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FDLE seizes documents during Starke City Hall search

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The Florida Department of Law Enforcement surprised city officials — and all of city hall — by ordering the building closed while executing a search warrant on Tuesday morning.

Everyone but City Clerk Jimmy Crosby and his deputy clerk was asked to leave and not return until 1 p.m.

FDLE reportedly asked for City Manager Drew Mullins along with the clerk to stay, according to Police Chief Jeff Johnson, but Mullins was away at a conference until Thursday.

Johnson's arrival to turn over badges, keys and other items at the same time FDLE entered was coincidental. He said he spoke with someone with FDLE who confirmed that their search did not involve the police department.

FDLE has also been involved with the examination and transfer of evidence from the police department to the sheriff's office following the city commission's



decision to contract law enforcement services to Sheriff Gordon Smith.

Smith, who was only notified minutes before the warrant was served at city hall, said the FDLE investigators who showed up today were from a separate division in Tallahassee — the public integrity unit.

Following the search, Smith was provided a receipt for six documents FDLE took from city hall. He said they are supposedly related to the 2021 city election. Chief Johnson's was the only race to make to the ballot. He won facing challenger Bill Murray.

That was also the year Crosby and Scott Roberts, now serving as mayor, took office without opposition. Commissioner Janice Mortimer also ran unopposed and retained her seat.

The city manager later provided a formal statement, which read, "Today FDLE conducted a search for certain documents at city hall. At this time no accusations of criminal wrongdoing have been made, and we have no further information. We will continue to work with FDLE to provide any additional information or assistance they may need."

Mayor: No jail planned in Keystone Heights

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Keystone Heights Mayor Nina Rodenroth pushed back against what she said was misinformation about two of the city's proposed projects, including one claim that the municipality's new city hall would include a jail and that the building would be enclosed in barbed-wire fence.

The mayor spoke at the Women's Club during the January Sheriff's Net meeting.

Rodenroth introduced the municipality's new clerk, Stephanie Silva, and passed out a flier highlighting city government leaders. She then cautioned the audience about what they read on social media about the city's plans.

"Please, (when) you see social media, you have to take it for what it is," she said. "It can be so valuable. It can also be extremely destructive."

Rodenroth said Keystone's Smart Cities initiative is a proposed plan to catalog every streetlight, bench, garbage can, sidewalk, street, and other assets throughout the municipality.

She said that contrary to what she has read on social media, the project is not intended to conduct surveillance on Keystone Heights residents, nor does it involve the installation of license plate readers within the city.

"Right now, our guys have to go out and try to find (a broken streetlight) bulb," she said. "If they hear about it, they go out, but we're not sure where it's at. So, think about how much time that takes during the daytime, mind you. Whereas (Smart Cities), if it has a tag on a light fixture, it sends a message to the satellite. The satellite grabs the data and sends it to a person that's managing for us to give us a report."

"That's basically what it is," Rodenroth continued. "It's not tagging people. It's not tagging your cars.

We're not following you down your driveway — all of the crazy things I've seen (on social media)."

The mayor added that the project is still under consideration by the council, and it has not yet been approved by the five-member panel.

Rodenroth also updated the group on a potential new city hall, introducing the topic by stating that Congressman Aaron Bean offered to assist with funding and asked the city to provide him with a concept of what the new structure might look like.

"He said: Show me an architectural plan, an idea, so I know how much money to go chase," Rodenroth recalled. "So, we submitted an RFQ for the state that was due at the end of September to give us somebody who would bid on that. Nobody responded. And that's where we are."

The mayor said she was dismayed about what she had read about a potential city hall on social media.

"I'm reading that we're getting

ready to sign a (contract) for a hundred million dollars, and it's going to have a jail in it," she said, "and that it's going to have barbed wire around it. I'm like, where did this come from? Holy cow. I mean, my God. We would not do anything unless the residents signed off on it and embraced it. We're not going to make a decision like that. So, I hope that makes you a little calm and at ease."

Rodenroth said the city is also considering renovating the current structure, which she said is in disrepair. "There are some things that are bad, like leakage," she said of the current city hall built in 1968. "We've got problems with lighting; it doesn't maintain temperature very well; it's a horrible meeting space, in my opinion."

