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## FFA Week

They're not sporting the blue jackets you might expect, but these FFA members are doing what they do best — soaking up new information so they can help make their mark on the future.

Wyatt Acevedo, Lakelynn Sheppard, Kelsie Reddish, Koen Reddish and Elle Hewett are pictured taking a tour at Hardee Fresh in Wauchula, the country's only certified organic vertical farm. It provides healthy greens all year long using less water, fertilizer and land.

For more of what Bradford FFA has been up to, see inside.

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## WORTH NOTING

## American Legion hosts dinner

American Legion Post 56 in Starke will host its monthly dinner for veterans and their families on Thursday, Feb. 23, at 6 p.m. Fried fish will be served, and guests are asked to bring a covered dish to share. The post home is located at 715 Edwards Road in Starke.

Veterans are not required to be a member of the American Legion to attend.

## Fish and grits served

### Gift cards for receiving vaccines

Bradford County Faith Community Center is partnering with Elder Options, UF and the Bradford County Health Department for a free Fish and Grits Drive-thru. Free flu and COVID vaccine shots will also be available, and everyone receiving one or both shots will receive a \$25 gift card, while supplies last.

The drive-thru is Saturday, Feb. 25, from 2 to 5 p.m. (or until gone) at the Bradford County Faith Community Center, 721 Old Lawtey Road in Starke.

## Garden Club Day at Keystone Ace

The Garden Club of the Lakes, in cooperation with Bryan's Ace Hardware in Keystone Heights, is hosting a fun-filled morning of gardening activities planned for children of all ages (children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.) Feature stations include the worm lady, radish necklace, the ice cream cone planter, how to pot a plant and making mini-greenhouses.

Bring your children to Ace Hardware for an educational gardening experience they will enjoy this Saturday, Feb. 25 from 10 a.m. to noon. The store is located at 251 E. Walker Drive in Keystone Heights.

# 13-year-old threatened to 'shoot up' schools

## Sheriff defends showing boy's photo

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
Telegraph Staff Writer

STARKE — Bradford County's sheriff defended his decision to publicize the mug shot of a 13-year-old who threatened to shoot students at Bradford Middle School and Bradford High School last week.

Gordon Smith said the seriousness of the student's crime warranted his agency posting the mug shot on the sheriff's office's Facebook page.

## 'It was supposed to be a joke'

The sheriff said that between fourth and fifth period, on Feb. 14, a student at the middle school made a verbal statement within earshot of two other students saying he was going to shoot up the school the following day.

"As the day went on," Smith wrote

on his social media post, "other students and adults started hearing about this incident and began posting their concerns on various social media platforms."

Smith said that overnight and into the morning of the following day, deputies tracked down the rumors until they could determine the validity of the threats and the student who made them.

"Detective Joe Shiller arrested a 13-year-old who recently transferred into Bradford Middle School," Smith wrote. "He admitted to making the threatening statement but said it was supposed to be a joke."

The defendant was arrested on a second-degree felony and eventually transferred to the custody of the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice.

## Social media outrage

After the sheriff disclosed the identity of the defendant and posted his image on social media, many

Facebook readers expressed outrage and disappointment that Smith posted the image.

Elizabeth Hauck wrote, "Why is this child's photo shown? Unacceptable."

Sharon Marie: "I support the arrest; however, I do not support putting this child's photo online. He is accused of a crime, but he is a child. Moreover, he has not been tried or convicted."

Trinah Sanchez: "His picture should have never been made public; he is still a youth. Because of the charge, he is listed as a felon before he turns 18. Yet similar situations have taken place at Bradford High, NO PICTURE, NO NAME, NO CHARGE. I guess because he knew the white boy."

Wanda Middleton: "This child is not an adult, and his picture should not have been posted. This county and country need so much prayer."

Christina Harris: "So are we NOW going to start arresting and posting pictures of EVERY student that makes a 'threat'? Better make sure you keep it consistent...."

## 'We can't do anything with him'

Smith said that in addition to the seriousness of the threat, he also considered the statements of the student and the student's parents before deciding to post the image.

Smith said one of his deputies asked the defendant if he would have done anything differently now that he was facing felony charges.

According to the sheriff, his response was: Well, I would just tell him I'd kill him, not shoot up the school.

"Apparently, it wasn't getting through," Smith added. "This kid needs help of some kind, and under Florida Statutes, we're allowed to post the information and a picture of a juvenile."

The sheriff noted that the defendant made his threat on the anniversary of the Marjorie Stoneman Douglas High School shooting.

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# 4-H hire goes back to the beginning

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD  
Telegraph Editor

STARKE — Bradford County commissioners reaffirmed their request to the University of Florida for a slate of 4-H agent candidates to choose from at their Feb. 16 meeting.

The university had previously offered the job to Bradford County educator Edrick Hamilton, overstepping the commission's statutory authority.

The university and county partner in the agricultural extension program, and while the university vets and recommends agents for the local extension position, the commission retains the authority to approve those recommendations or not.

In January, the board passed a

resolution exercising its right to request three candidates to choose from. This was after the university offered the position in Hamilton in November and he accepted in December. He was notified at the end of January that the hiring process had been put on hold.

Hamilton had already given notice that he would be leaving his position as behavioral resource teacher at Southside Elementary School, just one of the places he has made his mark as an educator, mentor and volunteer.

Earlier this month, he explained the difficulty the abrupt loss of this opportunity had placed upon his family, and he was supported by those who spoke on his behalf. The demonstration of support continued last week, including several children

he had taught and mentored.

Robin Frazer, a 27-year veteran of the school district, also spoke up for Hamilton and the impact he has had on the community as a vet technician, ESE paraprofessional, teacher, coach and the founder of a mentoring program and summer STEM camp. He even built morale and relationships among Southside staff by arranging social outings.

"He is a team player and a team builder," Frazer said. "Edrick has poured his heart and soul into Bradford County."

Iana Patterson of the Bradford County Faith Community Center agreed.

"Mr. Hamilton possesses a drive and passion for teaching, helping and mentoring children that is

unsurpassed. I have witnessed him reach children that others would have given up on. Mr. Hamilton is truly an asset and a great addition to any team or program. He is well respected among his peers, his superiors and, most importantly, the children that he has faithfully served," she said.

This time, however, the support was not unanimous among the speakers. While taking nothing away from his accomplishments, some shared their doubt about his qualifications and their reservations about how the hiring was handled.

Critics included 4-H Advisory Board President Kyle Jerrels, who said he and other board members attended

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### U.S. 301 Truck Route landscaping project to begin this week

STARKE — The Florida Department of Transportation's State Road 223 (U.S. 301) Truck Route Landscaping project is expected to begin this week, weather and unforeseen circumstances permitting.

The project consists of plantings and irrigation along S.R. 223 from southbound U.S. 301 to northbound U.S. 301.

Traffic will be maintained in accordance with FDOT design standards throughout the project. Lane closures will not be allowed between 6 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. within 600 feet of a signalized intersection on S.R. 223. Lane closures will not be allowed between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. within 600 feet of a signalized intersection on U.S. 301.

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# Brooker charter school open to all for registration

BY CAROL MOSLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

**BROOKER** — If you are interested in enrolling your child in the new Brooker Community School, applications are being accepted now until March 31 for the August 2023 grand opening. The charter elementary is open to the public and it is not necessary to reside in that district, nor even within Bradford County, in order to attend.

The state of Florida mandates an enrollment of at least 116 students. Classroom size will be up to 18-22 students per class, depending on the grade level. Parents are responsible for providing transportation. Applications are available at the Brooker Post Office or online at [www.brookercommunityschool.com](http://www.brookercommunityschool.com).

The school is currently in the process of hiring a principal and will then begin hiring teachers

and other positions. The idea is to allow the new principal to provide input in the teacher hiring process. Check out the website for information.

Meanwhile, there are lots of fundraising efforts underway. There's a guided turkey hunt raffle taking place online. Entry deadline is Feb. 28, and the winner will be selected on March 1. The hunt will take place in late March. Other fundraising campaigns include adopting a classroom or donating items on the Amazon wish list.

## Brooker receives audit results

Accountants from Reddish and White CPA came to the Brooker Town Council with results of the annual audit. It was a Valentine's Day gift to hear that the general fund showed a strong audit with income exceeding budget

projections while expenses were even less than anticipated. The ARPA fund expenditures all appear to meet with the requirements, with no internal control problems. Auditor Brad Million pointed out that town accountant Charlene Thomas watches the finances "like a hawk."

The ARPA funds have been used primarily for repairs and improvements to the town hall/community center buildings and playground. Other projects include a new website to be launched soon, radar speed signs and virtual meeting capabilities. The fund still has money available to be spent by 2024.

## DEP consent order resolution

The town was put under a DEP Consent Order for an infraction of water testing requirements that

Mayor Gene Melvin described as a miscommunication. The DEP requires sampling each July but the sample, which came back clear, had not been collected until the first week of August 2022. Then the annual scheduled maintenance and cleaning of the water tower took place in September.

The "precautionary boil water notice" requires notification of affected residents by the prior business day, but was not made until the day of the maintenance. DEP considered the short notice to constitute a second warning within three months, so they issued a consent order.

Attorney John Maines advised that it could be more costly to

challenge the consent order than to just pay the \$1,800 fine and take the required online course. Melvin feels that Brooker does a very good job of managing the water resources as a small community. He said the DEP suggested the town's "water management team" take responsibility for the testing.

"We have no management team; it is just us," Melvin said. While he appreciates the intentions of the DEP, he thinks sometimes the agency unfairly holds small towns to the standards of large municipalities. He said better communication would go a long way.

## Upgrade to emergency notification system

One of the ARPA funded improvements is an upgraded and expanded emergency notification system. This new system was put in place after the water testing issue occurred last year, and was recently successful during a fire hydrant replacement in the Shady Oaks subdivision. The council believes it will resolve any future notifications of water related issues, as well as any other important notifications to residents. Brooker's new system works together with the BCSO emergency notification system.

# Code enforcement fines in place, more may come

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD  
Telegraph Editor

**STARKE** — Bradford County approved new civil fines for code enforcement violations focused on cleanliness and safety.

Confusion continued about rules on gatherings of 50 or more people. Sheriff Gordon Smith said that will be addressed later, but they continue to work on language to address problematic gatherings without impacting all gatherings.

The fines approved for junk cars and equipment and trash on property were all set at \$10 a day on the code officer's first visit, \$25 a day starting with the second visit and \$50 a day starting with the third visit. The fines for an overgrown lawn are similar, but they drop back down to \$10 per day after the third visit because this can be an ongoing problem, particularly with abandoned or foreclosed properties, Smith said.

For campers and sheds placed on private properties and used as dwellings, the fines were \$50 per day for the first 30 days, \$100 per day for the second 30 days and \$300 per day for the third 30

days. Commissioner Carolyn Spooner said sometimes sheds are converted into living quarters for family members who might otherwise be homeless. Some have been converted into businesses, she said.

Smith said all code enforcement actions are the result of complaints, and they are not seeking out violations. But the safety of these buildings as housing is a concern, and officials will be the first to be blamed if is someone is injured or worse.

Sometimes neighbors ask code enforcement to intervene. In one recent case, Smith said a property owner asked to be cited so he would have a reason to have family members' campers removed from the property.

The civil fines are meant to encourage the resolution of code violations more quickly before they wind up before the magistrate, Smith said. Alleged violators can also appeal their citation to the magistrate.

Citizen Matthew Carlton objected to previously discussed restrictions on public gatherings, saying most people would agree.

People don't want to apply for a permit for a large family get-together on their own property, he said, and the same is true for churches.

Sheriff Smith said the target is impromptu gatherings promoted on social media. Sometimes they are organized, such as a biker event that takes place in Lawtey and has residents livid, he said. These events often involve community disruption and safety concerns, and law enforcement is called to get involved. Requiring a permit means they will be able to identify who is in charge. Requiring security could prevent the event from getting out of hand.

The need to define this better is why they are still working on the language. Until something is in place, Smith said he has no enforcement power.

When it comes to cleanups and the removal of junk cars and equipment, people are given notice to come into compliance before fines are imposed. Smith said they work with church and community groups when necessary to help someone out.

## Love Lawtey cleanup

A community cleanup is scheduled in Lawtey on Saturday, April 1, from 9 a.m. to noon. A celebration and free lunch will follow at noon at LOGO Church, 24078 U.S. 301.

## Food distribution announced

A communitywide food distribution hosted by Feeding Northeast Florida and True Vine Ministry will take Thursday,

Feb 23, at 9 a.m. at Philadelphia Baptist Church in Lawtey.

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# Three months in, commissioners look at budget

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD  
Telegraph Editor

**STARKE** — Bradford County commissioners received a look at how the general fund, fire rescue and road departments are performing so far this year.

Finance Director Dana LaFollette discussed the savings or use of fund balance for the first quarter of the fiscal year, which includes the months of October, November and December of 2022.

The general fund covers the board's spending and began the year with an \$8.56 million fund balance. The general fund added \$4.3 million in recurring revenue during the quarter but spent \$4.7 million. At the same time there were one-time transfers of 1 cent sales tax revenue and fiscally constrained funds into the general fund totaling more than \$1.2 million.

This resulted in a savings to the fund balance of more than \$824,000 and total fund balance of nearly \$9.39 million as of Dec. 31.

Annualized, LaFollette projected the general fund could grow by nearly \$3.3 million by the end of the fiscal year, taking it from \$8.56 million to \$11.86 million.

During the same quarter, Bradford County Fire Rescue received \$1.58 million in revenue and spent \$1.64 million. The coverage of \$61,668 was spent out of the beginning fund balance of \$1.22 million, resulting in a nearly \$1.16 million balance as

of Dec. 31.

