone Heights Airport on December 19 to highlight his department's efforts to stimulate economic development in rural counties.

Kelly was joined by President of Business Development Laura DiBella, Deputy Secretary of Economic Development and President of Select Florida T.J. Villamil, and Chief Operating Officer Matt Swanson of Florida Commerce. The group also toured Columbia, Putnam, Baker, and Suwannee Counties.

"Under Governor DeSantis' leadership, Florida Commerce continually invests in projects that improve infrastructure and create opportunities for employers and families in rural communities," said Kelly in a news release. "By visiting Putnam, Bradford, Columbia, Baker, and Suwannee counties, I was able to see firsthand how the Governor's and Florida Commerce's investments in infrastructure support economic growth in our rural communities, and I am looking forward to seeing how the regions continue to grow for Florida's future



MHD-Rockland Vice President of Flight Operations Todd Falconer (right) gives Florida Commerce Secretary J. Alex Kelly (second from left) a tour of one of his company's Lockheed P-3 Orions. Photo: Florida Commerce.

generations."

Kelly's stop in Starke came one day before the Florida Cabinet voted to convey the 100,000-square-foot Douglas Building and its nearly 25 acres to Bradford County.

Local business leaders Patricia Evans, Pam Whittle, and Marty Shaw joined the state officials in Bradford County, as did county officials Carolyn Spooner, Scott Kornegay, and Jason Dodds,

MHD-Rockland CEO Bryan Dollimore and Vice President of Flight Operations Todd Falconer, and Keystone Heights Airport Board Chair David Kirkland.

While the party was at the airport, Falconer gave Kelly a tour of one of his company's Lockheed P-3 Orions, and the secretary observed flight operations, including two low-altitude passes over the runway and a landing.

BUILDING

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from the property could reach \$1 million a year and that the tenant plans to invest between \$2 million and \$3 million into the facility.

Canadians impacting local economy

The deal marks the second time within a year that a Canadian company has improved the jobs outlook in the Bradford County area.

In June, IKO, a Toronto-based roofing, waterproofing, and insulation manufacturer, confirmed that it plans to construct a new manufacturing campus in Clay County, about five miles north of the Bradford County line.

IKO said construction of the new \$270 million site would include an asphalt shingle production facility, an insulation board plant, and a commercial rolled roofing plant. The company added that it plans to hire 100 workers for the facility.

Crawford Powell, president of the Clay County Economic Development Corporation, said IKO's move into the area would provide multi-generational jobs, much like what the E.I. DuPont Company and its successor Chemours provided when DuPont launched its Trail Ridge operations in the 1940s.

In addition to Montreal and Keystone Heights, MHD-Rockland has facilities in Ontario, Maryland, Washington State, New Zealand, and Australia.

The enterprise traces its roots to 1981 when Charles Dollimore established MHD International Aircraft Parts. His son Bryan launched Rockland Aerospace twenty years later, and the two companies joined forces in 2010.

In 2016, the company opened its Keystone Heights operation for parts and maintenance of P-3s.

Over the decades, the

individual firms and combined company has acquired P-3s and the submarine hunter's civilian counterpart, the Lockheed L-188 Electra.

MHD-Rockland's accumulation of parts has created a critical need for warehouse space. The company invested in the initial steps to construct a warehouse at the Keystone Heights airport and was approved for a \$25 million loan from Space Florida to build it. Around two years ago, it also started looking into the Starke warehouse.

Current Bradford County Manager Scott Kornegay got involved with the project in 2021, before his employment with the county while he was on the airport board.

At that time, the Starke warehouse was owned by the Florida Division of Emergency Management, and Kevin Guthrie led that agency. Kornegay and Guthrie knew each other when Guthrie served at the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, and Kornegay was a firefighter and later administrator at Jacksonville Fire Rescue.

After a phone call, Guthrie agreed to release the property, which was transferred to the Department of Environmental Protection. The county said the building has been vacant for three years after going through the Department of Environmental Protection's surplus property process. All state agencies were

allowed to acquire the parcel, but there were no takers.

The North Florida Economic Development Partnership provided \$25,000 for an environmental assessment of the property, and the county hired a lobbyist to get the project over the finish line, with Mike Grissom shepherding the project through the governor's office and other agencies.

Kornegay said that besides climatizing the 100,000-square-foot warehouse, building out the interior, and adding landscaping, MHD-Rockland may also build a two-story administrative building that will house a flight simulator and 3,000 square feet of administrative space.

Kornegay credited a handful of local leaders for the project's success, including Capital City Bank's Patricia Evans, Diane Scholz, Director of Rural and Economic Development Services with the North Florida Economic Development Partnership, North Florida Regional Chamber of Commerce President Pam Whittle, Bob Milner, Rep. Chuck Brannan, and Sen. Jennifer Bradley.

He added that his contribution was primarily his contacts in Tallahassee and knowing how to open doors at the State Capitol.

"This will have a huge impact on Bradford County," he said, "not to mention the value of retaining the flight operations in Keystone with fuel sales and rental income at the airport."

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According to County Manager Scott Kornegay, the resolution was a purely administrative, which is why it was placed on the consent agenda. He was unaware of any Florida law requiring a public hearing on the resolution with four weeks of published public notice. After consulting with the county attorney, he said they agreed that no statutory requirements had been defied. The attorney, he said, was drafting an explanation. That was not available as of press time.

The resolution approved by the board did include the legal boundaries of the county as required by law. It also included a "proof of publication" claiming that a public hearing on the resolution would take place Dec. 5 and had been advertised four times during November. There was no advertisement or public hearing, even though the resolution explicitly states there had been.

The proof of publication was also submitted to the county manager to help clarify the procedural confusion.

No other choice?

The last time the county commission considered adding the assessments was after beginning a paid fire department. Commissioners didn't follow through and have since paid for both firefighting and EMS with a combination of COVID dollars reserve spending and some budget cutting. They also raised property taxes to 10 mills.

Multiple times, commissioners have expressed that if they are ever going to reduce property taxes and balance the budget, they will need to find other revenue sources to help pay for these services. They unsuccessfully went after electric franchise fees, which leaves impact fees on new development and special assessments.

The fees in the previous study were based on a fire department

budget of \$1.4 million in 2020 growing to \$2.68 million by 2024, and an EMS budget of \$2.46 million growing to \$3.52 million. Each residential dwelling unit would have paid \$306. Commercial and nonresidential structures would have paid 40 cents per square foot.

Public opposition was strong, and rather than opt for approval, there was talk about holding a voter referendum where a fire assessment had failed before. The only action taken was by the fire chief and several firefighters who resigned as a show of no confidence in the board or county manager at the time.

Talk about the need for the assessments to balance the budget never went away, however. The

only thing that has changed is oversight of the services, which went from the manager to the sheriff and back to the manager, and the consolidation of the services into Bradford County Fire Rescue.

In the budget approved for 2024 at \$9.15 million, only \$3.56 million is covered by ambulance service charges. Grants and cash forward account for another \$1.87 million, which leaves around \$3.7 million to raise from 9,000 households, plus businesses and other affected properties.

The consultant's analysis can only advise commissioners how to do that. It will be up to them to decide whether they move forward this time.

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UNION COUNTY

Library issues cards to students

BY MARY BROWN
Union County Public Library

LAKE BUTLER — The library staff visited Lake Butler Elementary School to issue library cards to all second graders.

Each child received a library card and checked out two books for the first time.

Parents are encouraged to bring their children to the public library and choose from the thousands of children's books and materials.



Tricia Wylie and Tennille Brannen wait to check out books for second-grade classes.



A second-grade class fills up their book bags.

VFW hosts Christmas party

The Lake Butler VFW held its annual Christmas Party on Dec. 9, giving 20 children candy and gifts.

Member William Fischer served as Santa's host and assistant.

Santa later reported that he had

a good time, as he always does when he makes an appearance at the post.



VFW members Rossi McDonald, Stephanie Kirby, Coleen Carroll, Eric Carroll, Barbara Fischer, Annie Pittman, Sydney Ferguson, Joy Harden and Santa.



Santa brings a smile to Michael Reeves.



Priti shows the students what to do when choosing books to check out.

Union board amends road improvement plans

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Special to the Times

LAKE BUTLER — At a special meeting on Dec. 7, the Union County Board of County Commissioners approved three resolutions that would modify the required completion dates on three FDOT grants for road work in the county, two of which included additional grant funds for two of the projects due to bid shortfalls.

The grants are from the state's Small County Outreach Program and Small County Rural Assistance Program, and the resolutions passed by the board are amendments to the original

agreements.

The SCOP grant for construction widening and resurfacing of C.R. 18 from the Columbia County line to S.R. 121 will be amended to allow an extended deadline due to permit issues and the need for additional reviews, with the project now having a completion date of June 30, 2024 (rather than the original completion date which had been set for Dec. 31, 2023).

A second SCOP grant contract was also amended to extend the deadline for completion from Dec. 31, 2023, to June 30, 2025. This project is for the design and construction engineering and inspection for flexible pavement reconstruction of Northeast 149th Street from west of Northeast 222 Place to C.R. 229. Also, funds in the amount of \$169,353.35 have been added due to a bid shortfall, bringing the total cost of the project to \$519,353.35.