Readers may view live and archived videos of city council meetings on the city's YouTube page.



Three crowned in annual Strawberry Pageant

Kadence Adams (center) was crowned 2024 Strawberry Queen Feb. 24, with Avery Works (left) taking the title of 2024 Strawberry Shortcake and Aubrey Dees (right) the title of 2024 Strawberry Princess. Adams also won Best Talent and Evening Gown, and Works had the Best Interview. Other award winners included Savannah Hale (first queen runner-up) for Best Casual Wear and Miss Congeniality, Karly Raulerson for Best On-stage Question, Kaylee Hamrick for Most Photogenic and Reagan Godwin for Peoples Choice. Caitlin Frampton (second queen runner-up) won the Marketing Award and the gift basket winner was Emmy Jenkins. Other contestants included Emmy Vaughn, Lilian Morrison, Layla Alexander and Mikah McCoy.

Starke to consider smaller customized developments

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Starke will consider allowing smaller, 5-acre planned unit developments inside the city limits.

City Manager Drew Mullins said the current land development code requires the developments, or PUDs, be a minimum of 10 acres in size. Lowering that standard has its advantages, he said.

Sandra Joseph, a planner with the North Florida Regional Planning Council, talked to the commission about PUDs and the possibility of updating the city's PUD requirements, with attorney Scott Walker helping to answer questions.

Joseph said there has been recent and past interest in doing a "tiny unit development" in the city. They fell short of the minimum 10-acre requirement, and so Starke has never approved one.

"I'm not saying for sure that one is going to be submitted, but if one were to be submitted, it'll be the first time that you'll be seeing a planned unit development," Joseph said.

A planned unit development is a separate zoning district with its own development plan determining the restrictions and regulations of the proposed development. According to Joseph, PUDs encourage creativity and innovation in planning, such as flexibility in building design and placement. They blend a variety of land uses, property densities and dwelling types, resulting in "a

more desirable environment" than would be possible through the strict application of the existing land development regulations.

Among the advantages Joseph listed, PUDs:

—provide for efficient use of land and the location and use of utility and transportation infrastructure.

—allow smaller networks of streets and utilities result in lower development and housing costs.

—incorporate undeveloped, functional open spaces that preserve natural resources and scenic vistas.

A proposed development plan for a PUD includes details like subdivision plats and covenants, required easements, building sizes and locations, development density, plans for open spaces and use of public facilities. The application would contain, among other things, a vicinity map, topographic survey and site analysis containing flood prone areas, soil and vegetation types, and stormwater drainage patterns.

The preliminary plan would also include details about land uses, lot sizes, building setbacks and maximum heights, function of open spaces, arterial and collector streets, screening and buffering, signage requirements, and setbacks from environmentally sensitive areas like wetlands or water bodies.

Proposed uses within the development must be compatible with the existing and planned land

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Lifeline food giveaway

Lifeline Ministries and Gleaners Dispatch will hold a food giveaway on Saturday, March 2, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 325 N. Christian St. in Starke.

Soil and water conservation board meets

The Bradford Soil and Water Conservation District will meet at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 5, at the Bradford County Extension Office. There will be a discussion of the Chemours Pollution Notices for the Trail Ridge South Mine in 2023 and 2024.

These meetings are open to the public. Contact Paul Still at 904-368-0291 or stillpe@aol.com for more information.

Prayer Walk planned

A 3K Prayer Walk is planned in Starke for Saturday, March 9, beginning at 8 a.m. Church groups, prayer leaders, intercessors and anyone interested in praying for the community can meet at Greater Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church, 746 N. Pine St. The walk will begin and end here.

Homecoming at Johnstown Baptist

Johnstown Baptist Church annual homecoming celebration is Sunday, March 10. The church is celebrating 76 years. Morning service will start at 11 a.m. Lunch will be served following the morning service.

Everyone is welcome for a day of preaching, singing and fellowship. There will be an evening service around 2 p.m.

Harvesters Quartet gospel sing

Lifeline Ministries is hosting the Harvesters Quartet of Sanford, North Carolina, on Saturday, March 16, at 6:30 p.m. All are invited. There is no cost to attend. An offering will be received for the group.