If that trend continues, the department will spend more than \$246,000 out of the fund balance, lowering it to \$973,782 by the end of the fiscal year.

Similarly, the road department spent \$595,390 while new revenue was more than \$91,000 short of that. This lowered the nearly \$1.96 million beginning fund balance to \$1.87 million as of Dec. 31.

By the end of the fiscal year, the fund balance could be lowered by \$346,818 to \$1.59 million.

Fund balances were used to help balance the budget this year, LaFollette said. The goal was to zero out those individual fund balances and reduce the number of revenue transfers from the general fund to other departments.

LaFollette said once a fund

balance is used, it is no longer available at the end of the fiscal year. The only remaining funds should be those designated as reserved for contingency, she said, a line item implemented in most departments that require board approval for spending.

So, of the general fund's \$31.7 million budget (with nearly \$900,000 in grants), \$11.45 million is in reserve for contingency.

The road department's \$16.6 million budget (with more than \$11 million in FDOT grants) included \$400,000 in reserve for contingency.

Fire rescue's \$7.99 million budget (with more than \$800,000 in grants) includes \$500,000 in reserve for contingency, 25% of which had been spent by the end of the first quarter.

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# UNION COUNTY

## LB Women's Club Valentine Luncheon a success

BY TRACY LEE TATE  
Times Staff Writer

LAKE BUTLER — For more than 35 years, the Lake Butler Women's Club has hosted a special Valentine's Day luncheon as its major fundraising function.

Over the years, attendance has increased and the event has become one of the major community social events in Union County. The members of the club prepare the buffet-style meal, each starting a day or more ahead to prepare their signature side dishes, salads

and desserts. The club uses its funds to provide the main dishes while the members donate their contributions to the meal.

This year, about 130 people paid for meals, about 20% of which were take-out orders. Club members offered limited free delivery for orders of five or more take-out meals. Those choosing to eat at the historic club building were treated to a buffet which featured baked ham, pulled pork and all the usual sides.

Diners took the opportunity to catch up with friends and

neighbors and the eat-in advantage of unlimited return trips to the buffet. They were also on hand to bid in the club's first silent auction, which offered a wide selection of items for all ages and tastes. Most of the items were provided by club members for the event.

At the end of the day the club had raised about \$2,000. The money will be used for many of the club's community service projects and towards the ongoing restoration of the clubhouse.



Senior Judge Bo Bayer enjoys lunch with his friend, Lon Petit. Bayer's wife was at the luncheon, but working to help make things go smoothly.



Club members Jean Waters and Ann Hendricks take a moment to chat and have a drink while working to make the Valentine Luncheon a success.



Sandy Ables took her turn welcoming guests and collecting their meal costs.



Bobbie Morgan and Margie Coburn took the opportunity to sit down and enjoy the delicious meal.

## Lake Butler Rotary Club presents dictionaries

Each year the Lake Butler Rotary Club presents all Lake Butler Elementary School third-graders a personal dictionary. In 2023, more than 200 students received their own personal dictionary. Mike Ripplinger, superintendent of schools, and Ted Barber — both active Rotarians — had the honor of instructing the students how to use the gift. Barber said he was extremely impressed with the courtesy and respect all students displayed.



Superintendent Mike Ripplinger talks to students about their new dictionaries.

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### Historical Society and downtown renewal

Margo Van Peterson will talk about the revitalization of Lake Butler as a Designated Historic District at the next meeting of the Union County Historical Society on Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 6:30 p.m. Examples of downtown revitalization include B Squared and the Southern Goddess/

### Democrats meet Feb. 27

The Bradford County Democratic Party will hold its regular monthly meeting virtually on Monday, Feb. 27, at 7 p.m. All Democrats are welcome. Meetings are held the fourth Monday evening of each month. For the electronic link to the meeting, contact [bradfordcodec@gmail.com](mailto:bradfordcodec@gmail.com) or 904-526-2257.

Please plan to attend this informative meeting.

**Voter registration books will close on March 6, 2023 at 5:00 pm for the Lake Butler Special City Election to be held on April 4, 2023.**

**This is for new registrations or party changes only.**

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# Union County 4-H'ers practice for goat show

BY TRACY LEE TATE  
Times Staff Writer

LAKE BUTLER — The morning was cold and both people and the animals were feeling it, but that did not stop some young Union County 4-H members from getting in some practice in preparation for the upcoming Union County Livestock Association's goat show on March 18 at 9 a.m.

About 35 young people and their animals took advantage of the opportunity to gain show ring experience and some instruction on their showing technique.

All of the young people were composed and focused and the goats were goats. A few decided they did not want to go or stand where they were told — and one actually got loose and “made a break for it,” but over all things ran smoothly.

It's a sure bet that all the youngsters are looking forward to the big show — which will be the first time for many of them. All indications are that they will be ready to do their best to show off the animals they have worked to raise.



Waylon Davis with his well-behaved goat waiting for the judge.

Tinley DeNunzio, her goat and her sister wait for Tinley's turn in the showing. The goat seems to take a chance for a little head rub while waiting.



Ava Jefferson waits for the judge while her goat behaves as it should.



# UC Livestock Association's Agricultural Fair deadlines and schedule

It's almost time for the Union County Livestock Association's Agricultural Fair, with only about three weeks until fair activities begin. The event will include competitions for local 4-H and FFA youth, as well as the livestock shows and auctions and time is running short for getting registered for several of the events.

The registration deadline for both the table setting and Union County 4-H Pie Contest is March 3, at 4 p.m. Applications for both contests are available at the University of Florida IFAS Extension Office/Union County Agricultural Education building (also the location of all of the competitions and the livestock

shows), located behind the R.J. Phillips Recreation Facility off C.R. 121.

Both of the above contests will be held in the education building on March 13 at 5 p.m.

The table setting competition is open to any youth that live in or attend school in Union or Bradford county ages 8–18, with a special division for 4-H Clover Buds ages 5-7. The exhibits will be judged in one of four age divisions. All contestants must bring their own card table for their entry. All participants must arrive by 4:30 p.m. to set up the day of the competition and, while they can have assistance carrying in their materials, these helpers must leave the room and

the youth must set up their entry themselves with no assistance.

No one but the competitors will be allowed in the room until after the judging, with disqualification being the penalty if the rule is not followed. The participant may not leave the room until after the judging without the permission of the supervisor on site. Participants must be able to remove their displays from the room after the judging is complete, although some may be allowed to remain if the display space is not needed for later competitions.

Entrants in the pie competition must be on site by 4 p.m. and remain present for the judging. The pie must be the work of the

individual and be accompanied by the recipe on an index card. The pies must be in disposable pie pans and will not be returned to the exhibitor. The item will be judged on appearance, taste and the entrant's knowledge about the item. Judges decisions are final.

The registration deadline for the 4-H/FFA Youth Exhibit room is 4 p.m. on March 6. Item check-in will be on March 6-10, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. for non-food exhibits. Food items will be checked in on March 13, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Items will compete in 13 areas: photography, educational posters, woodworking, clothing and textiles, fiber arts, scrapbooking,

nature/environment, creative arts, wearable art, decorated items, food and nutrition, cake decorating, and painting and drawings.

The UCLA livestock events will begin on March 14, with cattle and swine weigh-ins and the rabbits and poultry check-ins between 4-7 p. m. The Skill-A Thon will be held at 10 a. m. on March 15, and the Swine Show will begin at 6 p.m. March 16 will feature the Exhibitor Fun Day from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. The Rabbit Show and awards will begin that afternoon at 4 p.m. and will be followed by the Poultry Show and awards.

The Cattle Breed Show will take place that evening,

beginning at 6 p.m. March 17 will be a long day, with the Livestock Judging Contest having an 8 a.m. check-in, the steer show held at 6 p.m. Following this, on March 18, the day will begin with the 8 a.m. check-in for the Goat Show, with the actual show to follow beginning at 9 a.m. The Buyers Luncheon will be held at 12 p.m., with the Swine and Cattle Sale set to start at 1 p.m.

Organizers are hoping for good weather for the events and hope that any interested Union County residents will come out and enjoy some or all of the events.

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Pictured with Smokey Bear are Elle Hewett, Mason Stone, Hailey Griffis and Mallary Fraiser.



At the Subdistrict Speaking Contests, Kyndall Key (BHS) and Tucker Griffis (BMS) placed first in extemporaneous public speaking. Chloe Anderson (BHS) placed third in prepared public speaking. The BMS opening and closing ceremonies team placed third. BHS' Alexandra McFarland was elected 2023 subdistrict chair.



Shilin Hannah, Jordayne Goodar, Kinglee Phillips and other members work on a scarecrow.



High school FFA members Mathew Stafford, Cody Spratlin, Brooklynn Reddish and Kencie Wainwright were ninth in the state at the environmental contest.



Forty-four members of the Bradford Middle and Senior FFA chapters attended the Sunbelt Ag Expo in Moultrie, Georgia. The expo showcases the latest in equipment and technology as well as many agriculture colleges in the Southeast.

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At the food science contest, middle school FFA members Brandy Hall, Trevor Clements, Berkley Reddish and Braelyn Brown came in fourth in the state. They will be recognized at the state convention.



Tools team members at the state convention: Koen Reddish (back to camera) Ethan Tinsley and Kenny Young.



McKynzie Stopka, Kyndall Key, Julia Zurfluh, Carson Cox, Mason Scoggins and Reece Scoggins competing at the Callahan Fair Poultry Contest.



Kyndall Key, Kelsey Reddish, Alana Borgner and Amanda Zink set up the Jacksonville Fair Pallet Contest.



Bradford Middle and Senior chapters attended the Chapter Officer Leadership Training in High Springs. The conference is open to officers and other chapter members who are interested in developing their leadership skills in FFA. This one day conference is part of the leadership development continuum throughout the year offered by Florida FFA.



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# Crime

## Correction to last week's arrest report

Due to a reporter's error, the Feb. 16, 2023, Telegraph incorrectly reported that the following individuals were arrested recently by local law enforcement officers in Bradford County:

Rachel Joy Adkins, 36, of Starke,

Scott Patrick Adkins, 42, of Starke,

Christopher Lee Collett, 39, of Lake Butler,

Jarvis Courtez Davis, 29, of Starke,

William Joshua Dodd, 43, of Graham,

Scott Anthony Dudley, 37, of Polk City,

Michael Leonard Hankerson, 40, of Starke,

Denise Hedrick, 40, of Lake Butler,

Eric Lamar Johnson, 33, of Gainesville,

Jasmine Alexis Kornfield, 19, of Gainesville,

James Malcolm Lewis, 53, of Starke,

William Edgar Lindsey, 27, of Lady Lake,

James Anthony Mazy, 40, of Englewood,

David Austin McHale, 51, of Starke,

Katrina McSpadden, 50, of Lake Butler,

Bruce Lavell Perry, 57, of Starke,

Steve Quinton Rehberg, 39, of Starke,

Robin Duane Roy, 40,

Michael David Sanerfeit, 52, of Gainesville,

Ronnie Lee Seay, 50, of Brooker,

Caitlyn Marie Simons, 28, of Jacksonville,

Nicole Kristine Steinhilber, 35,

Reginald Tison, 33, of Starke,

Jimea Alise Tyson, 23, of Starke,

Miranda Jean Varnum, 43, of Hampton,

Tiffany Dawn Wilkerson, 30, of Lawtey and

Ronald Eugene Willis, 54, of Starke.

The Telegraph apologizes for the error.

## 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

Anthony Outland Altman, 37, of Starke was arrested by Starke police on Feb. 14 for an out-of-county warrant.

Michael David Arthur, 61, of Hawthorne was arrested by Bradford deputies on Feb. 9 for possession of drugs, possession of drug equipment and smuggling contraband into a detention facility.

### Boating under the influence

Wesley Nathan Bailey, 36, of Lawtey was arrested by fish and wildlife conservation commission officers on Feb. 7 for boating under the influence.

In an arrest report, reporting officer Brennan Starling wrote that he saw the defendant's boat near the Sampson Lake boat ramp without the required navigation lights after sunset.

"I made contact with Bailey to address the violation and immediately noticed he had slurred speech," wrote the officer. "During a boating safety and resource inspection, Bailey had difficulty standing and had a strong odor of alcoholic beverage emitting from his head and neck area."

Starling added that the boater performed poorly in a series of standardized sobriety tests and refused to provide a breath sample.

The officer also ticketed Bailey for the absence of navigation lights on his boat and for not having the number of required floatation devices on board.

Daniel Dean Batie, 53, of Gainesville was arrested on Feb. 14 for out-of-county warrants.

Kimberly Wyvonne Belcher, 39, of Ft. White was arrested on Feb. 4 for an out-of-county warrant.

Chase Daniel Bennett, 27, was arrested on Feb. 8 for withholding support.

Gary Edward Boyd, 42, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Bradford deputies on Feb. 14 for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Jamie Lynn Brooks, 40, of Gainesville was arrested by Bradford deputies on Feb. 7 for a probation violation.

April Angel Canipe, 40, of Hawthorne was arrested on Feb. 9 for a probation violation, an out-of-county warrant, and fraud-impersonation.

Anthony Kyan Carlo, 28, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Bradford deputies on Feb. 14 for a probation violation.

Cayla Nichole Carter, 32, of Starke was arrested on Feb. 13 for vehicle theft, aggravated assault and false imprisonment.

Michael Robert Chandler, 32, of Lawtey was arrested on Feb. 14 for an out-of-county warrant.

Pamela Diane Church, 49, of Macclenny was arrested by Starke police on Feb. 13 for an out-of-county warrant.