The third resolution approved at the meeting was a SCRAP grant for the design and construction engineering and inspection for resurfacing of C.R. 229N from S.R. 121 to the Baker

County line. The amendment to the original agreement is in the amount of \$1,988,393.90 due to a bid shortfall on the most southern part of the project, a bridge. The contractual completion time was also extended until June 30, 2025. With the additional funds, the cost of the project will be \$6,620,393.90.

All three of these projects are state-funded and require to county funds be spent on the project. These two types of grants are designed to assist small counties in Florida to maintain their roads and bridges, as well as to improve dirt roads (paving) and address safety concerns that have arisen. It would be virtually impossible for a small, economically challenged county like Union to do this type of work within its means, but thanks to the Florida Department of Transportation's SCOP and SCRAP grants, small county residents can enjoy the same comfort and safety of transportation enjoyed by larger, more affluent, counties.



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Lawtey's Christmas lineup



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Commissioner Chair Carolyn Spooner spread some cheer from behind the wheel!



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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

Robert Dwayne Bowman, 46, of Lawtey was arrested by Bradford deputies on December 22 for battery.

Kevin Marice Bradley, 53, of Lake Butler was arrested by Starke Police on December 22 for an out-of-county warrant.

Jonathan Eugene Cain, 52, of Fernandina Beach was arrested by Bradford deputies on December 20 for a probation violation.

Deron Owen Davis, 52, of Waldo was arrested by Bradford deputies on December 21 for an out-of-county warrant.

Travis Theodore Davis, 46, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on December 22 for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Jonathan Mark Deese, 41, of Hampton was arrested by Bradford deputies on December 22 for a probation violation.

Brandon James Dickey, 39, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on December 19 for driving with a suspended or revoked license and driving with an expired tag.

Zoe Myshell Leilani Eiselen, 24, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on December 19 for trafficking in amphetamine, selling drugs, possession of drugs, destroying evidence and possession of drug equipment.

Trent Hamilton Etheridge, 47, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Bradford deputies on December 18 for a probation violation.

Lakwanzaa Shanice Griffin, 26, of Jacksonville was arrested by state troopers on December 20 for driving with a suspended license, dealing in stolen property, possession of marijuana, possession of drug equipment, driving an unregistered vehicle, and attaching a tag not assigned.

Victor Guillen Paredes, 27, of Jacksonville was arrested by FHP troopers on December 16 for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

James Disean Hires, 37, of Jacksonville was arrested by Bradford deputies on December 17 for possession of a weapon, driving with a suspended or revoked license, and out-of-county warrants.

Ronnie Lee Irving, 66, of Brooker was arrested by Bradford deputies on December 22 for failure to appear.

Calvin Terrell Johnson, 36, of Brandon was arrested by Bradford deputies on December 18 for larceny, illegal use of credit cards, fraud-impersonation, and an out-of-county warrant.

Joey Tavaris Johnson, 25, of Starke was arrested by Starke Police on December 18 for battery.

Ivy Dela Nicole Jordan, 24, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on December 18 for failure to appear.

Abrianna Louise Keys, 18, of Lawtey was arrested by Bradford deputies on December 17 for battery.

Ra'ann Ma'chele Love, 28, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on December 18 for DUI, possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Robert Albert Odom, 62, of Orange Park was arrested by Bradford deputies on December 19 for a probation violation.

Zachary Paul Ortmann, 22, of Hawthorne was arrested by Bradford deputies on December 20 for possession of drug equipment and possession of a controlled substance without a prescription.

Joseph Robert Powers, 52, of Starke was arrested by Starke Police on December 19 for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Lori Dennette Rhoden, 52, of Lawtey was arrested by Starke Police on December 22 for a probation violation.

Erric Tyrone Smith, 20, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on December 20 for a weapons offense, driving with a suspended or revoked license, burglary, criminal mischief with property damage, resisting an officer, and aggravated assault.

Michael Woodard Sumner, 49, of Starke was arrested by Starke Police on December 22 for a probation violation.

Gary Alvin Weeks, 39, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on December 19 for larceny.

Union

None reported.

Clay

Kenneth Paul Blair, 79, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on December 20 for a probation violation.

Grady Uvaldo Bostick, 61, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on December 22 for unlawful installation of a tracking device or tracking application.

Man arrested for shooting hunting dogs

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
General manager

LAKE BUTLER— Florida wildlife officers arrested a 22-year-old Lake Butler man after he was accused of shooting three hunting dogs, killing two.

Lance Anthony Thornton was charged with three counts of animal cruelty and one count of evidence tampering. After deputies booked him into the Union County Jail Monday evening, the defendant bonded out on a \$15,000 bond.

A witness who told a Gainesville television station she owns one of the dogs said the canines were chasing deer at the Piney Bay Hunt Club off State

Road 121 when Thornton shot the animals from a neighboring property.

The dogs' owners said they could prove the animals were on hunting club property at the time they were shot through GPS devices the dogs were wearing.

5 years for probation violation

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
General manager

A Lawtey man sentenced to probation earlier this year was sent to the Department of Corrections for five years after he tested positive for cocaine and was accused of fraud in Union County.

In April, Joseph Stefan Wheeler pleaded to defrauding Jackson Building Supply of \$18,355 and an individual of \$37,200.

Before being sentenced to five years' probation, the defendant assured Judge James Colaw that he could and would pay restitution to the victims. The judge responded that without such assurances, the 50-year-old would be spending the 60 months behind bars rather than on probation.

In September, a probation officer reported that Wheeler violated his probation by testing positive for cocaine.

He was also arrested in Union County twice for fraud. In one case, he is accused of taking \$19,000 from an out-of-state couple to replace a metal roof on a Raiford building and failing to perform the work. In the second, a Lake Butler couple told deputies they wrote Wheeler a \$4,500 check for materials on a home repair. However, the materials were never delivered to the work site, and the defendant cashed the check at Florida Credit Union.

Probation for church break-in

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
General manager

A 34-year-old Alachua man was sentenced to 18 months' probation for burglarizing the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints on State Road 238 west of Lake Butler.

David Lee Wade pleaded to burglary and felony criminal mischief. On October 5, Union County Sheriff's deputies and tracking dogs from Union Correctional Institution and the Reception and Medical Center found Wade in a wooded area about 100 yards from the church building.

The sheriff's office responded to the scene after church members discovered a broken window and items throughout the structure in disarray around 7:30 a.m.

Judge Mitchell C. Bishop also ordered the defendant to undergo a mental health evaluation, submit to drug testing, and pay the church \$500 in restitution. Wade had no prior convictions.

January sobriety checkpoints

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



BCSO and FCCD play Santa for Head Start

Bradford County Sheriff's Office thanked the local chapter of Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency for once again inviting staff volunteers to provide a child's Christmas through a program called "Angel Tree Kid." BCSO also thanked the staff at the Head Start for allowing them to spend some time with these smiling faces. The Bradford County Sheriff's Office and Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency play Santa for this group of youngsters every year. Pictured from FCCD and BCSO are Mary Taylor, Melissa Hewitt, Sgt. Billie Lowery, Cpt. Dalton Diggs, Lt. Beth Griffin and Pat Honour. Staff and students from Head Start include Rebeckah Crawford holding Anthony Sheppard and Scarlet Shemmer, Justice Mealing, Ka'ion Smith, Kyamoni Nickles, and Kenya Hendrieth holding Annalie Rhines.

ARREST

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According to the arrest report, the attempted carjacker was wearing a hooded sweatshirt tied closely around his head, making his face less visible.

"The man was very thin with a petite build," the witness said in the arrest report. "A thin face, but I did not see his face in detail."

Camera footage from the store only showed a "shadow" running from the vehicle as the suspect fled.

Police were apparently confident enough after the witness identified Smith in the photo lineup. The arrest report states Smith is "known to wear a gray hoodie and frequent Circle K."

Profit said it wasn't until her son's arraignment the morning after his arrest that the public defender was allowed to present written proof of Smith's alibi.

Smith's mother told Starke commissioners she couldn't help but wonder what if her son had been killed because of a false identification — a Black man picked out of a lineup.

Smith's father, Ray Smith Sr., said his son is mentally disabled, and he questioned whether city streets were safe for special needs people if someone can be arrested based on mistaken identity. He worries even more for his son, who walks the city early in the morning, late at night, visiting places like the courthouse and the Circle K, helping with the garbage collection.

What has really weighed on his mind, Smith's father said, is what would have happened if his son had not been in Gainesville at the time of the crime.

"So, what would we be talking about right now? We'd probably be talking about him being in jail, not knowing what's going on and not having an idea of why," Smith Sr. said.

He asked how safe can people feel with that officer on the force and what do his actions say about the department's leadership, using a sport's analogy of a player's actions reflecting upon his coach.

Danielle Smith also spoke, asking about officer training and the impact of budget cuts.

"Are we getting to know our people in the community as officers? Are we doing any kind of training? What are we doing in situations like this so that it doesn't happen again?" she asked, claiming this situation was not a first for the city.