New Covenant Baptist anniversary

New Covenant Baptist Ministries, 863 E. Brownlee St., Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., in Starke, will be celebrating its 22nd church anniversary on Sunday, March 24, at 11 a.m. Bishop W.R. Adkins, founder of Global Network Media Ministries Inc., will be the speaker. The public is invited. Dinner will be served.



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uses around the development. A landscape buffer is required around the perimeter of the PUD.

Once staff has determined the application is complete, the application follows the same process as any other zoning application. The plan is presented to the Starke Zoning Board, which then makes a recommendation

to the commission. The commission approves the request, denies it or approves it with conditions.

This is just a preliminary approval. The applicant would then have 12 months to present a final development

plan, with the possibility of an extension if appropriate notice is given. If the final plan is not submitted in time, the prior zoning categories are reinstated.

“It’s a very common and very much used tool in a lot of cities and reducing it for a small development — to a five-acre parcel or something of that nature — allows even more flexibility. So, it’s a highly beneficial tool in the toolbox of planning,” Walker said.

Commissioner Danny Nugent said allowing smaller planned unit developments in residential areas could cause even more traffic congestion. Joseph said it’s up to local governments to decide which developments to allow, from the smaller infill

developments the proposed change would allow to much larger developments. One difference, for example, would be in the cost of extending utilities throughout a smaller development compared to extending them to a larger more conventional development.

Another advantage is the preservation of usable open space as an amenity, which isn’t typically considered as part of a traditional subdivision plat.

“What I like in this, and what I see, is that it’s planned, it’s scaled, it’s managed, and you actually have something that you can hold the developers to,” Commissioner Andy Redding said. “It can be done in phases. It’s not overly labor intensive for the planners and everybody. Once we get the

wheels set in motion, you set those standards, you have the rules to play by, and we manage it.”

Mayor Scott Roberts acknowledged Nugent’s concern, but said it was true of any development. He agreed with Redding that a PUD is good way to manage development. As for the current 10-acre requirement, he said that was not magic number. They could change the standard, understanding that each application would come to the commission for approval.

The consensus of the commission was to bring a text amendment of the land development regulations back to the board for consideration. Nothing will be finalized until an ordinance is brought back before the board for the required public hearings.



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The Arc of Bradford settles into the new Hampton campus

BY CAROL MOSLEY
Special to the Telegraph

In November 2023, the Arc of Bradford County moved into what was previously Hampton Elementary School. Since then, CEO John Williams has been busy getting the structure set up and programs in place for the Arc's "consumers of services."

They will still maintain the Starke location, with the woodworking program and administration operating from there. It is the adult day training facilities that will now be offered at the newly leased facility in Hampton.

The classroom building is laid out the same as the Brooker school, with classrooms around the edge and the octagonal library in the middle. There are a few books on the shelves, but they are mostly empty, awaiting materials and donations to fill them.

The buildings that sat empty for so long have been a target for petty vandalism and Williams is working on methods to alleviate that behavior. They are looking into security alarms and cameras as one possible option. It's all a part of the process as the building comes back to life with the new activities ahead.

The Arc depends on community support to supplement its government funding through the Agency for People with Disabilities Act. In fact, they've collaborated with the school board, nonprofit organizations and local businesses. The relationship with the school board is win-win, in that the Arc needed to expand its spaces and the school board is delighted to have an empty school building being utilized and rented.

The Arc has a long list of corporate and small business partners posted on their website. Some offer financial support



The Arc of Bradford CEO John Williams at the adult daycare facility, formerly Hampton Elementary.

through monetary donations while many local businesses purchase the products produced through the woodshop or even provide employment. The Arc made a presence at the grand opening of the new TJ Maxx that provided a grant of \$10,000. And a grant from Comcast will be used to set up the computer lab at the day training facility.

The woodshop participants produce items for sale such as stakes and pallets, but also make picnic tables. The sale of these handmade products contributes to financial independence and brings a sense of pride for the crafters. The tables are designed with access in mind and have an extension to the tabletop that allows for diners on wheels to roll on up.

Sunshine Industries is the woodshop part of the "business arm" of the operation. The Arc is struggling to make up a deficit now and hoping for new business ideas to help support the agency.