### Pulled gun during discussion

Clayton Otto Clark, 58, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on Feb. 4 for aggravated assault.

According to an arrest report, the victim told deputies that while he was having a conversation with the defendant, Clark became angry and pulled a 45-caliber gun on him. The victim added that the two struggled over the weapon and the victim was able to take possession of the gun.

### Choked victim while in bed

Carol Inez Cline, 58, of Cross City was arrested by Bradford deputies on Feb. 16 for battery and resisting an officer.

According to an arrest report, the victim told deputies that Cline had been attacking him over several days but on Feb. 15 got more physical and choked him while he was in his bed. The victim added that he was unable to breathe and broke free from Cline, escaping to a nearby RV.

When deputies spoke to the defendant, she declared she was not going anywhere and resisted officers' attempts to put her into a patrol car.

Charles Edward Drew, 44, of Starke was arrested on Feb. 8 for aggravated assault.

Karianne Michelle Gosche, 39, of Lake Butler was arrested by Starke police on Feb. 18 for possession of cocaine and possession of drug equipment.

### Paper towel holder and frying pan used as weapons

Cornelius Charles Griffin, 68, of Starke was arrested by Starke police on Feb. 5 for battery.

According to an arrest report, the victim told police Griffin attacked her while she was in bed, choking her and then throwing her to the floor.

"Griffin then struck (the victim) with a paper towel holder and pushed her up against a wall," wrote arresting officer Michael P. Gillick. "As (the victim) attempted to flee the room, she stated that Griffin struck her in the head with a frying pan."

Adrian Kyle Haines, 28, of Starke was arrested on Feb. 11 for battery and false imprisonment.

David Lee Hamilton, 51, of Starke was arrested by Starke police on Feb. 18 for disturbing the peace.

Sandra Marie Harvey, 27, was arrested by Bradford deputies on Feb. 14 for a probation violation.

Timber Brooks Henley, 22, of Lawtey was arrested on Feb. 6 for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Keith Dean Howell, 53, of Waldo was arrested on Feb. 18 for an out-of-county warrant.

Brittanie Jo Jackson, 39, of Melrose was arrested by Bradford deputies on Feb. 10 for possession of drugs.

Karl David Jackson, 59, of Starke was arrested by Starke police on Feb. 5 for larceny.

Cassandra Flowers Johnson, 32, of Hampton was arrested by Starke police on Feb. 7 for a probation violation.

Jon Michael Johnson, 21, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on Feb. 16 for possession of drugs, possession of drug equipment and driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Sarah Anne Johnson, 45, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on Feb. 17 for possession of drugs and possession of drug equipment.

Robert Brad Kerce, 38, of Brooker was arrested on Feb. 8 for an out-of-county warrant.

Scott Allen Ketcham, 52, of Ocala was arrested by Bradford deputies on Feb. 15 for DUI.

Christopher Ryan Lee, 30, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on Feb. 18 for battery and a conditional release violation.

Thomas O. Marshall, 44, of Starke was arrested by Starke police on Feb. 18 for selling drugs, possession of drugs, possession of drug equipment, possession of cocaine, fraud-impersonation and driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Michael James Massey, 38, of Starke was arrested by Starke police on Feb. 5 for withholding support.

Ashley Jean McCoy, 36, of Lake Butler was arrested by Bradford deputies on Feb. 11 for a probation violation.

Gage Ryan Medlock, 22, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on Feb. 6 for vehicle theft.

Forrest Edward Messer, 18, of Hilliard was arrested by Lawtey police on Feb. 16 for attaching a

tag not assigned and driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Simon Lenard Mitchell, 54, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on Feb. 6 for possession of cocaine.

Lisa Marie Moss, 39, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on Feb. 4 for contempt of court.

Shawn Eric Murray, 45, of Hampton was arrested by Bradford deputies on Feb. 8 for a probation violation and an out-of-county warrant.

Carlisa Marie Ogle, 47, of Gainesville was arrested by Bradford deputies on Feb. 7 for possession of drugs and possession of drug equipment.

Kimberly Lynn Padgett, 42, of Palmetto was arrested on Feb. 7 for withholding support.

Kevin Michael Parker, 43, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on Feb. 18 for contempt of court.

Colenena Docia Prigdon, 36, was arrested by Bradford deputies on Feb. 6 for a probation violation.

Wendy Ann Reza, 48, of Hampton was arrested by Bradford deputies on Feb. 7 for a probation violation.

Lori Dennette Rhoden, 51, of Lawtey was arrested by Starke police on Feb. 7 for a conditional release violation.

Nicole Goodwin Ridge, 49, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Bradford deputies on Feb. 15 for possession of drugs and driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Bobby Joe Robinson, 48, of Starke was arrested on Feb. 7 for being an out-of-state fugitive.

Monte Seabrook, 28, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on Feb. 11 for sexual assault.

Heather Ann Simpson, 43, was arrested on Feb. 10 for failure to appear.

Austin Arthur Elias Smith, 33, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on Feb. 15 for possession of cocaine, possession of drug equipment, possession of synthetic narcotics and possession of drugs.

Cody Lamar Varnes, 26, of Starke was arrested on Feb. 15 for a probation violation.

Phillip Heith Vaughn, 44, was arrested by Bradford deputies on Feb. 4 for disturbing the peace.

Phillip Maddison Vest, 37, of Old Town was arrested on Feb. 8 for an out-of-county warrant.

Kenyatta Kiera Wilson, 29, of Gainesville was arrested by

Bradford deputies on Feb. 7 for DUI.

Henry Lee Wright, 29, of Orlando was arrested on Feb. 15 for an out-of-county warrant.

### Union

Troy Aaron, 26, was arrested by Union deputies on Feb. 14 for smuggling contraband into a prison.

Joe Lamart Brown, 41, of Live Oak was arrested by Union deputies on Feb. 17 for a probation violation.

Darryel Dakotah Cassels, 34, of Jacksonville was arrested by Union deputies on Feb. 14 for fleeing and eluding, vehicle theft and driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Lavern Lenard Marks, 40, of Starke was arrested by Union deputies on Feb. 14 for failure to appear.

Jeremiah Thomas Parrish, 40, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on Feb. 13 for disorderly intoxication.

Astra Maria Perez, 27, of Fleming Island was arrested by Union deputies on Feb. 14 for an out-of-county warrant.

### Clay

Arik Levi Anthony Bach, 27, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on Feb. 12 for a domestic violence injunction violation.

Robbie Lee Dorminey, 51, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on Feb. 14 for domestic battery.

Kalee Renee Fountain, 31, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on Feb. 16 for possession of not more than 20 grams of marijuana.

Elizabeth Hall, 47, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on Feb. 15 for possession of drugs and possession of drug equipment.

Robert Allen Milledge, 73, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on Feb. 15 for battery on a person 65 or older.

David Donald Mitchell, 59, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on Feb. 13 for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Charles Lonnie Padgett, 40, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on Feb. 15 for failure to register every six months.

Jennifer Renee Riess, 33, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on Feb. 12 for driving with a suspended or revoked license and failing to obey a law enforcement officer's order to stop.

## THREAT

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"We take it so seriously because here's what happens. We don't want a Marjorie Stoneman Douglas," he said.

Smith said the defendant's parents indicated to his deputies that the 13-year-old was out of control.

"The parents said: 'We're done. We can't do anything with him. We've tried.'"

Smith also noted that the 13-year-old had recently transferred from another school district and may wind up in another school district later.

"If we don't do anything and

we slap him on the hand, and he gets a little bit of counseling," Smith said, "but then he doesn't go to counseling or whatever happens, it transpires a year from now, two years from now or three years from now, and he does act out on that, then the police are going to say, why didn't you do anything?"

Smith noted that in past school shootings, like Marjorie Stoneman Douglas and Sandy Hook, the shooters signaled their intentions before acting, yet no one took action based on those warning signs.

"Nothing was done," he said of the warnings before the tragedies. "We decided we're going to take action. I made a commitment. I'd

much rather show the face of this one student, this one juvenile that I had, show the faces of victims in our school system."

Smith also took aim at his social media critics, recalling the grief and crying after the photos of school shooting victims were revealed.

"What's sad is that you have people that cry louder because we posted the picture of a kid," he said. There are consequences."

### See something, say something

Smith said that although the focus of the incident centered on what he called one bad child, he said the students who spoke up

after hearing the threat and the parent who called the hotline deserve credit for their actions.

"We talk about the bad child, but I want to talk mainly about the good kids," he said. "These kids, when they heard this, did the right thing. They stepped up; they reported it as they should."

Smith said a parent called a school threat state hotline around 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 14, to report the threat.

"We started investigating it," he said. "For a long time, we thought it might be nothing."

He added that deputies met with the hotline caller at his Crystal Lake area home. The parent showed deputies a screenshot of a Snapchat post that contained a threat to two campuses.

"The threat made was: 'Y'all warning a boy is threatening to shoot up the middle and high school,'" wrote Detective Joseph Shiller in an arrest report. "This Snapchat message came through a BHS student."

Shiller then met with the student who reported the threat on Snapchat. He told the officer from whom he heard the rumor, Shiller then went to the second student, who pointed him to a third source.

Smith said that throughout the night and early morning, Shiller, in addition to Lt. Shaun Burgin

and Deputy Lakiesha Lewis, went from student to student trying to track down the source of the threat.

"It was: Well, I heard it from this one, and then I heard it from this one," Smith said. "I can tell you that we were beating on parents' doors at 1:30 in the morning from the time we received the complaint."

The trio eventually found the student who heard the original threat, but he did not know the student's name, who told him he would shoot up the school. However, he did recall where and when he heard the threat, and he remembered that the threat came from a black male with a white backpack.

Burgin, who heads school security at the sheriff's office, found a video of the encounter based on the student's account.

At 6:30 later that morning, Burgin met with middle school administrators and staff, showing them the image of the verbal exchange. They identified the defendant as the black male with the white backpack.

The sheriff said deputies then went to the 13-year-old's home, and he admitted making the threat.

Smith added that the student's stepfather had a firearm in the home, but the weapon had not been removed from its storage

location.

## Two-thirds of middle schoolers stay home

While officers tracked down the threat, news of the incident spread through word of mouth and social media.

"Next thing I know, I've got parents calling me 9, 10, 11, 12 o'clock at night," recalled Smith. "Then at six o'clock the next morning, school board members are calling: 'Hey Sheriff, I've got people calling me. Where are you (with this investigation)?"

The sheriff said that even though the defendant was in custody by the time school started on the 15th, he beefed up the office's presence on the Starke campuses to reassure parents.

On the day following the threat, two-thirds of middle school students were absent, and one-half of the high school's students no-showed.

Smith said the campus disruption further vindicates his decision to post the defendant's mugshot on Facebook.

"Fake threats have real consequences," he said, "and when it comes to school safety, we can't leave any stone unturned."



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# Officials promote women's health

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
Telegraph Staff Writer

STARKE — The Florida Department of Health's Bradford County office and Bradford Community Partners hosted a Pink and Red Health Event at Starke's downtown square on Saturday, Feb. 18.

The event offered free blood pressure screenings, pre-diabetes screenings, healthy lifestyle tips, health education and door prizes.

Representatives from Assurance Wireless, Elder Options, Healthy Start, and the Bradford Senior Center Rumba class also participated.

Breast cancer survivor Kimberly Stewart-Horan and heart attack survivor Cindy Hildebran told the crowd about their experiences.

Pamela Burnett told the crowd about her organization: Mammograms After Sunday Service, which educates women in underserved areas about breast cancer. MASS also brings in a mobile mammogram unit to events. Burnett said that for the Starke event, no one pre-registered for a mammogram, so the mobile unit was not at the Feb. 18 event.

## When you help others, you help yourself

Burnett, herself a cancer survivor, said she started the nonprofit after learning about cancer patients catching buses to get to treatments.

"I saw men and women who would come to me who were taking a bus for chemo, and I said, no, that can't be," recalled Burnett. "So, it started with partnering with the special transportation services in the county and letting people know

what it is that we do and trying to get those same people who come to us who say they take the bus to get treatment."

Burnett said one of the biggest problems cancer patients face is that they are not aware of the many services available to them, like transportation. Her mission is to raise awareness of those services.

Burnett also said that her own health has improved since launching Mammograms After Sunday Service.

"I used to be on 16 pills a day for mental health, diabetes and high blood pressure," she said. "After I started helping others, I was able to get off those pills. I've been doing this since 2006, and when you help others, you help yourself."

## A punch in the chest

Hildebran recounted her Sept. 10, 2018, heart attack while driving from Starke to Gainesville to her job at the Alachua County Health Department.

She recalled that after a semi cut in front of her, she got angry and clinched the steering wheel.

"Then I felt like someone punched me in the chest," she said.

As the pain spread from her chest to her left arm and then to her right arm, Hildebran struggled to call 911 with her mobile phone, and even hesitated.

"I remember seeing my sister's face and she was saying: 'Just do it, Cindy. Make the call.' Making that phone call saved my life."

Hildebran's sister, Tricia Clark was also at the event and introduced the heart attack survivor to the audience. Clark is a nurse practitioner at the health department.

Hildebran said that after her

heart attack, she learned of an extensive family history of heart problems in her mother's family.

"My grandmother had seven bypasses 36 years ago when that was unusual," she said. "I have an uncle who died at 41 in his sleep, thinking he had indigestion. I have another uncle that died at 53 after physical training (at Camp Blanding). I have five first cousins who have either died or have heart-related issues."

She added that all her family members had the same condition she experienced, a blockage of the left anterior descending artery. Heart attacks caused by a complete blockage of the left anterior descending artery are often fatal and are commonly known as the "widow maker."