She said Smith Jr. had been treated as if he was guilty until proven innocent.

"How much did we really investigate before we just put

this lady in front of six people on the lineup? What kind of investigation did we really do?" she asked.

"What are we doing to fix these problems? Because like I said, this is not the first issue that we've had. We've had plenty. I mean, we need answers as a community," she said.

Commission weighs in

With his experience in law enforcement, Commissioner Andy Redding said he was alarmed by everything presented at the meeting.

"You have to have the means, a motive and the opportunity. So right out the gate, it seems to me that it is abundantly clear that there was no opportunity for this to have occurred," he said. "Without pointing fingers or anything else, it comes down to somebody's going to have to pick the ball up with this, and answers are going to have to be given."

While there have been discussions about budgeting and manpower, Redding said the record should show that the commission has not repeatedly cut the police budget. A cut was proposed, and Chief Jeff Johnson undercut it by proposing an even lower number. There was a "mass exodus" of personnel, Redding said, followed by new hires. Johnson confirmed he now has a 12-person police department.

Redding said after personnel costs, the chief has around \$300,000 a year of his \$1.1 million budget to pay operating costs. It doesn't seem sustainable, he said.

"It comes back to leadership. You are our elected chief of police, and people are going to want answers. And if they don't get answers, they're going to want answers from us," he said.

Commissioner Janice Mortimer apologized to Ray Smith Jr., his family and the community for what happened.

"It's unfortunate that someone that is innocent has to prove his innocence during this day in time," she said, adding the city had just settled a similar case for \$6,500. The commission is liable for the actions of a department over which it has not control, she said. The police chief is still elected and answers to the voters.

"We settled one lawsuit and are probably going to have to deal with another one because of this," Mortimer said. "It's unfortunate that this board has been put in the position, but it is what it is, and we have to step up to our responsibilities."

With that she brought up the commission's past invitation to

the sheriff, who was asked to present a plan to provide law enforcement services to the city. Mortimer said she had not been convinced Sheriff Gordon Smith could provide the same level of service for the \$345,000 he requested in June. She said the city always needs two officers on shift, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Mortimer said she was told that both law enforcement heads met following the budget meetings and agreed that felony investigations in the city would be turned over to the sheriff's office. Johnson said it was discussed, but there was no agreement. Mortimer said the sheriff assured her that they had agreed, and she suggested the chief reach out to the sheriff to clear up any misunderstanding.

"If that was the case, then this incident would have been — should have been — sent over to the sheriff's office for them to do the investigation and to carry out whatever was needed," she said.

"You know, the word on the street is that things are going slack or lacking in the police department because we, this board, cut your budget," Mortimer said, asking if that was a message Johnson was spreading. The chief denied it, saying "people lie."

Mortimer said the commission has asked for information on police department staffing and organization, and she again requested that Johnson provide that as well as the exact amount it will cost to provide 24/7 coverage of the city every single day.

She also moved to have the city manager request that Sheriff Smith return to the commission in January with the cost to provide the same service, down to the penny. Mayor Scott Roberts joined Mortimer and Redding in voting for the request. Commissioner Danny Nugent maintained his opposition to law enforcement consolidation, saying the city should handle things "in house" and not rush to involve the sheriff. (Commissioner Shannon Smith was absent.)

The target date for those presentations is Jan. 16.

Johnson said he would prepare the numbers, but he would not be present for the meeting. Mortimer cautioned him about oversight of his department, saying the mice play when the cat is away.

"When you go away, I think it's important that the people of this city that vote for me and for you will be able to lay down at night and rest assured that they're going to be safe," she said. "That's what we expect from our police department."

LIFT

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have a medical need, it's still not good for you because you have a developing juvenile brain and (marijuana) rewires your brain."

Baker said that as a Middleburg

resident, she thought her hometown had a big heart, but she has been overwhelmed with the community support the Lake Region has shown her students.

"I thought Middleburg was the place," she told the Rotarians, "but I'm going to tell you right now, people really step up in

this community to support our students."

Baker added that she feels good about leaving the program in the hands of incoming director Isaac Morford and believes the partnership will continue to lift students and the school.



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Starke Shop with a Cop: Christmas joy for 400 kids

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Santa's making a list, and he's checking it twice to see who's been naughty or nice.

He can check it three or four times, if he wants, but what he'll find is that the "nice" side of the list is overwhelmingly full when it comes to the annual Starke Shop with a Cop.

This year's event was held Dec. 18-19 at Walmart in Starke. A total of 400 children from Bradford, Starke, Lawtey and Lake Butler elementary schools enjoyed a \$100 shopping spree, escorted by members of law enforcement as well as the Florida Department of Corrections and other organizations.

If a child is participating in Starke Shop with a Cop, he or she isn't just on Santa's nice list. They are on their school's nice list as well because in being selected by teachers, counselors and/or administrators, they have been identified as children who have some type of need (financial, emotional or psychological), but are striving to do their best in school despite that need.

Santa's nice list would also include the people who serve as the children's escorts. In many instances, you're talking about people suiting up in their uniforms on their days off to help put smiles on children's faces.

Of course, many will tell you they don't mind doing so. If you observe the event, sometimes it's hard to determine who's having the most fun: the children or the adults.

Take William Jerrels, for example. He works at Cross



LEFT: Who's having more fun? Reception and Medical Center's Jennifer Cooley or Starke Elementary student Trenton Johnson? BELOW: What does Reception and Medical Center's Chad Ali think of escorting Starke Elementary students Jase Romano and Gunner Prevatt during Starke Shop with a Cop? He gives a thumbs up.



City Correctional Institution, but there was no question in his mind about driving to Starke to take part in the event. He first became involved when he worked at a more local institution and has participated every year since, no matter where he's worked, whether it be Florida State Prison, New River Correctional Institution, Reception and Medical Center and now, Cross City Correctional In fact, he even took part when he worked at Taylor Correctional Institution in Perry.

Jerrels said he enjoys his interaction with the children and getting the chance to see their joy and unselfishness.

"(It's) just seeing how happy they are in getting to do this," Jerrels said. "Most of the time, when you get a kid, he or she buys something for them and then their brother or their sister. They want to share this."

"That's what I enjoy most about it."

It is touching to see children want to buy for others, but Starke Shop with a Cop is a reward for those who actually take part in the event. Barry Warren, the event's organizer, reminds escorts every year to make sure the children they accompany pick out items for them.

Starke Police Department's Jason Molina talked to the Telegraph-Times-Monitor at the 2019 event, sharing how the child he escorted found it hard to think about himself.

"He really didn't know what he wanted," Molina said. "He kept asking about his siblings. I allowed him to buy for his siblings, but I also reminded him, 'This is a day for you to get what you want.' He made sure he got both his sisters something, which kind of touched my heart, that a 6-year-old would think of his siblings over himself."

A child's unselfishness is a reminder of a community's unselfishness. So many individuals and businesses would find themselves on



Florida State Prison's Sherri Hoilman and Lawtey Elementary students Addison Castellese (foreground) and Jamie Cockrell are having a blast shopping together. Photos by Cliff Smelley.



Bradford Elementary students Raviona Carter (left) and Kynir Wright each show off a toy they picked out while shopping with Starke Police Department's George Duren.



Shopping smiles are displayed by Union Correctional Institution's Elias Encarnacion and Bradford Elementary student Madison Stanton.



Bradford Elementary student Tray Hankerson is having a good time shopping with Brandi Crawford of Union Correctional Institution.



Lake Butler Elementary student Jahayven Caldwell shops with Phillip Sellers of the Union County Sheriff's Office.



Lake Butler Elementary student Keegan Harper looks like he's found a cap to add to his basket.

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Santa's nice list because of their support of Starke Shop with a Cop. The monetary donations are what determine just how many children get the chance to shop each year.

Year after year, the support continues to grow. When Starke Shop with a Cop began as a hastily organized event its first year, it consisted of 34 children.

The one-day event is now two days. It surpassed the 300-children mark in 2021 — 16 years after the inaugural event.

This year's event consisted of 68 more children than in 2022.

Warren has said that Bradford County may be small, but it has the biggest heart. Perhaps he put it best when he was interviewed about the 2018 Starke Shop with

a Cop: "I just grab the reins of the sleigh. Bradford County makes it happen every time."

Now, it's also people and businesses in Union County who are also stepping up to support the event so that Lake Butler Elementary students may attend. That makes Jerrels feel good.

"I was so glad to see Union County get involved in this because a lot of the people you see here doing this are from Union County," Jerrels said.

Santa Claus provides toys for all the children of the world, but even he would probably be impressed with how two small, rural counties make Christmas such a joyful time for so many children.

Children doing good in school, adults, in turn, doing good by them — Santa doesn't even need to consult his naughty list.



LEFT: John Lucas enjoys a shopping spree and a ride. He's pushed by fellow Starke Elementary student Larry Graham and Putnam Correctional Institution's Robert Johnson Jr. BELOW: Lake Butler Elementary's Kiarra Dickson and RMC's Gregory Wright are already smiling before the shopping begins.