As CEO, Williams is conjuring up creative ideas. Williams hopes the locale can be a place where



The Arc consumers, including Michael "Robbie" Pickering, helped with food distribution at the Hampton Mobile Food Pantry. Photo by Karen Louque.

resources can be brought in, such as health care and the food bank, not only for the Arc, but for the Hampton community as well.

The Arc and the consumers of their services not only strive for the maximum personal independence achievable, but they are also proud to be contributing members of the community. On Feb. 3, the Arc joined forces with the local food bank to offer a Mobile Food Pantry in Hampton.

"About a dozen [Arc] staff and consumers volunteered their time to help distribute food," Williams said. He wants the Arc's consumers to be seen as an asset to and integral part of the community.

The adult day training facility offers a variety of life skill and development services rather than any sort of traditional educational programs. The adult day training is geared to the individual's needs and abilities. There is no requirement to attend, and consumers can take advantage of the program offerings as they wish. Some consumers are involved with the work program, such as the workshop or even cleaning jobs at Camp Blanding. All consumers in the work program are paid a salary for their labor. The Arc provides transportation, since that is often a major obstacle for those wanting to participate. But that service comes with lots of expense and its own challenges to overcome.

The Arc's consumers typically engage after they graduate from high school, which is at the age of 22 as a special support for those who need it. There is no upper

age limit, and they currently have a participant in their 70s. The Arc provides residence services for 20 people, so they want to be there as long as they are capable of providing the needs right up until the end. The needs vary for each individual's capabilities and the services are geared to provide for whatever is needed.

"Think of everything that you do in your life and think of how you are able to do those things independently. A lot of people we serve are not able to do some of those things independently. So, we're here to help them overcome those obstacles," Williams noted.

Williams is excited about the possibilities that the expansion to Hampton will offer. The individual classrooms of the main school building can be designed for specific purposes. There are plans for a music room, an art studio, computer lab, even a "sensory room." Moving around to the activities in different rooms encourages mobility and variation throughout the day.

Williams says they hope to get the sensory room set up so that others in the community besides their consumers can take advantage of "multisensory therapy" if they need it.

"The statistics are that one in four people have a mental health concern. When you are talking about people with emotional and developmental disabilities, that number jumps to six times

that. So, 60 to 70 percent have a co-mental health issue. And we want to be able to deal with all of that," he said.

What multisensory therapy entails is everything from sand and play therapy and even mats that you step on to feel different textures. There are variations in light levels that have an effect.

"For the people we serve, a lot of times they either need stimulation of their sensories or calming of their sensories," Williams explained. "For a lot of the people we serve, sometimes they know better than we know what they need. So, if they know they can self-regulate and have these options available, they can utilize them whenever they feel the need."

Williams said they have a lot of consumers who participate in the Special Olympics, and

he pointed out the bocce ball course outside. Donations of sports equipment and help with setting up a sports area are ways volunteers can contribute.

The community can help in many ways both big and small. A huge impact comes from hiring Arc consumers for jobs they are skilled at or purchasing products from the workshop. But the Arc welcomes donations of needed items in good condition, and you can make an impact by donating things like furniture, books, musical instruments and art supplies. The Arc welcomes volunteers to come and present a program or give their time in other ways.

If you have something to offer, call John Williams at 904-964-7699.



A picnic table designed with access in mind at the Sunshine Industries workshop.



Patricia Milner is one of the Arc's long-time consumers who joined in the 1970s.

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Lake Region

Sheriff unveils Clay Watch

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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Clay County Sheriff Michelle Cook announced a special needs registry for family members that can supply critical information to the sheriff's office about loved ones prone to wander.

Clay Watch is a voluntary registry that allows residents to supply the office with identifying information, a photo, and information about disabilities, special needs, or medical needs of a person who may go missing in the future.

"This initiative is

particularly beneficial for individuals with conditions such as Alzheimer's disease, dementia, autism, traumatic brain injury, or any other special needs, physical or disabilities," the office said in an announcement.

The sheriff's office added that information about individuals will be kept securely at its office and accessed only when necessary to find a missing or wandering person.

"When you register," the agency said, "the sheriff's office will provide you with a vinyl decal to place on or

near your front door. This information is crucial during emergencies, as it enables our deputies to respond quickly and effectively, ensuring the safety of community members. It equips deputies with important information about potential challenges faced by individuals, aiding in their identification and reuniting them with their loved ones, especially in critical situations."