Hildebran also said that in the months leading up to her heart attack, she ignored warning signs her body gave her.

"I was always tired," she said. "I would fall asleep in the middle of the day, which was unusual for me. I had abdominal pain and chest pains to the point where I couldn't breathe. I passed it off as asthma or allergies."

"As women and mothers, we usually take care of everyone else and are too busy to take care of ourselves," she continued. "We dismiss it and may mention it to a doctor but usually shrug it off. We have to advocate for ourselves and trust our intuition about our bodies."

Hildebran told women in the crowd to learn from her mistakes and pay attention to the signs their bodies give them.

"A physician's assistant told me my body gave me small signs, and I didn't listen, so it gave me a big sign," she said. "Take control of your health, listen to your body, advocate for yourself and pay attention to family history."



(L-R) Cindy Hildebran, Pat Lawson and Tricia Clark.



(L-R) Denise Young, Rosemary Wingate, Carnell Williams and Sandra Demps at the Elder Options tent. Young said Elder Options makes seniors aware of the programs available to assist them with electricity bills, medicines and other costs. "Our main concern is to try and reach everyone in the community," added Wingate.



(L-R) Jose Pagan, Tracy Toms, Debbie Williams and Iana Patterson with the Florida Department of Health's Bradford County office. Patterson said the office organized the event to raise awareness for American Heart Month.

## HIRE

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candidate interviews. Those candidates that UF and Bradford Extension Director Samara Purvis advanced to the county interviews were not the best or most experienced candidates, he said, so they asked to interview others.

"4-H is such a unique and awesome extracurricular activity for kids in agriculture, and offers more than that. But it's hard for someone to handle this position without any experience growing up in 4-H or being a 4-H agent or program assistant in a county that is as active as we are here in Bradford County," Jerrels said. Even experienced people struggle, he said, and find out that it involves more than working with youth.

Jerrels said they discovered other candidates who had been heavily involved and experienced with 4-H who should have been interviewed and who could enhance the 4-H program. He said they were told that their extensive agriculture backgrounds would have placed them in conflict with the extension's horticulture and livestock agents.

Kelly Durrance, a parent and volunteer involved with 4-H, said the hiring process should be reopened, mentioning Bailey Gnann and Summer Sanders as candidates who were not granted interviews. Gnann was raised in Bradford County as a member of 4-H and FFA. She has served as a 4-H agent in Flagler County and now in Clay County. Sanders also grew up as a member of both programs, holds a degree in agriculture education and is the 4-H agent in Lee County.

This is experience Hamilton lacks, she said.

"It is also my understanding that the majority of the advisory board voted no to all three interviews, which should require more interviews to be performed," she said. "Many parents feel there are better qualified applicants that would be more beneficial to our children and the 4-H program."

She said she and other parents and their children would leave the program if there aren't further interviews and if Gnann and Sanders aren't given an opportunity.

Drew Wainwright went further, saying Bradford County should open an investigation into the hiring process, and both Durrance and Wainwright called

upon the commission to replace Purvis as the local extension director.

Commissioner Carolyn Spooner wanted the commission to move forward with hiring Hamilton, but she was outvoted 4-1. They could accept the university's and extension director's recommendation and comply with state law, she said. The resolution requesting three candidates from whom to select the new agent could apply to future hires.

Regardless of the number of applicants or their varying qualifications, Hamilton made it through the screening process and his demonstrated leadership ability placed him on top, Spooner said.

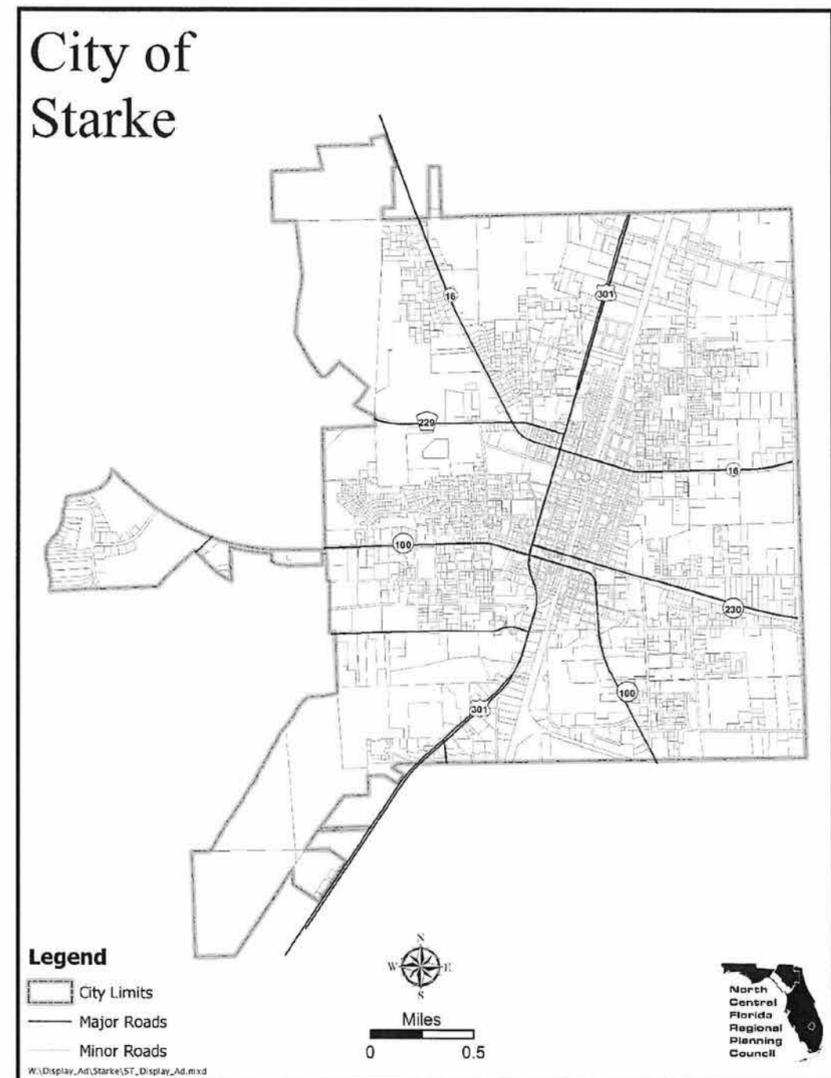
The university and county also have a memorandum of understanding, however, that the university will recruit, screen and recommend candidates to the county, but it will be up to the commission who is hired.

Commissioner Chris Dougherty said the resolution was sent to let the university know it had violated the hiring process. He agreed Hamilton sounds like he would be a good fit and encouraged him to reapply.

## NOTICE OF A TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWERS AND ANTENNAS SPECIAL PERMIT MORATORIUM

The City Commission of the City of Starke, Florida proposes to declare a moratorium on telecommunications towers and antennas special permits within the area shown on the map below by adopting Ordinance No. 2023-02.

Ordinance 2023-02, concerning Moratorium No. 23-01, is an ordinance by the City Commission, declaring a moratorium on the acceptance of applications and processing of applications for telecommunications towers and antennas special permit approval and issuance of telecommunications towers and antennas special permits, approval for a period of 180 days.



The first of two public hearings on proposed Ordinance No. 2023-02 will be held on March 7, 2023 at 5:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the City Commission Meeting Room, City Hall located at 209 North Thompson Street, Starke, Florida. The title of said ordinance reads, as follows:

### ORDINANCE NO. 2023-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF STARKE, FLORIDA, DECLARING A MORATORIUM ON THE ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS AND PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWERS AND ANTENNAS SPECIAL PERMIT APPROVAL AND ISSUANCE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWERS AND ANTENNAS SPECIAL PERMITS FOR A PERIOD OF 180 DAYS; PROVIDING FOR PROHIBITION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING AN EXPIRATION DATE

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

At the aforementioned public hearing, all interested parties may appear to be heard with respect to Ordinance 2023-02.

Copies of Ordinance 2023-02 are available for public inspection at the City of Starke Zoning Department, located at 209 North Thompson Street, Starke, Florida, during regular business hours.

All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decisions made at the above referenced public hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings, and that for such purpose they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact the Office of the City Clerk at 904.964.5027 or via the Florida Relay Service 800.955.8770 (voice) or 800.955.8771 (TTY) at least 48 hours prior to the date of the public hearing.

# Bradford Middle's Salazar wins district spelling bee

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

The final word of the 2022-23 Bradford County School District Spelling Bee was "stamina," which proved to be fitting as the final two contestants went 15 rounds before Bradford Middle School's Nicholas Salazar won the event, which was held Feb. 16 at the Bradford High School auditorium.

Salazar, a seventh-grader, has now earned the right to advance to the 79th Annual First Coast Regional Spelling Championship, which will be held March 31 at 10 a.m. at LaVilla School of the Arts in Jacksonville. The cost for him and his parents to attend will be taken care of by the Bradford County Education Foundation, which sponsors the district spelling bee as well as the school-



The district spelling bee participants are pictured with members of the Bradford County Education Foundation, the all-volunteer group that raises money to benefit Bradford schools and sponsors the district and school-level spelling bees. Pictured (l-r) are Sheryl Dixon, Vorease Jones (BCEF secretary), Brenda Donaldson, Dawson Sullivan, Cheryl Canova (BCEF president), Kinsley Hendricks, Lila Sellars (BCEF vice president), Robert Dalager, Trevor Holland, Danielle McClenaghan, Nicholas Salazar (behind McClenaghan, spelling bee champion), Amelia Cooper (spelling bee runner-up), Sebastian Patterson, Virginia Hancock, Eugenia Whitehead, Anniston Morrell and Brayden Hart. Photos by Cliff Smelley.



Bradford Middle School's Nicholas Salazar (left) won the district spelling bee, while Starke Elementary's Amelia Cooper was runner-up. After everyone else was eliminated after five rounds, Salazar and Cooper battled it out for another 15.

level events. "We are very pleased to do," said BCEF President Cheryl Canova. "We are very proud of these young people who are here." BCEF provided the district championship and runner-up

trophies to Salazar and Amelia Cooper, a fifth-grader at Starke Elementary School. Besides Salazar and Cooper, the other participants were Kinsley Hendricks, Anniston Morrell and Dawson Sullivan from Lawtey Elementary,

Brayden Hart, Trevor Holland, Danielle McClenaghan and Sebastian Patterson from Southside Elementary and Robert Dalager and Virginia Hancock from Starke Elementary. Bradford Middle School's Jade Brown and Braylyn Johnson also

qualified for the district spelling bee, but did not participate. The event consisted of five rounds before Salazar and Cooper battled it out for 15. Dalager, Hart, Hendricks, **See SPELL, page 17**

## BHS baseball team scores 2 in 7th to win

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Bradford High School's baseball team bounced back from a 12-run loss in its regular-opener, scoring two runs in the top of the seventh to defeat host Middleburg 6-5 on Feb. 21.

The Tornadoes (1-1) trailed 5-4 entering the final inning. With one out, Hayden Hughes and Jeffrey Brugh both reached on errors. One out later, Luke Stucky and Kacen Thomassen reached on errors, which allowed Hughes and Brugh to score and eventually give Bradford the win.

Middleburg had a runner in scoring position with one out in the bottom of the inning, but pitcher Cason Pilcher forced the Broncos to hit into a ground out before he recorded a strikeout to end the game. Brugh and Thomassen each had one RBI, with Thomassen hitting a double. Pilcher went 2 for 3, while Luke Stucky went 2 for 4. Starting pitcher Mattox Burgin struck out eight in four innings. Brugh and Pilcher threw one and two innings of relief,

respectively, with each giving up just one hit. Bradford entered the game off a 14-2 loss to host Suwannee on Feb. 20. The Tornadoes took the lead when Stucky hit a double in the top of the third. The hit scored Brugh, while Stucky was able to advance along the basepaths and score on the throw. That put the Tornadoes up 2-1 before Suwannee exploded for 11 hits and 13 runs in the bottom of the inning, which included a three-run homer and a two-run double.

Bradford was held to four hits, with Thomassen going 2 for 4. Prior to the regular season, the team went 0-2 in a preseason tournament hosted by Baker County, but one of the losses was by just two runs. Thomassen had the Tornadoes' only hit in a 10-0 loss to Fernandina Beach on Feb. 13. Bradford then played University Christian on Feb. 14, building a 6-1 lead in the top of the fifth before losing 9-7. **See BHS, page 12**

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### Local DAR chapter to next meet March 6

The Col. Samuel Elbert Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, will meet on Monday, March 6, at 10:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall of Keystone United Methodist Church (4004 S.R. 21). Chapter Vice Regent and Historian Anne Smoak will serve as hostess. Do you have a Revolutionary War-era patriot in your family tree? If you would like to find out, DAR can help with its genealogical resources. Any woman 18 years or older, regardless of race, religion or ethnic background, who can prove direct descent from a person who aided in achieving American independence between April 19, 1775, and Nov. 26, 1783, is eligible for membership.

Please contact Romeo at 352-478-3544 for more information.

### Austin Cary Forest to host Outdoor Expo on March 11

Families who enjoy hunting, fishing, kayaking, camping or hiking are invited to the North Florida Outdoor Expo, which will be held Saturday, March 11, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the University of Florida Austin Cary Forest (10625 N.E. Waldo Road, Gainesville). Admission is \$5. The event will consist of food trucks, vendors and all things outdoors. A drawing will be held for a lifetime hunting/fishing license. To register, visit [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com) and enter "North Florida Outdoor Expo" in the search bar.