Bradford Elementary's Nikolaus Pipes shops with Union Correctional Institution's Lyndell Hampton.



An excited Janay Albert leads the way, followed by fellow Starke Elementary student James Otto and Starke Police Department's Jeffrey Smith.



The faces of Lake Butler Elementary student Wesley McFarland and Madison Correctional Institution's Cynethia Roundtree show the joy that all involved with Starke Shop with a Cop experience.



William Jerrels of Cross City Correctional Institution discusses which aisles he and Bradford Elementary student Ben Pipes need to go to.



Lily Prevatt (left) finds an item she wants as she shops with fellow Lawtey Elementary student Savannah Carter and Florida State Prison's Ryan Jerome.



Daniel Caraballo tries on a cap as fellow Lawtey Elementary student Zaden Teal and Reception and Medical Center's Daphne Robinson look on.



Lake Butler Elementary student Lilly McKean and Tracy Kennon of Florida Department of Corrections Probation and Parole pause for a photo as they make their way down an aisle.



Starke Police Department's Stormi McAdams escorts Bradford Elementary students Bryce Shortes (left) and KaLyna Aviles.



Lawtey Elementary student Caleb Glisson (far right) points in the direction he thinks fellow Lawtey student Henry Buchberger and Lawtey Correctional Institution's Eric Cagle should go in.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

Legal Notices

Legals for the week of Dec. 28, 2023

BRADFORD

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE NO. 2023 CC 176
 FLORIDA CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff,
 Vs.
 UNKNOWN SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OF ANTHONY J. NEW, DECEASED, PATTY NEW, CHRISTINA NEW AND GLENN NEW, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION
 ITO: Unknown Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Assignees, Lienors, Creditors, Trustees of Anthony J. New, Deceased
 8385 NW CR 229
 Starke, FL 32091

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following real property in Bradford County, Florida:

PARCEL NO. 8 OF THE WAYSHNER TRACT LYING IN THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE NW CORNER OF THE TRACT AT A CONCRETE MARKER ALONG CR-229, PARCEL 8 BEGINS 641.67 FEET S 47 DEGREES 34' 53'034 EAST TO A SET IRON ROD; THENCE N 42 DEGREES 25' 07'034 EAST FOR 355.11 FEET TO A SET IRON ROD ON THE BOUNDARY OF CR-229; THENCE N 47 DEGREES 34' 53'034 WEST FOR 184 FEET ALONG BOUNDARY OF CR-229 TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. 013010 PARCEL NO. 8A OF THE WAYSHNER TRACT LYING IN THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA. NORTH AND EAST OF COUNTY ROAD 229 DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT A CONCRETE MONUMENT IN THE NE CORNER OF SAID TRACT RUNNING 837.41 FEET, S 89 DEGREES 45' 24'034 WEST TO SET IRON ROD AS POINT OF BEGINNING FOR PARCEL 8A; THENCE 184 FEET S 47 DEGREES 34' 53'034 EAST TO A SET IRON ROD; THENCE 236.22 FEET S 42 DEGREES 25' 07'034 WEST TO A SET IRON ROD; THENCE 184 FEET N 47 DEGREES 34' 53'034 WEST TO A SET IRON ROD; THENCE 236.22 FEET, N 42 DEGREES 25' 07'034 EAST TO A SET IRON ROD AT POINT OF BEGINNING OF PARCEL 8A. 013010 PARCEL NO. 8B OF THE WAYSHNER TRACT LYING IN THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE NE CORNER OF SAID NW 1/4 AND RUN S 89 DEGREES 45' 24'034 WEST ALONG THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY THEREOF, 587.19 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM POINT OF BEGINNING THUS DESCRIBED RUN S 42 DEGREES 25' 07'034 WEST, 169.56 FEET; THENCE N 47 DEGREES 34' 53'034 WEST, PARALLEL WITH THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY OF THE RIGHT OF WAY OF COUNTY ROAD 229 (FORMERLY STATE ROAD S-229), A DISTANCE OF 184.00 FEET TO AN INTERSECTION WITH THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID NW 1/4; THENCE N 89 DEGREES 45' 24'034 EAST, ALONG SAID NORTHERLY BOUNDARY, 250.22 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. 013010 TOGETHER WITH

A 2000 DOUBLEWIDE ID # GAFLX34A72909SH21 AND ID # GAFLX34B72909SH21 WHICH IS PERMANENTLY ATTACHED TO THE LANDS ABOVE DESCRIBED AND AS SUCH IS DEEMED TO BE A FIXTURE AND A PART OF THE REAL ESTATE. has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Stephen Orsillo, the Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is Post Office Box 3637, Tallahassee, Florida 32315-3637, within 30 days after the first publication date and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on the Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or Petition. Dated this 15th day of December, 2023.
 Denny Thompson, Clerk
 As Clerk of the Court
 By: Tasher Allen
 AS Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
 To satisfy the owner's storage lien, KO Storage LLC will sell at public lien sale on January 17, 2024. The personal property in the below-listed units, which may include but are not limited to: Household goods, boxes/totes/bags, clothing, bedding, tools and toys. The public sale of these items will begin at 10AM on January 10, 2024 and end at 10AM on January

17, 2024. The public sale will take place on www.storage-treasures.com. KO Storage of Starke - S Walnut St, 1650 South Walnut Street, Starke FL 32091, (952) 314-7121
 Time: 10:00AM CST
 A19, Crapp, Shaunte, A23, Crapp, Shaunte, A49, Starling, Lynn, B49, Coe, Kayla, B52, Barton, Susan, B56, Bowen, Dustin, C03, Berry, Terrence
 Public sale terms, rules, and regulations will be made available on www.storage-treasures.com. All sales are subject to cancellation. We reserve the right to refuse any bid. Payment must be by credit/debit card, we do not accept checks or cash. Buyers must secure the units with their own personal locks. To claim tax-exempt status, original RESALE certificates for each space purchased is required. By KO Storage LLC, 10301 Wayzata Blvd, Minnetonka, MN 55305. (952)-314-7121.

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INVITATION TO BID
COOK BROTHERS, INC. (CBI), FL. GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSE NO. CGC-046567, Construction Manager for the following project, is seeking bids from all qualified bidders. Go to the CBI website, www.cookbrothersinc.com, to view and/or download all project plans, specifications, prequalification forms, insurance requirements, P&P Bond forms, etc. On the left side of home page click on *Projects* and choose *New Projects* from the drop-down menu.

PROJECT: Camp Blanding Administration Building #3888A, Florida National Guard; Florida Dept. of Military Affairs Project # 12215021, located at 5629 FL-16W, Starke, Florida.

DESCRIPTION: All work necessary to provide sitework, infrastructure and construction of a new 6,100 SF metal administration building. Submit **QUESTIONS** to bids@cookbrothersinc.com no later than end of day Jan. 9th, 2024.

PRE-QUALIFICATION: All bidders who have not previously been under contract with Cook Brothers, Inc. must pre-qualify for this project. Email Pre-qualification form to bids@cookbrothersinc.com no later than Jan. 15, 2024.

BONDS: All bids over \$100,000 must include a 5% Bid Bond or a Certified check for the same. All subcontracts of \$100,000 or more will require a P&P Bond, on a Cook Brothers, Inc. Payment and Performance Bond form
PREBID MEETING DATE: An on-site pre-bid meeting will be held Thurs. Jan. 4th, 2024 at 2:00 PM, Eastern Time. SEE THE CBI WEBSITE FOR FURTHER LOCATION AND MEETING DETAILS.

SEALED BIDS are due Thurs. Jan. 18, 2024 2:00 PM, Eastern Time in the office of Cook Brothers, Inc., 1255 Commerce Blvd., Midway, FL 32343. **Submit bids via:** HAND DELIVER, UPS, FEDEX or other deliver service to the office of Cook Brothers, Inc. CBI is not responsible for the date/time at which bids are received, so please allow time to accommodate your mode of delivery. **LATE BIDS WILL BE REJECTED.** All bids must be submitted on the CBI Bid Form, which is found in the Bid Package. E-MAILED BIDS ARE NOT ACCEPTED.

BID BONDS AND PERFORMANCE & PAYMENT BONDS: All bids of \$100,000 or more require a 5% Bid Bond or Cashier's Check. All contracts of \$100,000 or more will require a Performance & Payment Bond.

PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS are available for view/downloaded from our website: On the left side of home page click on *Projects* and choose *New Projects* from the drop-down menu.

NOTE: See the plans Cover sheet page # G000 for *Alternate Bid Items*.

The following **BID PACKAGES** will be posted on the CBI website on or before Jan. 4, 2024. All bids must be submitted on the Bid Form, which is found in the Bid Package.