Readers may learn more about Clay Watch or register their loved ones at ClaySheriff.com/ClayWatch.



The Keystone Heights Rotary Club celebrates its \$9,900 donation to purchase equipment for the high school's concession stand. (L-r) Cheryl Owen, Scott Kornegay, Richard Segall, Keystone Heights Junior-Senior High School Assistant Principal Spencer Johnson, Dierdre Murphy, Athletic Director Chuck Dickinson, Dan Hildebran, Ginger Lee, Todd Beals and President Heather Davis. Also pictured is a food warmer and double warmer.

Rotary upgrades concession stand

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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The Keystone Heights Rotary Club celebrated its \$9,900 contribution to the Keystone Heights High School football field concession stand on Wednesday, Feb. 21.

The school's athletic director, Chuck Dickinson, a club member, said he purchased a new food warmer, a double warmer, two 40-pound propane fryers, a stainless-steel refrigerator, and a griddle for the block building near the home stands.

Club member Richard

Segall said two-thirds of the donation came from a Rotary Foundation grant for which the local club applied. The remaining \$3,300 was raised by the club through a raffle.

Club President Heather Davis said members became aware of the need for the new equipment after volunteering to work in the concession stand during football games.

"Whenever we volunteered here, I was shocked at the amount of money the concession stand generates," she said, "but there were times we could not keep up with

demand because of equipment limitations. We are extremely proud to participate in this exciting grant to provide this desperately needed equipment."

Segall added that the donation's impact would reach beyond the school's football team because the concession stand is used for other high school sports and community events.

Readers interested in joining the Keystone Heights Rotary Club may call or text President Heather Davis at 352-235-2349.

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Railroad CEO, candidate speaks at chamber event

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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The leader of a railroad contracting firm and a candidate for the Florida House spoke during the February 22 meeting of the Lake Region Prosperity Partners at the Keystone Beach Pavilion.

Judson Sapp is the CEO of W.J. Sapp & Son Inc. He told the Clay County Chamber of Commerce group he has led the 54-year-old Baldwin-based firm for 10 years.

"I've been involved in the company since before I could walk," he said. "My dad used to take me around in the back of a semi. Sometimes, he would have to drive loads to projects and I guess there were different rules back then- you could have a baby sleeping in the back of the cab."

Sapp introduced his father to the group and said he learned everything about the business from Jud Sapp.

The speaker said his father stays involved with the company, which builds and maintains spur lines on private property.

Sapp said his industry experience has given him an in-depth knowledge of and an appreciation for infrastructure, a trait he thinks will benefit voters as he runs for Florida House District 20. The seat is held by Bobby Payne, who will be termed out in 2024.

"I think a profound lack of understanding of basic construction in politics is why you have these dumb mistakes people make," he said.

Sapp added that building roads without accompanying infrastructure simultaneously costs the state millions of dollars.

The candidate said many Tallahassee lawmakers have a background in law and accounting, and they serve a vital role.

"But we also need to have people that understand the basics of society," he added, "which is infrastructure, transportation, power, energy, water, things that really keep us going that unfortunately people forget



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about because it's buried underground."

Sapp said his primary goal in the state capital would be securing funding for local projects.

"Your job in Tallahassee isn't to dictate what goes on in Keystone," he said. "It's for the people of Keystone to elect the people that will decide your future, and it's my job to fund it."

"You've already paid your tax dollars," he added. "Do you want it going to Miami, or do you want it coming back here? I'd rather it come back here."

Sapp said the First Coast Expressway will profoundly change Clay County and even the Lake Region, 25 miles to the southwest.

"It's going to change dramatically, and there will be some good, and there'll be some bad," he said. "We can mitigate the bad by getting the right funding from Tallahassee. These are tax dollars that you are already paying. You just need a fighter up there to bring it back to you."

The Lake Region Prosperity Partners, meet at 5:30 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Keystone Beach Pavilion.



Friends of Keystone Heights, Florida, Inc. member Debbie Beals displays the organization's centennial logo. Also pictured is Harold Gilstrap.

Centennial logo approved

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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The nonprofit overseeing the 2025 100th anniversary of Keystone Heights agreed on a logo for the year-long celebration.