### BCEF spelling bee returns March 16

The Bradford County Education Foundation Adult Spelling Bee is making its return and will be held Thursday, March 16, at the Bradford High School cafeteria and auditorium. Dinner is at 6 p.m., followed by the bee at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20. The event needs participating teams, which will consist of two members each. One member will be the designated team spokesperson. Teams are asked to be creative with names and costumes and are encouraged to bring a cheering section. Prizes will be awarded to the first-place team and the team with the best costumes. The registration fee is \$200 and includes dinner. Goody bags will be presented to all teams. Registration forms may be obtained from and returned to Lila Sellars at the Bradford County School District office and Matt Dyal at Capital City Bank of Starke. You may also contact Cheryl Canova at [ccanova53@gmail.com](mailto:ccanova53@gmail.com) for more information.

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St Mark's Episcopal Church of Starke is hosting free test-prep classes as well as basic reading, basic English and basic math instruction at the church parish hall (212 N. Church St.) on Wednesdays from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Students must be at least 18 years old. Please bring ID. Florida-certified and experienced teachers will provide instruction for passing the following tests: GED, TEAS, ParaPro Assessment, PERT and U.S. citizenship. ACT-prep classes can also be made available for Bradford High School students.

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- Propane tanks
- Medications
- Aerosol cans
- Pesticides
- Solvents
- Batteries (all types)
- Household cleaners
- Used cooking oil

# BHS' Bakken is a runner-up at state weightlifting finals

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Bradford High School's Takeirra Bakken finished second in the 199-pound class at the Florida High School Athletic Association Class 1A Girls Weightlifting Finals, which were held Feb. 18 in Lakeland.

It's the third straight year Bakken, a senior, has earned a medal. Medals are awarded for top-six finishes.

The battle at the top of the 199 class was between Bakken and Imagine School's Tristain Atwood, with Atwood's 435-pound overall total earning her the state title. Bakken had a 400 total. The next-closest lifter was American Heritage's Anna Rohrer, who had a 360 total.

Atwood had only one successful clean-and-jerk attempt, but the 225 total still put her in the lead heading into the bench-press event. Bakken was successful on all three of her clean-and-jerk attempts, lifting 190, 205 and 210.

The 210 clean and jerk was a 25-pound improvement from Bakken's total at the District 6 meet and a 10-pound



**ABOVE:** Takeirra Bakken was the Class 1A state runner-up in the 199-pound class. **RIGHT:** Rylie Blankenship, with assistance from Andre Hampton, competes in the bench press in the 110 class. She placed ninth. Photos by Ciara Johnson.



For the second time in three years, the Tigers lay claim to a district runner-up trophy.

# District runner-up Tigers to be well-represented at regionals

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Union County High School placed second to Baker County at the Feb. 17 District 4-1A finals and automatically qualified 11 individuals — including three champions — for the Region 1 finals.

It was the second time in three years Union's fourth-year program claimed a district runner-up trophy.

The top four in each weight class earned the right to advance to the Region 1 finals, which will be Friday and Saturday, Feb. 24-25, at Wewahitchka High.

Ethan Hancock, Ian Halfacre and Danny Thornton won their respective classes to become the Tigers' first-ever district champions. Hancock won the 120 class, defeating Keystone's Riley McGorty and Baker County's Taz Kinghorn, while Halfacre won the 132 class, defeating Beaches' Elijah Morvarid and Palatka's Ismael Foster. Thornton topped the 195 class, defeating Interlachen's Zack Link, Baker County's Kelan Hendricks and Baldwin's Taylor Davenport.

This marks the third straight year Halfacre and Thornton have advanced past the district tournament. Each placed third at last year's district finals.

Rodney Barnett and Alexander Cortese were the runners-up in the 145 and 182 classes, respectively. Barnett defeated Florida School for the Deaf and Blind's Jayden Rosario-Crespo before falling to Beaches' Grady Smith. Cortese defeated Keystone's Henry Carhuayo and Toco Creek's Daniel Hageman before losing to Beaches' Eddie Craig.

It was the second straight year Cortese has been a runner-up. He and Barnett, who improved upon



Union County had three wrestlers (l-r) win their weight classes at the District 4-1A finals: Danny Thornton, Ethan Hancock and Ian Halfacre.

last year's fourth-place finish, are advancing to region competition for the third straight year.

Five earned third-place finishes for the Tigers: Kale Waters (113 class), Ethan Shea (138), Elijah Roberts (152), Colin Hadlock (170) and Dylan Lane (220). Waters and Shea will be making their third straight appearance at regionals, while Hadlock qualified for the first time.

Waters defeated Bishop Snyder's Ethan Preston before losing to St. Johns Country Day's Matthew Braddock. He bounced back with consecutive wins over Florida School for the Deaf and Blind's Ivan McAlpin and Toco Creek's Alessandro Brazan.

Shea, who placed fourth at last year's district finals, defeated Bishop Snyder's Joseph Morales before falling to Palatka's Mikade Harvey. He then defeated Beaches' Pierce Widrich and Baker's Evan Irish.

Roberts defeated Toco Creek's Ryland McGinley before losing to Baker's Keith Ratliff. He then defeated Palatka's

Gabriel Huajardo before earning a win over McGinley again.

Hadlock, who was a fifth-place district finisher last year, began his day with a win over Keystone's Alyx Nichols. After a loss to Toco Creek's Lawton Case, he defeated Beaches' Zayden Elmorabeti and Nichols again.

Lane defeated Baker's Philip Spreadbury before losing to Keystone's Steven Raab. He bounced back with wins over Bishop Snyder's Kenyon Nunnery and Interlachen's Shyheem Shivers.

Braden Adams also wrestled his way to a berth in the Region 1 finals, placing fourth in the 126 class. He opened with a win over Toco Creek's Jordan Bogart, but then lost to Baker's Jonathon Walker. A win over Beaches' Ethan Hedrick set up a rematch between him and Bogart, with Bogart earning the win this time in the third-place match.

This will be Adams' first region appearance after placing

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# KHHS weightlifter Wright earns 2 medals at state finals

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Keystone Heights High School's Kaylee Wright earned two medals at the Florida High School Athletic Association Class 1A Girls Weightlifting Finals, which were held Feb. 18 in Lakeland.

Wright, making her third straight appearance at state, competed in the 169-pound class, placing third in the traditional event (bench press and clean and jerk) and fourth in the Olympic event (snatch and clean and jerk).

It was the second straight year Wright stood on the medal platform. Medals are awarded for top-six finishes.

Wright actually had the second-highest total for her class in the traditional event, finishing in a tie with Fort Meade's Valeria Garcia. Garcia earned the runner-up spot due to the weigh-in tiebreaker.

The two lifters were 50 pounds behind champion Kahlan Gant of Bay.

In the clean and jerk, Wright successfully lifted 155 on her first attempt. She missed 165 on her second, but was successful on a second try at 165 on her final attempt. It was the third-highest total in her class and a 5-pound improvement from what she did at the District 6 meet.

Wright had a 175 total in the bench press on her first attempt before missing attempts of 185 and 190. If she had made either of her missed attempts, she would've had the highest bench-

**RIGHT:** Kaylee Wright earned third- and fourth-place finishes in the 169-pound class. File photo by Cliff Smelley. **BELOW LEFT:** Wright wears the medals she earned in the traditional and Olympic events. Photo submitted by Todd Gillenwaters.



press total in her class.

The Olympic event saw Wright miss her first two snatch attempts (120 and 125) before she was successful on her final attempt of 125, which was the second-highest total in her class and a 5-pound improvement from her district total. That, with her clean-and-jerk total, gave her a 290 total, which was third best in the class. However, Wright tied with South Sumter's Abigail Wilhelm, who was awarded third place due to the weigh-in tiebreaker.

If Wright's overall total had been just 5 pounds higher, she would've finished as the class runner-up.

Gant won the Olympic championship with a 355 total, while Bradenton Christian's Lauren Jolly was second with a 295 total.

Prior to state, Wright won one district championship and two regional championships.



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# Obituaries

## Angela Alford

Angela Lynn Alford, 55, of Starke passed away on Thursday, Feb. 17, 2023, at her home surrounded by her loving family. She was born July 26, 1967, in Starke to Robert and Arrie Mae (Browning) Futch. Prior to retirement, she worked as a customer service representative. In addition to her mother, she was preceded in death by her husband, George Alford; grandparents, Willard and Louise Browning; along with Guy and Deloris Futch.



She is survived by a daughter, Tiffany (Timothy) Topping of Live Oak; sons, Matthew Eric (Brittany) Jenkins Jr. of Interlachen and Chayton Alford of Starke; and her father, Lamar Futch of Starke. Also left behind are three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, Feb. 21, in the DeWitt C. Jones Chapel of the Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home. Interment followed at Sapp Cemetery.

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

Deborah Lynn Cowart entered heaven on Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2023, with her immediate family by her side. She was born in Jacksonville on Jan. 10, 1970, to Johnny J. and Myra E. Cowart. She spent most of her life as a Certified Nursing Assistant, working for the Department of Children and Families. In her spare time, she enjoyed fishing and camping with anyone who shared the same love and passion as she did for the outdoors. She loved her family dearly and anyone who she called a friend, she loved and treated as family as well. She was preceded in death by her father, Johnny J. Cowart Jr.



She leaves to cherish her memory, her mother, Myra E. Cowart; brothers, Mark J. Cowart, and Johnny J. (Penny) Cowart III; nieces, Morgan (Stephen) Sowell, Jessica Woods (Donnie King) and Megan (Jacob) DeSue; nephew, Gene (Ashley) Woods; along with several great-nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins. She will always be remembered and missed by those who knew and loved her.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 4, at the Raiford Community Center. Family and friends will be received during this time.

PAID OBITUARY

## Donald Glenn

Donald Robert Glenn, of Hampton, was found deceased in his home on Monday, Dec. 26, 2022. He was a veteran, having served in the Army and the Navy prior to settling in this area.

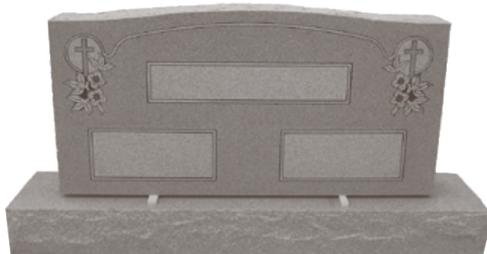
Survivors are his brothers, Michael Glenn and Barry Glenn; sisters, Sarah Farrell-Evans, and Linda Taylor-Evans, who raised him; and his stepson, Benjamin Norsworthy of Starke.

Services will be held at Victory Baptist Church, Hampton, on Saturday, April 29, at 3 p.m.

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## James Hurd Jr.

James "Jim" Edward Hurd Jr., 90, of Keystone Heights died Friday, Jan. 20, 2023, at Haven Hospice in Orange Park. He was an 82nd Airborne Ranger during the Korean War. He was a Methodist, a life member of V.F.W. Post 5225 in West Memphis, Arkansas, and a member of the Am Vets Post 86 in Keystone Heights.

He leaves behind many close friends.  
Interment was at Jacksonville National Cemetery.  
Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 340 E. Walker Drive, Keystone Heights, 32656. 352-473-3176. www.jonesgallagherfh.com

## Bobby Jones

Bobby Jones, 85, of Brooker passed away on Friday, Feb. 17, 2023, at E. T. York Care Center in Gainesville. He was born April 5, 1937, to Victor and Gertie Green Jones and has been a lifelong resident of Brooker. He worked for the University of Florida for 35 years in the heating plant division as a supervisor. He had a passion for hunting. His favorite was deer hunting, but he was an avid fox hunter as well. Even out of season, he would go in the woods to feed or watch the deer. He attended New River Baptist Church with his wife. He was preceded in death by his parents, Victor and Gertie Jones; and his son-in-law, Shane Thornton.

He is survived by his loving wife of 68 years, Mrs. Carol Jones of Brooker; his daughters, Kathy (Sammy) Hallmark and Thressa Thornton both of Brooker; grandchildren, Amy Hartley, Wendy (Eric) Hall and Waylon Thornton; great-grandchildren, Koy Hartley, Kannon Hartley, Kyler Herndon, Lindsey Hall, Dex Thornton, and Eric Hall; sister, Vickie Thomas of Starke; and numerous extended family.

A graveside service was held on Monday, Feb. 20, at New River Baptist Church Cemetery.

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## Michael Medders

Michael Steven Medders died Sunday, Feb. 13, 2023, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Paula Elixson Medders of Lake Butler; daughters, Della (Jenny) Dunston of Ormond Beach and April Thomas of Farmville, North Carolina; five stepchildren; one brother; two sisters; and many extended family members.

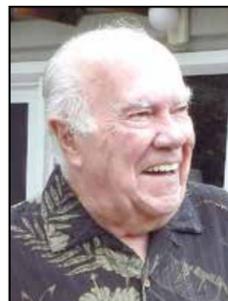
A Celebration of Life will be held at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 23, at Archer-Milton Funeral Home. Visitation with the family will begin at 4 p.m. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Archer-Milton Funeral Home. 386-496-2008 www.archerfuneralhome.com

## Norman Robbins

Norman Robbins, 88, of Lake Butler passed away on Saturday, Feb. 12, 2023, at Windsor Health and Rehab following an extended illness. He was born March 31, 1934, in Chicago, Illinois to George and Florence Robbins. In 1962, he and his wife, Glenda, moved their family from Chicago to California. There he worked for Val-Matic Corporation as a western division manager for 37 years until his retirement. In 2015, he and Glenda decided to relocate to Lake Butler to be closer to their eldest son. He was an avid golfer who even played in a Pro-Am Tournament.