- 2A Sitework
- 3A Concrete
- 4A Masonry
- 6A Architectural Wood Casework/ Cabinets
- 8A Doors, Frames, Hardware
- 8B Overhead Coiling Doors
- 9A Flooring includes tile, carpet and fluid-applied flooring
- 9B Framing and Sheetrock
- 9C ACT Ceilings
- 9D Painting and (see Division 7)
- Joint Sealants 10A Specialties, bath compartments, accessories and lockers 13A Metal Building 22A Plumbing 23A Mechanical
- 26A Electrical
- 28A Electronic Safety & Security (controls, intercom and video)

E-Verify: Pursuant to §448.095, Fla. Stat., Contractor must be registered with and use the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the employment eligibility of all new employees hired by Contractor during the term of this Agreement.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER: All contractors and vendors must agree that they will abide by the requirements of 41 CFR 60-1.4(a), 41 CFR 60-300.5(a) and 41 CFR 60-741.5(a), which require that contractors and subcontractors will not discriminate against individuals and businesses due to race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, protected veteran status or physical or mental disability.
COOK BROTHERS, INC., (CBI)

is the Construction Manager for this Florida Dept. of Military Affairs (Owner) project. The Owner is not a party to any and all solicitations and submitted quotations or bid proposals which are made to the Construction Manager. Nothing in the bid documents, either expressed or implied, enjoins Owner as a party to the receipt, review or award of bids received by Construction Manager. Award of each trade contract shall be based solely on the best interests of the Project as determined by Construction Manager. Cook Brothers, Inc., as Construction Manager for this project, reserves the right to accept and reject any and all bids and waive informalities in any bid.

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

CASE NO.: 04-2023-CP-124
 IN RE: THE ESTATE OF EMANUEL NICK KLONDES, JR., DECEASED.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The formal administration of the estate of EMANUEL NICK KLONDES, JR., who died on April 18, 2023, is pending in the Circuit Court of Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is the Clerk of the Circuit Court, 945 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, FL 32091. The names and addresses of the PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE and attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the DECEDENT and other persons having claims or demands against the DECEDENT'S estate on whom a copy of this NOTICE is required to be served must file their claims with this COURT WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE TIME 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 having claims or demands against the DECEDENT'S estate must file their claims with this COURT WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
 ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.7022 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE 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 TO CREDITORS is December 28, 2023.

ANGELA WALL
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
 16549 SW 66th Lane
 Starke, FL 32091
 Respectfully submitted,
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 Attorney for PETITIONER

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CITY OF HAMPTON, FLORIDA
 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Hampton, Florida, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 23rd, 2024, at 7:00 P.M. and pursuant to the authority provided by Florida law, to consider the advisability of exercising its authority to close and abandon that certain roadway and/or right-of-way running east and west between Block 17 and Block 18 and through the middle of Block 1 in the City of Hampton, Bradford County, Florida according to a survey made by the G.A. Southern and Florida R.R. Co. At the aforementioned date, time and place all interested persons may appear and be heard with respect to this matter.

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

The public hearing may be continued to one or more future dates. Any interested party shall be advised that the date, time and place of any continuation of the public hearing shall be announced during the public hearing and that no further notice concerning the matter will be published.

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

telephone at (352) 468-1201; at least two business days in advance.

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Town of Worthington Springs
 NOTICE OF FAIR HOUSING

This notice will serve to advise all residents of the Town of Worthington Springs that the following actions, if based on race, color, sex, national origin, religion, familial status (families with children), or handicap (disability) are prohibited by Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Federal Fair Housing Act):
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 -Denying that housing is available for inspection, sale or rent when it really is available.
 -Denying or making different terms or conditions for home loans by financial institutions.
 -Denying anyone the use of or participation in any real estate services, multiple listing services or other facilities related to the selling and renting of housing.
 -"Blockbusting" and "steering" are two discriminatory practices that are also prohibited by the Act.
 If you would like to obtain more information about fair housing, or file a fair housing complaint, please contact the Fair Housing Coordinator listed below:

Pat Harrell, Town Clerk and Fair Housing Coordinator, Worthington Springs, PO Box 150 (11933 SW 36th Drive), Worthington Springs, Florida 32697-0150; Phone: (386) 496-1006
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.: 2023-CA-393
 BRENDA YEOMANS, PLAINTIFF,
 VS.

JOYE E. WATKINS AND STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY I SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES, DEFENDANTS.

NOTICE OF ACTION
 TO: JOYE WATKINS
 4912 SE 92nd Street
 Hampton, FL 32044

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a complaint for declaratory relief regarding the following single wide mobile home described as 1982 Nova bearing Vehicle Identification Number EF2966A and Title Number 19988481 has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses/response, if any, to it on VERONICA R. OWENS, ESQ., Attorney for the Plaintiff, whose address is 189 S. Lawrence Blvd, Keystone Heights, FL 32656, on or before thirty days from the date of first publication of this NOTICE OF ACTION, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court at 945 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, FL 32091, before service on Plaintiff or immediately thereafter.

If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request. You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e-mailed to the addresses on record at the clerk's office.
 Dated: November 27, 2023
 DENNY THOMPSON
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 By: Kanetra Jenkins
 Deputy Clerk

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COMMISSION MEETING
 THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Bradford County Board of County Commissioners will have a board meeting on January 4, 2024, at 9:30 AM inside the county commission meeting room, located in the north wing section of the Bradford County Courthouse, 945 N. Temple, Avenue, Starke, FL. A copy of the meeting agenda may be obtained from the Bradford County website: www.bradfordcountyfl.gov. Said meeting location is secured – no firearms or weapons are permitted.

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

CIVIL ACTION
 CASE NO.: 04-2023-CA-000242
 DIVISION:

MCLP ASSET COMPANY, INC., Plaintiff,

vs.
 THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY,

THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST, CONSTANCE M. ERDMAN A/K/A CONSTANCE MAY ERDMAN, DECEASED, et al.

Defendant(s).
 NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 27, 2023, and entered in Case No. 04-2023-CA-000242 of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Bradford County, Florida in which MCLP Asset Company, Inc., is the Plaintiff and The Unknown Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Assignees, Lienors, Creditors, Trustees, or other Claimants claiming by, through, under, or against, Constance M. Erdman a/k/a Constance May Erdman, deceased, Mercantile Bank, Joseph Bernard Erdman, David Timothy Erdman, Leann Jessica Erdman, are defendants, the Bradford County Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on online at in front of the Bradford County Courthouse, 945 Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida 32091, Bradford County, Florida at 11:00 AM, E.S.T. on the January 25, 2024 the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:
 LOT FIVE (5) KNIGHT'S REPLAT, A RESUBDIVISION OF A PORTION OF KNIGHT'S SUBDIVISION, PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 54 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA.
 A/K/A 1002 NORTH THOMPSON STREET STARKE FL 32091

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

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

Dated this 21st day of December, 2023.

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 Tampa, FL 33623
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 Fax: (813) 221-9171
 eService: servealaw@albertelliaw.com

By: /s/ Nathan Gryglewicz
 Florida Bar #762121
 Nathan Gryglewicz, ESQ
 CT - 22-004423

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Persons with a disability who need any accommodation in order to participate should call Jan Phillips, ADA Coordinator, Alachua County Courthouse, 201 E. University Ave., Gainesville, FL 32601 at (352)337-6237 within two (2) working days of receipt of this notice; if you are hearing impaired, please call 1-800-955-8771; if you are voice impaired, please call 1-800-955-8770.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:
 301 Legacy Auto LLC gives notice that on 01/15/2024 at 09:00 AM the following vehicle(s) may be sold by public sale at 13168 US HWY 301 S., Starke, FL 32091 to satisfy the lien for the amount owed on each vehicle for any recovery, towing, or storage

services charges and administrative fees allowed.
 2004 DODG
 Vin# 1D7HA18N14S680769
 This notification is published in BRADFORD COUNTY TELEGRAPH on 12/28/2023

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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: VINCENT M. CIPRIANO JR., 419 SE 49th St., Keystone Heights, FL 32656 sole owner, doing business under the firm name of: DYKES PUMP SERVICE, 419 SE 49th St., Keystone Heights, FL 32656, intends to register fictitious name under the aforesaid statute. Dated this 26th day of December A.D., 2023, in Bradford County.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:
 MIRACLE AUTOMOTIVE & TOWING gives notice that on 01/12/2024 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. IFTPW14V98FA61929 2008 FORD 1J4HR58215C511938 2005 JEEP 2A4GP44R07R266512 2007 CHRY. This notification is published in BRADFORD COUNTY TELEGRAPH on 12/28/2023.

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UNION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

FILE NO 63-2022-CP 043

In re THE ESTATE OF CLYDE RONALD SHORT, also known as CLYDE SHORT Deceased

NOTICE OF ACTION
 TO RONALD WRIGHT, IF ALIVE, AND IF DEAD, HIS UNKNOWN SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ADMINISTRATORS, CREDITORS, ASSIGNS, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST RONALD WRIGHT OR ANY OF THE FOREGOING UNKNOWN PERSONS OR PARTIES

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a petition for authorization to sell real property has been filed in the above-referenced court, with the above referenced case style and caption, and you are required to serve any objections on Jennifer T Arrubia, the personal representative's attorney, whose address is 420 S Lawrence Boulevard, Keystone Heights, Florida 32656, within 28 days of the first publication of this notice of action, and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on the personal representative's attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise the Court in this action will consider and may grant the relief requested in the above-identified petition
 Dated on December 18, 2023
 KELLIE HENDRICKS RHOADES
 Clerk of the Court
 By: K Rhoades
 As Deputy Clerk

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Obituaries

James Breeden

James "Billy" Hartwell Breeden, 91, of Melrose died Friday, Dec. 22, 2023, at Haven Hospice E. T. York Care Center in Gainesville.