He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Glenda Robbins of Lake Butler; their five children, Keith (Mary) Robbins of Lake Butler, Kriston (Jeff) Yelton of Puyallup, Washington, Hardy (Katie) Robbins of Santa Clarita, California, Claudia (Andre) Toutjian of Fossil, Oregon, and Quinn (Sharie) Robbins of La Cañada, California; 11 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

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# NFTC carpentry: taking the time to see a project through to completion

*Editor's note: In recognition of Career Technical Education Month, the Telegraph is presenting a series of stories on North Florida Technical College.*

**BY CLIFF SMELLEY**  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Perhaps the carpentry program at North Florida Technical College will inspire students to pursue a career in that field, but for instructor David Harris, it's not about what his high school and middle school students go on to do with their lives. It's giving them valuable life skills.

"It's hand-eye coordination," Harris said. "It's follow-through. It's completing tasks. It's time management. It's following diagrams and directions."

It's also about learning how to use tools that are unfamiliar to a lot of students.

"Most people don't have these tools," Harris said. "Most people don't have a drill press at their house. Most people don't have a

lathe or a table saw. It's learning the process and the safety parts of it that go along with it."

The number-one priority is shop safety, which includes keeping the shop clean. As Harris explained, an unclean shop creates safety hazards.

Safety, of course, is also about how to properly use tools. That comes from instruction and working on projects that feature one tool specifically. For example, a recent project in which students made signs was focused on how to use a router.

"Once they get to the end of the year, I allow them to build any project they want again," Harris said. "They can rebuild a project we've already built using all the tools."

The first year of the program is basically centered around building a foundation. In successive years, students work on more complex projects, such as building a checkerboard. Harris said a lot of students think that making a checkerboard is easy until they start the design and layout phase. They don't realize they have to lay out every single square.

"Most every project takes about two to three weeks because of the layout and the design," Harris said.

Projects also take a little longer just due to the time constraints of a class period.

"By the time they get in here, get their safety gear on and start using the stuff, they get about 20 minutes of work," Harris said. "Then it's time to start cleaning up. That's a good thing because it gives them time to reflect on what they did wrong and what they can do better the next time."

When students make something, they don't just grab a handy piece of wood that Harris purchased somewhere and get to work.

"We have a sawmill. I bring in trees off my farm," Harris said, adding, "We make all our own



**LEFT: Camron Newman works with a router as part of a sign-making project in his carpentry class at North Florida Technical College. BELOW: Instructor David Harris (right) provides a demonstration for Michael Hampton. Photos by Cliff Smelley.**



lumber. They cut it, mill it and take it and do whatever."

Harris said there's a high demand for workers in the construction field, but he emphasized that his program isn't geared toward preparing students for jobs. It's all about providing a basic knowledge of tools and allowing students to combine the use of those tools with their creativity.

Students also come to realize that constructing something is a time-consuming process.

"They have to make a sketch of everything they have to do first," Harris said. "They hate that because that's boring. They want everything to be instant."

Harris believes it's a good lesson for his students to learn.

"I think the most important part of it is taking your time and completing a project," he said. "It has nothing to do with woodworking. It has nothing to do with whether you want to go into woodworking, carpentry or construction."

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Ryland Rike led off Bradford's half of the fifth with a single

and scored on a wild pitch. Stucky, who singled, scored on a Thomassen single. Burgin drew a bases-loaded walk to bring home Hughes, who was a courtesy runner for Thomassen.

The inning's fourth run came on a Blake Wynn single, which scored Kevin Crawford and put Bradford ahead by five runs.

University scored eight runs in the bottom of the fifth, with five coming on two triples.

Rike finished 3 for 4 with a double, while C.J. McKinney was 2 for 3 with an RBI. Stucky and Thomassen each went 2 for 4, with Thomassen driving in one run.

Burgin and Wynn each finished with one RBI.

The Tornados will host Keystone Heights on Thursday, Feb. 23, at 7 p.m. Bradford travels to play Madison County on Monday, Feb. 27, at 6 p.m. and then travels to play Baker County on Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 7 p.m.

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## NCA middle school Eagles soar high

Saying the Northside Christian Academy middle school girls basketball team had a good year is an understatement. The Eagles, composed of players in fifth-eighth grades, captured the Southeastern Christian Conference's West Division championship en route to winning the overall SECC championship, putting the exclamation point on an 18-0 season. As if that wasn't enough, Northside proved what it means to be a true winner as it was earned the SECC's Christian Character award. Pictured are: (front, l-r) Arianna Welsh, Ava Welsh, Leona Harden, Kaylea King, (back, l-r) Alexis Welsh, Alison Malone, Maddey Garrison and Taylor Lind and Coach Todd Von Weyhe.

## Northside varsity girls make it to tourney's 2nd day before bowing out

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

The Northside Christian Academy varsity girls basketball team made it to the second day of play after defeating Hope Christian Academy, but the Eagles saw their season come to an end with a 29-18 loss to Open Bible of Valdosta, Georgia, in the Southeastern Christian Conference tournament, which was hosted by Northside on Feb. 16-18.

Northside, the third seed in the West Conference, opened play on Feb. 16 with a 44-17 loss to Southside (Waycross, Georgia), the second seed in the East Conference. The Eagles staved off elimination with a 19-13 win over Hope (fourth seed, West) that same day.

That win set up a matchup against Open Bible on Feb. 17. Northside was outscored 18-6 in the second and third quarters as Open Bible was able to earn an 11-point win.

The Warriors led 6-2 in the first quarter, but Northside (8-15) was able to tie it up going into the second. Finley Poyner made two free throws to cut the Eagles' deficit to two. After a steal by Lexie Welsh, Poyner scored off an offensive rebound to make it 6-6.

Poyner and Makayla Price each had a defensive rebound in the early stages of the second quarter, but Open Bible's shots started finding the mark as the Warriors scored seven straight points.

Open Bible outscored Northside 12-4 in the second quarter to take an 18-10 lead into halftime.

Rosalea Norman grabbed a defensive rebound and had a steal for the Eagles early in the third quarter. Both teams struggled to score, with Poyner getting the first points of the quarter off an offensive rebound at the 3:51 mark.

The Warriors' Ellery Sharp finally put Open Bible on the board with a basket with 1:30 to play in the quarter. Sharp then had a steal, which led to a basket by Ivana Easley as the Warriors increased their lead to 22-12.

Sharp would sink a jump shot with 18 seconds on the clock to send Open Bible into the fourth quarter leading by 12.

Poyner, who scored four points in the fourth quarter, finished with 16 points. Northside's other two points came courtesy of Jacee Smith.



ABOVE: Finley Poyner puts up a shot underneath the basket in the Eagles' 29-18 loss to Open Bible. RIGHT: Poyner and teammate Jacee Smith were named to the All-Conference team. Photos by Cliff Smelley.



## Hope boys win division, but go 1-2 in SECC tournament

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

The Hope Christian Academy boys varsity basketball team narrowly missed out on remaining in the winners' bracket before ultimately seeing its season come to an end with a 64-52 loss to Faith Baptist Christian Academy out of Ludowici, Georgia, during the second day of the Southeastern Christian Conference tournament, which was hosted by Starke's Northside Christian Academy.

Hope (17-6) did walk away with a trophy as it and Open Bible of Valdosta, Georgia, were co-champions of the SECC's West Division.

The Lions, who were the top seed in the West Conference, opened the tournament with a win over Brunswick, the fourth seed in the East Conference, on Feb. 16. That set up a matchup between Hope and second seed Open Bible (which defeated third-seed East team Faith Christian of Yulee) on Feb. 17. Aiden Wilson sank six three-pointers for the Lions, but his effort wasn't enough as the Warriors scored nine of the game's final 12 points in handing Hope a 42-37 loss.

Wilson, who finished with 20 points, made two shots from beyond the arc in the first quarter, which helped the Lions go into the second trailing only 15-12.

Hope closed the first half with a 7-2 run, which began with a Wilson three-pointer. The teams then exchanged baskets, with Marcus Chever scoring for the Lions. Hope's Jude Hanson was fouled on a drive to the basket. He missed both free-throw attempts, but the Lions were able to gain possession of the loose ball after the second miss, which led to Hanson feeding Wilson for his fourth three-pointer of the half. Chever then scored on a drive to the basket in the final 10



Jude Hanson (far left) pulls up for a shot against Open Bible. Dalton Thomas (far right) is also pictured. Photos by Cliff Smelley.

seconds, sending Hope into the locker room leading 24-23.

The second half got off to a promising start for Hope when Wilson sank a two-point jump shot, but the Lions scored only one point the remainder of the third quarter, which resulted in the Warriors taking a 31-27 lead into the fourth.

A Wilson three-pointer was part of a 7-2 Hope run to start the final quarter. Chever and Hanson each had a basket also as the Lions took a 34-33 lead. Four of Hope's next five possessions, however, each consisted of one shot and a defensive rebound

by Open Bible, which took advantage of its opportunities in scoring nine straight points to take a 42-34 lead.

Wilson made a three-pointer at the end of the game to account for the five-point final margin.

Chever finished with 12 points, while Hanson and Dalton Thomas each had two points. Tavian Frazier added one point.

To stay alive and advance to the tournament's third day, the Lions had to defeat Faith Baptist, but Hope was outscored 22-10 in the first quarter and trailed

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The Hope Christian Academy varsity boys basketball team was the co-champion of the Southeastern Christian Conference's West Division. Pictured (l-r) are Assistant Coach Rashad Jackson, Head Coach Eli Hanson, Dalton Thomas, Julio Casielles, Aiden Wilson, Trayven Chandler, Marcus Chever, Jude Hanson, Tavian Frazier, Assistant Coach Brent Hanson, Zach Hansen and Wyatt Gauthier.

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Parcel Number: 02545-0-00000  
Case Number: 04-2023-TD-0002  
Description of Property: Lots Three and Six of Block Twenty-four of North Reno, a sub-division of West Half of SE1/4 of SE1/4 and SW1/4 of NE1/4 of SE1/4 of Section 21, Township Six South, Range Twenty-two East, as same appears of record in the current Public Records of Bradford County, Florida.  
Name in Which Assessed: MAGGIE SMALL EST.  
Name on last tax roll, if different: All of said property being in the County of Bradford, State of Florida. Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the BRADFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, STARKE, FL on the 4/12/2023 at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.

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

### A FAIR HOUSING/EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE JURISDICTION

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### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROBATE DIVISION

FILE NO.: 04-2022-CP-0105 DIVISION: PROBATE

### IN RE: ESTATE OF FRED PENDARVIS

Deceased.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of FRED PENDARVIS, deceased, whose date of death was February 22, 2022; is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division; File No. 04-2022-CP-0105; the address of which is 945 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida 32091. The names and addresses of the Petitioners and the Petitioners' attorney are set forth below.

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

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THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE IS: February 23, 2023.

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Attorney for Personal Representative: M. Aaron Dukes, Esq. Florida Bar No.: 124394 Dukes Legal, P.A. Post Office Box 328 Lake Butler, FL 32054 386-269-2394

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### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROBATE DIVISION

FILE NO.: 04-2023-CP-08 PROBATE DIVISION

### IN RE: ESTATE OF PAUL GLENN FRIESE

Deceased.

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The administration of the estate of PAUL GLENN FRIESE, deceased, File Number 04-2023-CP-08, is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 945 Temple Ave., Starke, Florida 32091. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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### NOTICE

Invitation for Bids Bid #23-01 New River Regional Landfill Scale House Ramp Replacement and Concrete Pavement Construction

The New River Solid Waste Association (NRSWA) is extending an invitation for bids (IFB) to perform concrete construction and concrete pavement work at the New River Regional Landfill (NRRL) Scale House. The successful Bidder(s) will be responsible for completing all work in accordance with the project's drawings, technical specifications, and Contract Documents.

The work shall be performed at the NRRL, approximately 2.5 miles north of Raiford, Florida, on the east side of State Road 121.

Bid packages and other information are available for pickup at the Administrative Office at NRSWA, 24276 NE 157th Street, Raiford, Florida 32083. Bid packages can also be requested to be received electronically by emailing a request to NRSWA at lgreene@nrswa.org. All bids must be submitted on the Bid Form provided. Completed bids are to be delivered to the NRSWA Administrative Office at 24276 NE 157th Street, Raiford, Florida 32083. After the IFB opening, the bids will

be examined for completeness and preserved in the custody of the NRSWA Executive Director. Bids will be evaluated, and a vendor selected in accordance with NRSWA Purchasing Policy. All bids received after the specified time and date will not be considered. Contact the NRSWA office at (386) 431-1000 for questions concerning the bid package. The DEADLINE for submittal is Monday, March 20, 2023, 3:00 pm (local time). A mandatory pre-bid meeting and site visit will be held at the NRSWA Administrative Office on Wednesday, March 1, 2023.

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GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

CASE NO. 22000461CAAXMX

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, F/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR NOVASTAR MORTGAGE FUNDING TRUST, SERIES 2006-2, NOVASTAR HOME EQUITY LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-2, Plaintiff,

vs. STEPHEN J. SAKKINEN AND DANIEL SAKKINEN, et al. Defendant(s).

### NOTICE OF ACTION - CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE

TO: STEPHEN J. SAKKINEN and UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF STEPHEN J. SAKKINEN,

whose residence is unknown and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property:

LOT 5, BLOCK C, OF DALEWOOD, A SUBDIVISION, AS PER PLAT TEHREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 8, PUBLIC RECORDS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, LYING AND BEING IN SECTIONS 21, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on counsel for Plaintiff, whose address is 6409 Congress Avenue, Suite 100, Boca Raton, Florida 33487 on or before

(30 days from Date of First Publication of this Notice) and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition filed herein.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court at County, Florida, this 14th day of February, 2023.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT BY: Lisa Brannen DEPUTY CLERK

Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC 6409 Congress Ave., Suite 100 Boca Raton, FL 33487

PRIMARY EMAIL: flmail@raslg.com 2/23 2tchg 3/2-BCT

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FILE NO.: 04-2023-CP-08 PROBATE DIVISION

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# KHHS' Raab is a runner-up at District 4-1A wrestling finals

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Keystone Heights High School's Steven Raab placed second, while Riley McGorty and Alyx Nichols also earned automatic region-level berths at the District 4-1A wrestling finals.

Atreyu Contes, who earned a fifth-place finish, will also advance to the Region 1 finals, which will be held Friday and Saturday, Feb. 24-25, at Wewahatchka High School.

The top four in each weight class earned automatic berths, while fifth-place finishers put themselves in position to fill byes in their weight classes, if necessary.

Raab, who'll be making his second region appearance, was the runner-up in the 220-pound class. He defeated Interlachen's Shyheem Shivers and Union

County's Dylan Lane before falling to Toco Creek's Jason Callahan in the championship match.

McGorty took fourth in the 120 class, defeating Bishop Snyder's James Register before dropping a pair of matches to Union's Ethan Hancock and Florida School for the Deaf and Blind's Khayree Lofton.

Nichols, who qualified for region competition for the third straight year, placed fourth in the 170 class. After opening with a loss to Union's Colin Hadlock, he defeated Florida School for the Deaf and Blind's Anthony Rush and Interlachen's Azarius Green before dropping another match to Hadlock.

Contes (106 class) dropped his first match to Baker County's Brayden Martin. He then defeated Palatka's Ramos Gabriel before losing to Beaches'

Oliver Hayden. Contes bounced back to defeat Baldwin's Aaron Miller.

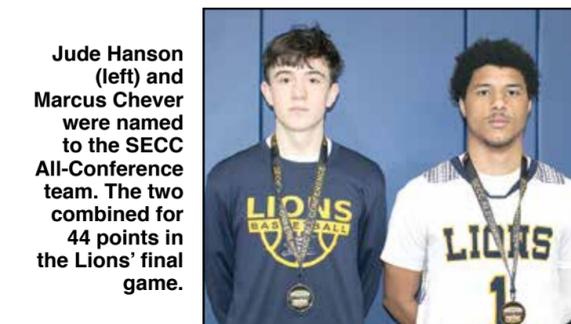
Like Contes, Henry Carhuayo (182) also placed fifth. Carhuayo dropped a pair of matches to Union's Alexander Cortese and Baker's Kristian Chancey before defeating Interlachen's George Rodriguez.

Luke Graves (145) wrestled his way to the fifth-place match before losing to Florida School for the Deaf and Blind's Jayden Rosario-Crespo. Prior to that match, Graves defeated Interlachen's Brent Farley, lost to Beaches' Grady Smith, defeated Baker's Tobastian Overland and lost to Toco Creek's Jeremiah Malarkey.

Rayne Pace (138), Marcellus Beem (152) and Talon Lybarger (160) also competed, with each going 0-2.



Marcus Chever goes up for two in the loss to Faith Baptist.



Jude Hanson (left) and Marcus Chever were named to the SECC All-Conference team. The two combined for 44 points in the Lions' final game.



Aiden Wilson (far left) pulls down a defensive rebound. Tavian Frazier (far right) is also pictured.



## HCA gets a 3rd-place finish, 2 All-Conference picks on JV side

ABOVE: Hope Christian Academy's junior varsity boys basketball team placed third at the Southeastern Christian Conference playoffs. Pictured are: (front, l-r) Jordan Rosier, Joele Smith, Lucas Grider, Alex Adkins, (back, l-r) Walker Munroe, Mason Masciocchi, Griffin McCloud, Noah Gaffney, Colten Bagwell, Brice Flint, Zenik Patrick and Noah Leon. Not pictured: Jack Gibson. LEFT: JV players Alyssa Wilson (left) and Griffin McCloud received All-Conference honors at the SECC tournament. Photos by Malena Hanson.



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by double digits for most of the game in losing 64-52.

Despite eight points from Chever in the first quarter, the Crusaders were able to build an early 13-6 lead, with the help of three three-pointers. After a score by Hanson, Faith Baptist went on a 9-2 run to close out the quarter, with the final points coming on a three-pointer just before the buzzer.

The Crusaders took advantage of three turnovers to score seven straight points to open the second quarter and increasing their lead to 29-10. It was a 31-14 game before Hope closed the quarter out with a 10-1 run. Frazier and Hanson each had a basket before Chever scored twice, with his second basket following a Hanson offensive rebound. A Thomas steal led to a Hanson basket, which sent the Lions into halftime trailing 32-24.

Chever scored off a turnover to open the second half, making it a six-point game, but that's as

close as Hope would get. Four points from Hanson helped the Lions keep the margin in single digits for a while, but the Crusaders scored eight of the quarter's final 10 points, which allowed them to go into the fourth quarter leading 49-34.

Chever scored 12 points in the final quarter (including going 6 of 6 from the foul line) and finished with 28 points. Hanson had 16, while the Lions also got four points from Frazier and two points each from Thomas and Julio Casielles.

## Hope Christian Academy varsity girls basketball players Jadie Clark (left) and Brooke McCloud were named to the All-Conference team at the Southeastern Christian Conference tournament.



# Legal Notices

Legals for the week of Feb. 23, 2023

## BRADFORD

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF STARKE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE

BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OF THE CITY OF STARKE, FLORIDA, SERVING ALSO AS THE LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY OF THE CITY OF STARKE, FLORIDA, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the City of Starke Land Development Code, as amended, hereinafter referred to as the Land Development Code, objections, recommendations and comments concerning the amendment, as described below, will be heard by the Planning and Zoning Board of City of Starke, Florida, serving also as the Local Planning Agency of City of Starke, Florida, at a public hearing to be held on March 6, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard in the City Commission Meeting Room, City Hall located at 209 North Thompson Street, Starke, Florida.

Z 22-03, an application by Linda S. Bryant and Roy E. Bryant, to amend the Zoning Map of the Land Development Code 1 by changing the zoning district from SINGLE FAMILY, MEDIUM DENSITY (R-1C) TO RESIDENTIAL PROFESSIONAL DISTRICT (RP) on the property described, as follows:

A parcel of land lying in Section 28, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida. Being more particularly described, as follows: Lots 2, 3, 4, 5 and the East 1/2 of Lot 6, Block 36 of Peek's Addition to the Town of Starke, as recorded in the Public Records of Bradford County, Florida.

Containing 0.50 acre, more or less. The public hearing may be continued to one or more future dates. Any interested party shall be advised that the date, time and place of any continuation of the public hearing shall be announced during the public hearing and that no further notice concerning the matter will be published, unless said continuation exceeds six calendar weeks from the date of the above referenced public hearing.

At the aforementioned public hearing, all interested parties may appear to be heard with respect to the amendment.

Copies of the amendment are available for public inspection at the City Zoning Department, located at 209 North Thompson Street, Starke, Florida, during regular business hours. All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decisions made at the above referenced public hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings, and that for such purpose they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings

is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact the Office of the City Clerk at 904.964.5027 or via the Florida Relay Service 800.955.8770 (voice) or 800.955.8771 (TTY) at least 48 hours prior to the date of the public hearing. 2/23 1tchg-BCT

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING A MORATORIUM ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWERS AND ANTENNAS SPECIAL PERMITS

BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OF THE CITY OF STARKE, FLORIDA, AND THE LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY OF THE CITY OF STARKE, FLORIDA, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, an ordinance declaring a moratorium on the acceptance of applications for telecommunications towers and antennas special permit approval and issuance of telecommunications towers and antennas special permits, as described below, will be heard by the Planning and Zoning Board of City of Starke, Florida, serving also as the Local Planning Agency of City of Starke, Florida, at a public hearing to be held on March 6, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard in the City Commission Meeting Room, City Hall located at 209 North Thompson Street, Starke, Florida.

Ordinance 2023-02, concerning Moratorium No. 23-01, is an ordinance by the City Commission, declaring a moratorium on the acceptance of applications and processing of applications for telecommunications towers and antennas special permit approval and issuance of telecommunications towers and antennas special permits for a period of 180 days.

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

At the aforementioned public hearing, all interested parties may appear to be heard with respect to the moratorium ordinance.

Copies of the moratorium ordinance are available for public inspection at the City Building and Zoning Department, located at 209 North Thompson Street, Starke, Florida, during regular business hours. All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decision made at the above referenced public hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, they may need to

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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 March 7, 2023 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. 2/23 1tchg-BCT

## UNION

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

CASE NO.: 63-2022-CP-0041 IN RE: ESTATE OF FAYE MARIE VINCI,

Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS The administration of the Estate of FAYE MARIE VINCI, deceased, is pending in the Circuit Court for the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Union County, Florida, the address of which is 55 West Main Street, Lake Butler, FL 32054. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the Decedent and other persons having claims or demands against Decedent's estate, including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, on whom a copy of this Notice is served must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the Decedent and other persons having claims or demands against Decedent's estate, including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this Notice is February 23, 2023.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: ELIZABETH HODGES 8546 SW SR 121 Lake Butler, FL 32054 ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Russell A. Wade III Florida Bar No. 251460 wadelaw@gmail.com P.O. Box 172 Lake Butler, FL 32054 Telephone: 386.496.9656 2/23 2tchg 3/2-UCT

### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Town of Worthington Springs, Florida The Town of Worthington will hold a public hearing to discuss a proposed amendment to its Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) of \$600,000 in the Neighborhood Revitalization category (Grant Number 22DB-OP-03-73-02-N02). A reduction in the grant project activities and accomplishments will be discussed and the meeting. The public hearing will provide citizens an opportunity to comment on the grant project. The public hearing will be held at Worthington Springs Town Hall, 11933 SW 36th Drive, Worthington Springs, Florida 32697-0150 on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard. The public hearing will be held in a handicapped accessible location. Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in the hearing is asked to advise the Town at least five days before the hearing by contacting Pat Harrell, Town Clerk at (386) 496-1006. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Town using the Florida Relay Service, (1(800) 955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800) 955-8770 (Voice). Any non-English speaking person wishing to attend the public hearing should contact Pat Harrell, Town Clerk at (386) 496-1006 at least five days prior to the hearing and an interpreter will be provided. 2/23 1tchg-UCT

### 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 GRANTEEES, 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 administration and a petition for

authorization to sell real property, have 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 Arrubla, the personal representative's attorney, whose address is 420 S. Lawrence Boulevard, Keystone Heights, Florida 32656, within 3 months 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 either or both of the above-identified petitions. Dated on February 15, 2023 KELLIE HENDRICKS RHOADES Clerk of the Court by K. Riggs As Deputy Clerk 2/23 4tchg 3/16-UCT

### COMMISSION MEETING

The Union County Board of County Commissioners will have a Special Meeting on March 1, 2023 at 5:00 P.M. in the meeting room of the Union County Courthouse. 2/23 1tchg-UCT

### PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INFORMATION

Pursuant to Section 324 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act, the following information is available to the public upon request during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday, at the North Central Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee, located at 2009 NW 67th Place, Gainesville, FL 32653-1603. • Hazardous Chemical Inventory (Tier Two) Forms • Shelter In Place Training Assistance • Safety Data Sheets • Emergency Release Follow-up Reports • Hazards Analyses for Section 302 Facilities • Local Emergency Planning Committee Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan • How-to-Comply Information for Hazardous Materials Users • Free Hazardous Materials Response Training for First Responders The North Central Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee serves Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor, and Union Counties. To obtain information on the above items, please contact Lauren Yeatter at 352.955.2200, ext. 113, email yeatter@ncfepc.org or visit www.ncfepc.org. 2/23 1tchg-UCT

State of Florida, pursuant to Section 287.055, Florida Statutes, known as the Consultant Competitive Negotiation Act (CCNA), to provide Construction Engineering Inspection (CEI) Services for Union County. Union County is seeking the services of a professional engineering firm to provide CEI services for the CR 229N Project. The project consists of widening, milling, resurfacing, and drainage improvements of an existing roadway and minor bridge repairs to bridge no. 394004. The total project length is approximately 7 miles from Norman Lane to Baker County line. Funding is being provided by Union County and the State of Florida Department of Transportation. Services under this contract may include any or all of the items listed under the "Consultant Scope of Services for Construction Engineering Inspection (CEI) Services" of the found in the RFQ. Please contact the Union County Board Office 386-496-4241 for any additional information needed. The full RFQ can be found the link for public notices at www.unioncounty-fl.gov

An original and seven (7) copies of the complete proposal plus one (1) electronic copy of the complete proposal shall be sealed and clearly marked on the outside. "Request for Qualifications - CR 229N Construction Engineering Inspection Services". Deadline is March 27, 2023 Noon (12:00 p.m.). 2/23 1tchg-UCT

### LAKE REGION

Notice of Public Auction Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Florida Self Storage Facility Act Statutes (Section 83.801, 83.809), Lake Area Storage, LLC, will sell the following items to the highest and best bidder on Monday, March 6, 2023 at 9:00 A.M. (EST) at 7101 SR 21, Keystone Heights, Florida 32656: Units# 251, containing misc. household items. 2/23 2tchg 3/2-LRM

### Public Notice

City of Keystone Heights The City of Keystone Heights is now seeking applications for Keystone Airport Authority Seat #3. This seat will run for the duration of its term until May 2024. The KHAH meets the first Tuesday of every month at 6:00pm at the Keystone Airport. Members interested in serving on this board must reside within 10 miles of the city limits of Keystone Heights. Closing date for applications will be March 2nd, 2023 at 4:00pm or until filled. For more information, please contact Keystone Heights Airport Authority (352)473-0031 or Keystone Heights City Hall (352)473-4807. For more information regarding these seats, please see Section 38 of the City's Code of Ordinances. 2/23 1tchg-BCT

### STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

The Union County Board of County Commissioners is soliciting Statements of Qualifications from professional firms, registered in the

## Neal strikes out 10 as UCHS beats Bell 6-2

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Union County High School got two triples from Leah Clark and 10 strikeouts from pitcher Lily Neal as the Tigers opened softball's regular season with a 6-2 win over visiting Bell on Feb. 21.