Survivors are his children, Charles W. (Mia) Breeden, Terry Ruth (Dewayne) Stidham, James M. (Ruth) Breeden and Theresa Webster; and extended family members.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, Dec. 27, at North Pleasant Grove Baptist Church Cemetery.

Arrangements were under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 340 E. Walker Drive, Keystone Heights 32656. 352-473-3176. www.jonesgallagherfh.com

Sgt. Therron Johnson



Sgt. Therron Randall (Randy) Johnson, 57, of Keystone Heights passed away at his home Sunday, Dec. 17, 2023. He was born May 6, 1966, in Jacksonville to Herbert Johnson and Caroline (Sutton) Williams. After dedicating 21-plus years to the United States Air Force, United States Army, Air National Guard, and civil service, and serving three tours in Iraq and Afghanistan, he retired a decorated sergeant. He was a man of faith who loved Jesus, his children, his family, and friends. He loved working on cars, helicopters and airplanes. He was passionate about surfing, skateboarding, playing the guitar, target shooting, gardening and watching the Florida Gators and Jaguars football. He was an exceptional, talented, artistic, and adventurous guy who was loved by many. His father, Herbert Johnson, preceded him in death; as well as his bonus father, James Williams.

He is survived by his children, Christian Johnson and Skylar Johnson, both of Keystone Heights; his mother, Caroline Williams of Hayden, Alabama; a sister, Candace Johnson of Hayden, Alabama; his extended sisters, Michele Yoder and Charlene Altman; and brother, Brett Williams.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, Dec. 27, with Chaplain Brian Garrison officiating. Interment was at Jacksonville National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts can be made to the Wounded Warrior Project.

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PAID OBITUARY

BHS' Clark signs early with Marshall

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

For a moment on Dec. 20, the cheer at Braford High School transitioned from, "Go Tornadoes, go Big Red," to, "We are Marshall."

Green and white was the color of the day as senior Chason Clark signed his letter of intent to play football for the Marshall University Thundering Herd during a signing ceremony in the BHS auditorium.

"After today, we'll officially be a part of the Herd," said Sampson Jackson, the Bradford County School District's athletic director.

Clark became the 18th player to receive a college scholarship since the 2020-21 year and the ninth player during that span to accept an offer from a Division I school.

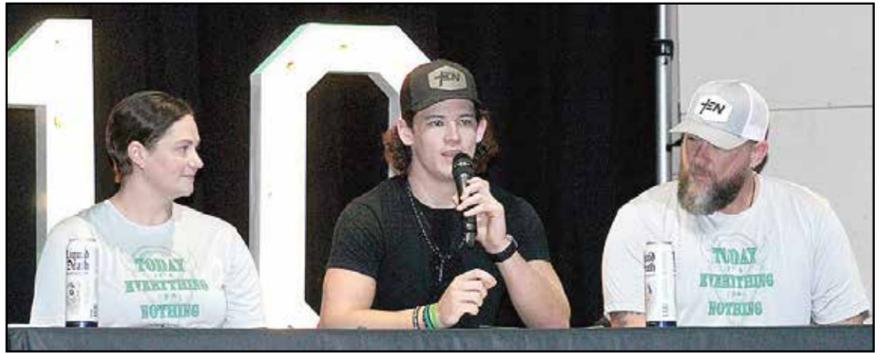
"It's definitely awesome," Clark said. "I'm ready to get up there. I'm excited. It's going to be a great time up there. I'm ready to work. I'm ready to see all the boys up there — all the other commits I've been talking to."

This marks the second year in a row BHS has had a player graduate early and begin his collegiate journey in January. Manny Covey, an early enrollee at the University of Cincinnati, was the first.

"There are a lot of similarities in those two," BHS Head Coach Jamie Rodgers said. "Extreme work ethic. They took care of business in the classroom to be able to have the chance to do it. Obviously, when a Division I football program wants you to come in early, that means they see something in you."

Clark said, "I'm glad that I was able to get it done."

The 6-2, 200-pound linebacker had additional offers from Army, Eastern Michigan, Georgia Southern, Navy, Ohio, Toledo and Western Michigan as well as interest from such schools as Florida, FSU, UCF, USF, Louisville, Virginia and Wake Forest. Clark said none of those schools "touched Marshall," explaining that he loved the



Chason Clark (seated between parents Samantha and Jimmie) says a few words after signing his letter of intent to play for Marshall University. Photo by Cliff Smelley.

atmosphere at the Huntington, West Virginia, school and the bond that exists between the people there.

"It's such a family up there," Clark said, adding, "I wouldn't want to be anywhere else."

Clark, who verbally committed to Marshall in the summer, said he wouldn't have imagined the game-day atmosphere that exists there if he hadn't had the chance to experience it.

"I get up there, and the whole city's turning up, tailgating like crazy," he said, adding, "It's insane up there. It's like everybody up there just cares so much for that university. You can go up to a random person on the street, and it's, 'Go Marshall. Go Herd.'"

"It's awesome to see that kind of camaraderie."

Clark is coming off a senior season at BHS in which his 134 tackles (20 for loss) set a new school record. He is also the school's all-time leader in tackles for a career with 337.

Rodgers mentioned three things that led to Clark being such a factor on defense.

"It definitely starts with preparation — knowing what's coming before it happens," Rodgers said. "Relentless motor is number two. I'm not sure I've encountered him loafing many times. The last thing is he's a really good tackler. No matter if it was in the open field. No matter if it was in tight spaces.

His speed and athleticism are what allowed for that."

Rodgers listed preparation first, and in talking to Clark, you'll discover that preparation is at the top of his list, too, when it comes to making the transition to playing college football. Yes, the players are bigger at the collegiate level, but Clark said he believes having knowledge of the game will be one of the most important keys to his success.

"You have binders and binders of work. It's basically a classroom you go into every day," Clark said. "The meetings are insane. You go up there, and you have to know every sliver of the game. They have packages and packages and packages and packages (of plays, formations, etc.) just so that you can try to win."

"That's the big thing. Everybody is so much smarter when it comes to (college) football."

Of course, Clark will be working to get bigger. That just comes with playing at the next level.

"He's super physical already for a high-school kid, but it's a different level (in college)," Rodgers said. "Everybody's the most physical guy on (their high-school) team once they get there. Now, there's 85 of the most physical guys from their high schools all together at one place. That'll probably be the biggest adjustment for him."

Rodgers said Clark will have to work as hard as he's ever worked in the weight room and prepare to eat a lot.

"He's getting ready to eat 10,000 calories a day," Rodgers said. "I'm not sure what he eats now, but it's probably not 10,000 calories a day."

As for where Clark will line up for the Thundering Herd, Rodgers said it'll probably be at weakside linebacker.

"H's able to cover the flats. He's able to match up with the tight end and cover him," Rodgers said. "They'll be able to do a bunch of stuff with him."

Rodgers said Clark is a good football player, but what Marshall is really getting is a good human being.

"I know he's going to go up there and make a positive mark on everybody he touches outside of football," Rodgers said.

BHS teacher Grace Johns touched on that during the signing ceremony, describing her first encounter with Clark when she was covering another teacher's class. Johns said Clark was late to class, but before she could say anything to him about it, he approached her, said, "Good morning," and apologized.

Johns said she then watched as Clark took his seat and wished good morning to his classmates and asking them how their day was.

"He was asking because he wanted to know and he really cared," Johns said, adding, "The legacy he's going to leave at Bradford High School is much more than on the football field. It's the way he treats people and the person that he is."

Clark's desire to help others led to him creating his own organization to do that just — TEN, which stands for "Today, it's Everything or Nothing" and also refers to his jersey number. As part of TEN, he hosted a youth football camp this past summer.

"That meant more to those kids than I think you'll ever know and to my kids especially," BHS Principal Chris Coffey said. "They still talk about that every day. They just want to wear that number-10 shirt every chance they get."

Dominic Barber, who coached Clark for six years (first grade through sixth grade), spoke

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Bradford's Clark, Shanks honored by Jaguars

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Bradford High School senior football players Chason Clark and Dae'Jon Shanks were announced as members of the Jacksonville Jaguars' All-Prep Top 25 team.

Student-athletes who were selected were recognized at EverBank Stadium on Dec. 20 and presented with custom Jaguars jerseys. The top-25 team members will also get to attend Jacksonville's home game against the Carolina Panthers on Sunday, Dec. 31.

Clark and Shanks were both named to the team as athletes. Clark caught five passes for 62 yards and two touchdowns as a tight end, while making a school-best 134 tackles (20 for loss) as a linebacker. Shanks, who was the 'Tornadoes' starting quarterback, completed 75 of 135 passes for 1,360 yards and 18 touchdowns. He was also the team's leading rusher with 1,104 yards and 14 touchdowns on 151 carries.

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3. Can you talk about some of the new skills you have learned in the Florida Air National Guard that have helped you in the civilian work force?

Working in the Florida Air National Guard, I have developed numerous skills in the areas of inventory tracking, cargo palletization, C-17 load configurations, and even k-span construction. However, by far the most beneficial capability that has been of service to me in the civilian work force has to be the leadership skills I have gained. I would say I was somewhat effective as a leader before joining, but the Guard has given me a fresh perspective and my mentors in the unit have been remarkable in demonstrating better ways to lead my fellow Airmen.



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Indians defeat Bishop Snyder in wrestling

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Keystone Heights High School had three wrestlers pin their opponents in a 42-24 win over visiting Bishop Snyder on Dec. 20.

Phoenix Contes pinned his opponent in 1:24 to win the 132-pound class, while Henry Carhuayo won the 138 class by pinning his opponent in 34 seconds. Arthur Durning recorded a pin in 1:15 to win the 144 class.

Bishop Snyder forfeited four classes, which awarded wins to Atreyu Contes (106), Cason Burton (113), Jared Goetzman (120) and Alyx Nichols (175).

Six members of Keystone's team in all got to actually wrestle. Riley McGorty was able to take his opponent into the third period in the 126 class before getting pinned with 1:13 left. Seth Fernandez (150) and Marcellus Beem (165) were both pinned in the first period of their



Henry Carhuayo (top) makes quick work of his opponent, recording a pin in less than 40 seconds in the 138-pound class as Keystone defeated Bishop Snyder in a Dec. 20 home match. Photos by Cliff Smelley.

matches.

Three classes were forfeited by both teams.

The match didn't last long, so some of the Keystone wrestlers took on each other in five exhibition matches.

Beem was recognized before the match as the team's lone senior.

The Indians entered the match

off a third-place finish at the District 4-1A duals on Dec. 19 in Palatka. Keystone defeated Palatka and Baldwin, while losing to Union County.

In the 42-36 win over Palatka, Durning and Nichols won by pinning their opponents. Burton, Goetzman, McGorty, Carhuayo and Mikey McCall (113) all won by forfeit.

Durning, McCall and Atreyu Contes all pinned their

opponents in a 53-18 win over Baldwin. Nichols earned a win by technical fall.

Baldwin forfeited five classes, resulting in wins for Carhuayo, Fernandez, Goetzman, McGorty and Phoenix Contes.

In a 54-30 loss to Union, Keystone had three wrestlers pin their opponents: Carhuayo, Goetzman and Atreyu Contes. McCall and McGorty were winners by forfeit.



Kimberlyn Woods (second from right), a 2023 Bradford High School graduate, is getting the chance to play flag football at Graceland University. She's pictured at her Dec. 8 signing with (l-r) parents Alfred "Kimbo" and Lynn Woods and Graceland Coach Greg Criswell. Photo provided courtesy of the Woods family.

BHS grad Woods to play flag football at Graceland University

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Kimberlyn Woods, a 2023 Bradford High School graduate, is a part of history, becoming the first BHS flag-football player to get the chance to play in college as she's set to join Graceland University's inaugural team.

"I thought I was done playing after senior year, but I'm super excited to be able to continue," Woods said.

Graceland, which is located in Lamoni, Iowa, will begin play this spring season as part of the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference, which currently consists of nine schools.

Woods said her opportunity came about through participating in a Jacksonville Jaguars flag-football showcase.

"They send out film to everybody, so I got a few offers from that," she said. "Graceland was one of them."

For Woods, the caring attitude of the Graceland coaches made an impression on her.

"I like the relationships I've built with the coaches," she said. "They kind of stood out."

Woods caught 35 passes for 327 yards and three touchdowns during her senior season, in which Bradford won its first-ever district championship and finished with a 16-1 record after a 7-0 loss in the Region 1-1A quarterfinals.

"She was a huge part of that successful season we had last year," said John Staples, who coached BHS in 2022 and 2023. He added, "She had the best hands on the team. She never dropped passes."

Woods' college coach will be

Greg Criswell, a 1986 Graceland graduate who's spent 30 years in coaching — mostly as girls basketball coach at Urbandale (Iowa) High School.

"Coach Criswell is a great person," Staples said. "He's really high on Kimber coming in."

Flag football is a growing sport, with more than 11,000 high-school teams throughout the U.S. and now more than 19 colleges and universities participating since the sport was launched at the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics level in 2021. It has been added to the 2028 Olympics.

The sport began being played at the high-school level in Florida in 2002-03. Florida is one of eight states with varsity level programs.

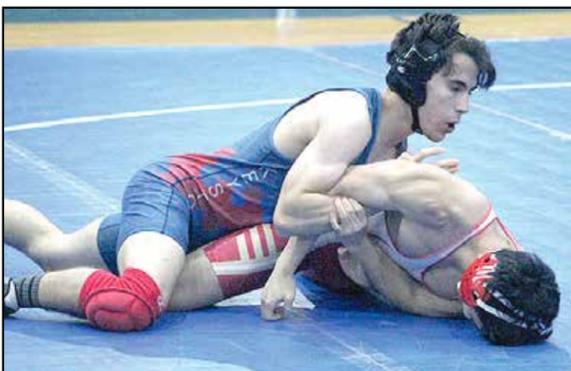
"I've always loved watching football," Woods said. "Then, whenever I got to play and be like my brothers (Dallin and Gavin, who played at BHS), I just fell in love with it."

Staples can see more student-athletes at BHS getting flag-football opportunities in college. He said players who haven't even started a game at BHS could start for a college program in a couple of years.

"The amount of flag-football talent at Bradford High School is unbelievable," Staples said.

When it comes to Woods, Staples said there's more to her than just being a flag-football player.

"She's just a great person to have around, no matter what the circumstances are," he said, adding, "She's got a great future."



Phoenix Contes (top) gets his opponent down for an eventual pin in the 132-pound class.



Arthur Durning (right) wrestles his way to a win in the 144-pound class.

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at the ceremony, saying how proud he was of what Clark had accomplished and what he will accomplish in the future.

"There's nothing you can't do," Barber said. "I expect big things from you."

Coffey, who said Marshall is getting a "model" student-athlete, added, "We're excited about your future. We all know you're going to be great and do great things. We look forward to that and can't wait to see what your future holds."

Bradford Superintendent of Schools Will Hartley said all Clark has to do is to continue to be himself.

"All of the things that made you great on the football field —

all of those characteristics — are the things that are going to make you great in life," Hartley said. "Just keep being you and doing what you do, and we will all enjoy watching you on TV."

"We're really proud of you." All the kind words reminded Clark of what has made Bradford County so special for him.

"I wouldn't want to grow up in any other community," he said. "They show so much love. They care."

Now, it's time to start working toward making an impact on the Marshall football team. Clark said his first time stepping onto the field as a college player is going to be "insane."

"I don't know that I'll be able to describe it, even after I experience it," Clark said. "I'm looking forward to it."

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BHS girls defeat 1A state champ Hawthorne 53-36

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Ar'Nayshia Griffin and Jada Hankerson each scored 12 first-half points as the Bradford High School girls basketball team held a lead for most of the game in defeating reigning Class 1A state champion Hawthorne 53-36 on Dec. 21 in Starke.

It was the second straight win for the Class 3A Tornadoes (6-4), while Hawthorne (3-3), which has been either a state champion or runner-up in three of the last four seasons, dropped its third straight game.

Bradford, which entered the game off a 50-29 win at Class 1A Fort White on Dec. 19, scored the final seven points of the first quarter in taking a lead it would never relinquish. Hankerson made a three-pointer and added another basket off a steal by Khamyra Hankerson. Griffin later grabbed a defensive rebound and dribbled the length of the court, drawing a foul on her way to the basket. She made both free throws to put the Tornadoes ahead 17-11.

The Hornets scored the first four points of the second quarter, but struggled for most of the game from the field. Hawthorne made just 9 of 31 field-goal attempts in the first half.

A rebound putback by Ajjiah Jackson began a 9-2 run by

Bradford in the second quarter. Jada Hankerson drained her second three-pointer, while Griffin knocked down a foul-line jumper. After a basket by Hawthorne's Lakijah Brown, Jackson scored points after two offensive rebounds. She was fouled on the first, making 1 of 2 free throws, while successfully getting the basket on the second to put Bradford up 27-17.

It was still a 10-point lead before the Hornets' De'Mya Adams made a three-pointer with two minutes until halftime. Hawthorne had a chance to try to cut further into the Bradford lead, but Griffin came up with a steal. The Tornadoes missed a field goal at the other end, but Griffin was there to pull down the rebound and put it back up for a basket.

Adams made two free throws for Hawthorne with 36.4 seconds on the clock, but Griffin was able to score on a drive to the basket that sent the Tornadoes into the locker room leading 33-24.

Hawthorne opened the second half with a two-point basket by Rancia Coleman and a three-point basket by Adams, but the Hornets went 3 of 16 from the field overall in the third quarter, which helped Bradford maintain its lead despite committing nine turnovers. Griffin rebounded four of Hawthorne's missed shots as the Tornadoes went into

the fourth quarter leading 40-34. It was a shaky start to the final quarter for both teams. Hawthorne missed its first four shots and went 0 for 2 from the foul line, while Bradford missed its first two shots and also went 0 for 2 from the foul line.