The Tigers plated three runs in the first two innings, courtesy of a two-run single by Hailey Rivera and an RBI triple by Clark.

Tamia Young drove three runs home off a hit in the sixth, putting Union up 6-2.

Clark went 3 for 3 with two triples and one RBI, while Young went 2 for 4 with three RBI. Rivera finished with the two RBI, while Angela Tucker hit a double.

Neal gave up just five hits. Union hosts Baker County on Thursday, Feb. 23, at 6:30 p.m. before traveling to play Branford on Friday, Feb. 24, at 7 p.m. The Tigers then travel to play Trenton on Monday, Feb. 27, at 7 p.m.

## UCHS baseball team rallies late, but loses 3-2 to Wildcats

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Union County High School's baseball team had a seventh-inning rally come up just short in a 3-2 loss to visiting Baker County in the teams' regular-season opener on Feb. 21.

The Wildcats took the early lead with a two-run homer in the first. In the third inning, they pushed another run across on a walk and an RBI triple with two outs.

Union opened the bottom of the seventh with consecutive singles by Preston Bonsall and Ethan Moody. Bonsall scored on

a fielder's choice when Devin Diggs hit a one-out ground ball, with Moody getting put out at second. Diggs scored on a steal of home after a Jeremy Miller single. Ayden Elixson then drew a walk before a strikeout ended the game.

Moody started on the mound, going five innings and giving up the three runs on five hits and one walk. He had three strikeouts.

Elixson threw the final two innings, striking out three and giving up one hit and one walk.

The Tigers host Gainesville on Thursday, Feb. 23, at 7 p.m. and will travel to Lakeland, Georgia, to play Lanier County on Friday, Feb. 24, at 6 p.m.

## BHS softball team drops season opener to Columbia

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Host Columbia scored all the runs it needed in the first inning in handing the Bradford High School softball team a 9-3 loss in the teams' regular-season opener on Feb. 20.

The Tigers had three straight hits to start the bottom of the first, including a two-run double. With two outs, they took advantage of a walk, an error, a passed ball and a single to score three more runs and go up 5-0.

It was 8-0 before Bradford got on the board, with Masey Padgett hitting a two-run double in the fifth.

Padgett finished 3 for 4 with two RBI, while Addyson Hinds went 2 for 3. Keegan Yowell had an RBI, while Kallie Yowell hit a triple.

The Tornadoes were coming off a 2-0 performance in a preseason tournament hosted by Jacksonville's Jackson.

Bradford opened preseason play with a 16-1 win over Bishop Snyder on Feb. 14. The Tornadoes scored two runs in each of the first two innings before scoring 12 in the third to enforce the mercy rule.

Kassady Arnette and Blakeleigh Smith each hit a two-

run single in the third inning, while Hinds, who went 2 for 2, hit a two-run single in the second.

Padgett drove in two runs, while the following each drove in one: Tinsley Higginbotham, Madison Highland, Kolee Lemire, Amber Wynn, Kallie Yowell and Keegan Yowell.

Keegan Yowell pitched all three innings, giving up three hits and one walk, while striking out four.

On Feb. 16, Kallie Yowell drove in what would prove to be the winning run in a 7-6 win over Bolles.

The Tornadoes took a 6-2 lead in the third inning, thanks to a two-run homer by Hinds and a two-run double by Keegan Yowell.

Lemire drew a walk to lead off the top of the fourth and eventually scored on a Kallie Yowell single.

Bolles was able to push four runs across in the fifth, but Kallie Yowell entered the game as pitcher to start the bottom of the sixth. She held the Bulldogs to one hit and struck out three of the seven batters she faced.

Keegan Yowell pitched the first five innings.

Hinds finished the game 2 for 2 with three RBI. Keegan Yowell and Kallie Yowell had two and one RBI, respectively, while Kirsten Hodges hit a double.

The Tornadoes were scheduled to play at Gainesville on Wednesday, Feb. 22, and will travel to play Suwannee on Friday, Feb. 24, at 7 p.m. Bradford plays its first home game on Tuesday, Feb. 28, hosting Buchholz at 7 p.m.

## KHHS softball team falls to Clay in low-scoring affair

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Abbie Roach hit a double and a triple to highlight the Keystone Heights High School softball team's first game of the regular season, but the Indians came up short against visiting Clay, losing 3-1 on Feb. 21.

Roach led off the game with a triple and scored on a Kiley Channell single.

Clay tied it in the third and took the lead in the fourth, scoring a run on a walk and an RBI double.

Roach finished 2 for 4, while the rest of the team combined for four hits.

Caitlin Frampton, despite the loss, gave up just two runs in four innings off three hits. She had three strikeouts.

Kadence Massey-Hoadley pitched the final two innings, giving up a run off two hits. She had four strikeouts.

The Indians return to action Friday, Feb. 24, when they host Baker County at 7 p.m. Keystone then hosts Ridgeview on Monday, Feb. 27, at 6 p.m. before traveling to play Toccoi Creek on Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 7 p.m.

## KHHS opens baseball season with 6-3 loss

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Visiting Clay scored four runs in the first inning as the Keystone Heights High School baseball team opened the regular season with a 6-3 loss on Feb. 21.

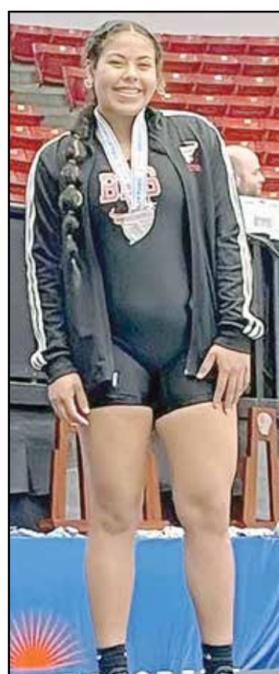
The Blue Devils took advantage of a single, two errors, a walk, a hit batter and a wild pitch in scoring all the runs they'd need in the first inning.

Noah Branch drove in two runs for Keystone on a single in the fifth inning, while Chase Packham went 2 for 3. The rest of the team combined for four hits.

Gage Smith pitched four innings of relief, giving up one run on two hits and one walk. He had four strikeouts.

Jesse Stanley struck out two and gave up one run on three hits and one walk in two innings of relief.

The Indians travel to play Bradford on Thursday, Feb. 23, at 7 p.m. They then travel to play Middleburg on Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 6:30 p.m.



Takeirra Bakken is pictured on the medal platform — a place she's now stood for three years straight after a second-place finish in 2021 and a third-place finish in 2022.

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improvement from the Region 2 meet.

Bakken had a 190 on her only successful bench-press attempt. She would've had to do 225 in order to win the championship, with Atwood successful on attempts of 185, 195 and 210.



Allie McFarland competes in the clean and jerk in the 169 class.

## UCHS

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fifth at the district finals last year.

Also wrestling for Union were Ashton Newsom (160) and Landon Biddix (285), who both

placed fifth. Fifth-place finishers could possibly compete at the region level if byes need to be filled.

After a loss to Interlachen's Lial Landry, Newsom defeated Palatka's Logen Cumbo. Newsom then lost to Beaches'

Makai Mitchell before bouncing back to defeat Baldwin's Dominic Canchola.

Biddix had losses to Palatka's Ben Clark and Florida School for the Deaf and Blind's Antawn Wanliss, but since the class consisted of just five wrestlers,

he was awarded fifth place.

The team would like to give thanks to its sponsors: Andrews Site Prep, Liberty Trucking, Shadd Trucking and Pritchett Trucking.

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## SPELL

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Holland, McClenaghan, Patterson and Sullivan all advanced past the first round with Salazar and Cooper. The third round consisted of Cooper, Hart, Hendricks, Patterson, Salazar and Sullivan, while advancing to the fourth round were Cooper, Hart, Hendricks, Patterson and Salazar.

Cooper successfully spelled "reactionary," while Salazar spelled "incentive" to survive and advance to the fifth round.

Once the event got down to two participants, if one misspelled a word, the other participant would have to spell two words successfully to win. Otherwise, the two would advance to another round.

Of course, if both spelled



Trevor Holland

their given words correctly, they advanced to another round. That happened in six of the remaining 15 rounds, with Cooper spelling "moxie," "forfend," "ferret," "venue" and "summary" and Salazar spelling "pedigree," "angora," "hostile," "futility," "attende" and "centipede."



Danielle McClenaghan

In the final round, Salazar successfully spelled "affluent" and then "stamina" to earn the championship trophy.

BCEF provided all 11 participants with goody bags, which included gift cards donated by McDonald's. (McDonald's also donated teacher bags.) The all-volunteer organization also pays the registration costs for the county's schools to participate



Anniston Morrell

in all of the spelling bees and provides the judges for the district and school-level events.

The judges at the district spelling bee were Canova, Vorease Jones and Lila Sellars.

Troy Appling served as the event's pronouncer.

School coordinators, who helped prepare students for the spelling bee, were Tammy Adams (Southside), Lauren Barbaro



Sebastian Patterson

(Bradford Middle), Melissa Hines (Starke) and Debbie Parmenter (Lawtey).

The results of the school-level spelling bees were as follows:

—Lawtey Elementary: Anniston Morrell (winner), Dawson Sullivan (runner-up), Kinsley Hendricks (third place), James Gallion (alternate).

—Southside Elementary: Danielle McClenaghan (winner),



Dawson Sullivan

Brayden Hart (runner-up), Trevor Holland (third place), Sebastian Patterson (alternate).

—Starke Elementary: Amelia Cooper (winner), Robert Dalager (runner-up), Virginia Hancock (third place), Callan Phillips (alternate).

—Bradford Middle: Jade Brown (winner), Bradylyn Johnson (runner-up), Nicholas Salazar (third place).

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### 1252 SE 94th St. Starke, FL

One owner, custom built, well loved farmhouse on 35 acres with so many amenities! Attached carport, detached 24x40 garage/workshop, pool, barn, pond, planted pines, etc. Property is completely fenced and has hayride trails, barn (30x60) has loft storage, concrete apron, chicken coop, tack room and breezeway. Detached shed has electric and houses water softener. Hardi plank siding and metal roof on home and carport. Windows, kitchen (soft close) cabinets and appliances have been updated. Open floor plan and kitchen has eat at counter. Split BR plan with all BRs having large closets. This home and land has so much to offer! Swim in the pool or pond in Summer and enjoy bon fires and hayrides in the Fall! Don't miss this turn key home and land!

**\$849,900**



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### 4343 Seminole St. Starke, FL

3 BR | 3.5 BA | 4,976 sq. ft. Custom built, two owner home was originally built by a restaurant owner and is ready for ultimate entertaining on coveted Kingsley Lake! Over 7000 SF under roof with lake views, large windows and French doors from all bedrooms, living & dining rooms provide for gorgeous sun rises. Commercial grade gas oven, griddle & burners. Granite countertops, gas cook top @ food prep and cooking island (sink) in kitchen and a large bar with wet sink in the living room. Owner's suite upstairs is spacious and has deluxe bath with built ins and washer/dryer connections. Main laundry room is down stairs and houses a washer/dryer and utility sink. Central vacuum system, 2 gas water heaters, living spaces on all three levels. Ground level ceramic tile patio and second level deck for relaxing and entertaining. Recently updated light fixtures, ceiling fans, toilets, hard wired smoke detectors, LED lighting, tankless water heater, exterior paint/stain and garbage disposal. Updated dock has new jet ski lifts, led lights, steps and ropes.

**\$4,750,000**



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### 6678 Woodland Dr, Keystone Heights, FL 32656

3 bed | 2 bath | 1,800 sq. ft. | 0.82 acre lot  
Welcome home to Lake Brooklyn! Beautiful custom built home nestled on a fenced .8 acre with car/boat port and shed. Driveway gate and fence as well as a lake side fenced yard. Open kitchen, dining and living rooms. Eat at kitchen island, pantry closet, wood and ceramic tile floors, desk area, large laundry room and much more!

**\$364,900**



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### 2397 SE 30th St. Melrose, FL 32666

4 bed | 4 bath | 3,090 square feet | 0.86 acre lot  
Live the Lake Life! Incredible 4 bedroom, 4 bathroom, 3,090 sqft home located on a private gated property on magnificent Lake Santa Fe. Enjoy stunning panoramic waterfront views from this 125-foot-wide lot! The custom kitchen features premium cabinets, granite countertops and stainless-steel appliances including a gas range and double oven. Relax by the fireplace in the living room with built in entertainment center and hardwood floors. The master suite boasts a large walk-in closet and gorgeous waterfront views from your window. Outdoor entertaining is easy with a premium outdoor kitchen, bulkhead and sandy beach with crystal clear water perfect for swimming. And for the boating enthusiast, there's a 100+ foot dock with 10,000lb boat lift. Don't forget to check out the attached 1-bedroom guest apartment with full kitchen and bathroom and detached garage/fitness room. Contact us today to book a viewing!

**\$990,000**