The Tornadoes, though, would begin putting more points on the board, while the Hornets scored only two. Griffin drove the baseline for one basket, while Destiny Crum sank a jump shot for another. A turnover led to Khamyra Hankerson driving to the basket for a score and a 46-34 lead.

Jackson would add a basket off an offensive rebound, while Crum made a three-pointer with less than a minute on the clock.

Griffin, who led all scorers with 19 points, put the final points on the board when she scored off her own steal. She and Jackson grabbed five and three defensive rebounds, respectively, in the fourth quarter.

Jada Hankerson was the game's third-leading scorer with 14 points. Bradford also got seven from Jackson, six from Khamyra Hankerson, five from Crum and two from Kailyn Teal.

The Tornadoes are currently playing in a home tournament (see story on page 15 for remaining schedule).



Ar'Nayshia Griffin (center) handles the ball between Hawthorne players Lakijah Brown (far left) and Jhalea Jackson. Photo by Cliff Smelley.

BHS boys overwhelmed by Hornets

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Bradford High School was no match for visiting Class 1A Hawthorne, which scored the first 17 points en route to handing the Tornadoes a 58-18 boys basketball loss on Dec. 21.

The Tornadoes (2-3) didn't get on the board until Dae'Jon Shanks sank a jump shot with 2:44 to play in the first quarter. Bradford wouldn't score again until Shanks hit a three-pointer at the start of the second quarter.

Bradford shot less than 20 percent from the field and was

also plagued by turnovers (22).

Shanks and Chalil Cummings led the Tornadoes with six points each. Michael Oliver, Keith Taylor and Trejan Tyson each had two points.

It was a good start to the season for Bradford, which defeated West Nassau 68-45, but the Tornadoes were then outscored 137-76 in losses to Trinity Catholic and Toco Creek.

The Tornadoes entered the Hawthorne game off a 58-47 win at Baldwin on Dec. 19. Damarion Hankerson's 18 first-half points helped Bradford go into halftime

also tied at 25-25. The Tornadoes got three-pointers from Shanks and Mattox Burgin in outscoring the Indians 16-6 in the third quarter. Burgin had seven points in the quarter.

Hankerson led Bradford with 26 points, while Shanks and Burgin had 13 and 10, respectively. The Tornadoes also got six points from Journie Sampson and five points from Torin Brazzell.

Bradford is currently participating in a home tournament that runs through Friday, Dec. 29 (see story on page 15).

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Winter hoops tournament continues at Bradford High

Bradford High School is hosting a three-day varsity boys and girls basketball tournament, which began Wednesday, Dec. 27.

The line-up and tip-off times have changed since the story published in the Dec. 21 issue of the Telegraph-Times-Monitor.

Play on day two (Thursday, Dec. 28) begins with a 2 p.m. game between the Keystone Heights and Williston girls teams, followed by the Keystone and Ridgeview boys teams playing at 3:30 p.m. The Bradford girls team takes on Toco Creek at 5 p.m., followed by the Bradford and Tavares boys teams playing at 6:30 p.m.

Tip-off times are the same on Friday, Dec. 29. The first game is between the Toco Creek and Williston girls teams, followed by a boys game between Ridgeview and Tavares. The

Bradford and Keystone girls play the third game, with the tournament concluding with a game between the Bradford and Keystone boys.

UCHS boys basketball team defeats KHHS by 5

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Four players scored in double figures to help the Union County High School boys basketball defeat visiting Keystone Heights 65-60 on Dec. 21.

The Tigers (5-4) held a 14-point lead at the half, but Keystone was able to take a 41-39 lead after outscoring Union 27-11 in the third quarter.

Johnte Nichols scored a game-high 17 points for the Tigers, who also got 14 points from Gavin Jenkins, 13 points from Thomas Williams and 13 points from Jayden Jenkins.

Jeppson Dang and Eric Lasseter chipped in seven and two points, respectively, for

Union.

Jayden Jenkins and Gavin Jenkins grabbed nine and eight rebounds, respectively, with Gavin Jenkins also recording seven steals and four assists.

Dang also had four assists, while Nichols had four steals.

The Indians (3-7) were led by Darion Grady's 14 points and Gregory Pelham's 10 points.

Michael Bruzzese and Garrison Teague each scored seven points, while Cartez Daniels, Bryant

Kubisak and Zane Leger each added four points.

Keystone also got three points each from Connor Guy and Bryce Hollingsworth and one point from Andru Siemer.

It was the second straight win for Union, which entered the game off a 54-45 win over visiting Dixie County on Dec. 19.

Gavin Jenkins had 23 points, 10 rebounds, five steals, five blocks and three assists.

Nichols scored 13 points and added five rebounds and three assists.

Cam Paytee, who scored four points, also had three assists, while Jayden Jenkins, who had eight points, grabbed six rebounds.

The Tigers also got four points from Williams and two points from Deonte Jones.

Union returns to action with a road game against Hamilton County on Thursday, Jan. 4, at

7:30 p.m. The Tigers then travel to play Crescent City on Friday, Jan. 5, at 7:30 p.m. before returning home to play Baldwin on Saturday, Jan. 6, at 6:30 p.m.

Keystone is currently playing in a tournament at Bradford High School (see related story).

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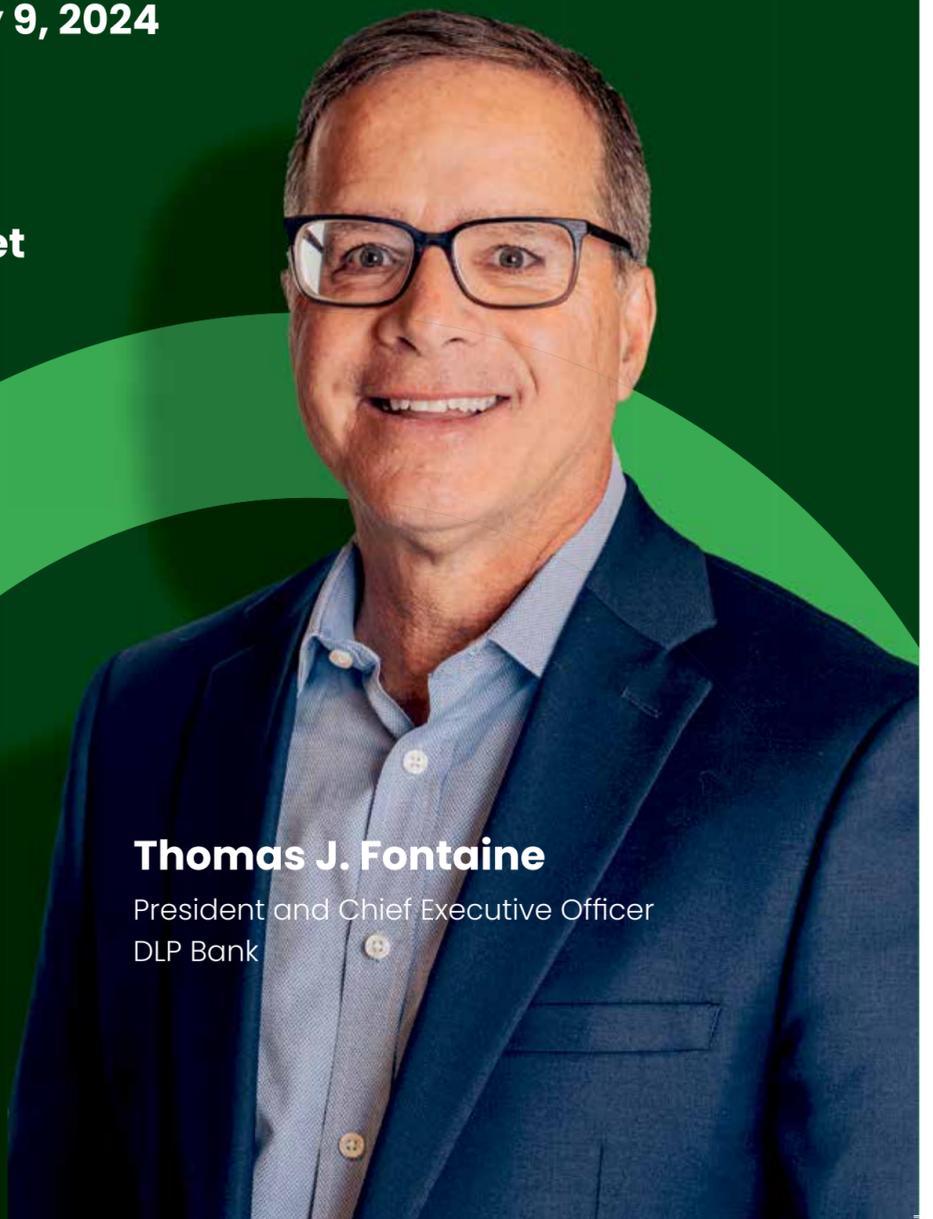
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