Friends of Keystone Heights, Florida, Inc. met on February 22 to discuss its communications plans, merchandising opportunities, fundraising, budget, and efforts to partner with other Lake Region community groups for the 100th anniversary.

Much of the discussion centered around the group's

growing list of Lake Region community organizations it hopes to partner with during the 2025 observance.

Dierdre Murphy said she recently briefed the Garden Club and Rotary Club about the activities of Friends of Keystone Heights, Florida, Inc. She added that Friends should similarly brief every Lake Region community group about its plans.

Murphy also told the group that Green Cove Springs is celebrating its 150th year, and Penny Farms will be 100 years old in 2027. She added that in response to the multiple

anniversaries, the county's tourism department is holding milestone meetings in which members of each community can exchange ideas.

The centennial logo is centered around the city's official trademark, which features the beach pavilion and a private aircraft symbolizing the Keystone Heights Airport.

Readers interested in joining Friends of Keystone Heights, Florida, Inc. may attend a monthly meeting at 10 a.m. on the fourth Thursday at the Keystone Beach Pavilion.

Lake Region road projects drop in priority

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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In a priority list sent from the Clay County Government to a North Florida transportation planning organization, road projects in the Keystone Heights area have dropped in priority.

A proposal to realign and reconstruct Airport Road and Crystal Lake Camp Road dropped from 12 to 14 from 2023 to 2024.

Improvements to the intersection of Lawrence Blvd. (State Road 21) and Walker Drive (State Road 100) were listed as the ninth priority in 2023 but do not appear in the county's top 15 projects for 2024.

County Commissioner Betsy Condon argued for keeping the Keystone Heights intersection on the list. However, county staff and commissioners said growth in the Asbury Lake

area and recommendations from the Florida Department of Transportation District 2 office moved projects north of State Road 16 and between U.S. 17 and State Road 21 higher onto the priority list and crowded out the Keystone Heights intersection project.

Readers may view live and archived videos of Board of County Commission meetings at claycountygov.com/government/clay-county-tv-and-video-archive.

Woman's Club names Clubbers of the Month

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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The Keystone Heights Woman's Club named Patricia Hatch its January Clubber of the Month and Heather Abrahamsen as its February designee.

The club said in its newsletter that Hatch fills a critical role as the organization's building rental coordinator.

"Our building rental is our biggest asset financially, so her job is crucial to the club's success, and she's killing it!" the group said. "We wouldn't be where we are without her."

The job entails meeting potential renters to tour the building, answering questions via email and phone, maintaining the facility's calendar, and overseeing contracts and payments.

"She is also an active board member, which requires much time and effort," the club added. "We are sure there is much more she does as well,



Patricia Hatch, January Clubber of the Month.



Heather Abrahamsen, February Clubber of the Month.

but we are fortunate to have such a dedicated member."

The club said Abrahamsen contributes to a variety of needs, like assisting with cards, food, decorating, and more.

"Heather stopped everything she was doing

just after having major shoulder surgery to help with the Woman's Club's 100th Anniversary Party," the group said. "We are so thankful to have her as our Vice-President."

KHHS hosts college and career fair

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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Keystone Heights Junior-Senior High School held its college and career fair in the campus gym on Friday, February 2.

Event organizer Carley Feagle said the fair was the fifth or sixth such annual event for the school.

Feagle added that the 36 vendors mainly were employers with apprenticeship opportunities with a few colleges mixed in.

She said that the Navy's Fleet Readiness apprenticeship program hired a student from the fair last year and said Clay Electric Cooperative is a popular potential employer with students.

Senior Elijah Branch said he had been considering getting into aviation mechanics with the Air Force for a few years. He added that one of the Air Force representatives at the fair was in that field and answered many of his questions about the occupation.

"So, they're talking to me about where they're stationed and about what they do and what people can do whenever they get out of the service with that field of knowledge," he said, "and it answered a lot of my questions about the Air Force."

Branch said he also talked to the Clay County Sheriff's Office, Florida's Department of Agriculture, and Thermal King.

Kevin Leary and Vicki Tustin from Clay County Public Schools said they were not only recruiting teachers but other occupations as well.

"We are the largest employer in the county," said Leary. "When you think about what it takes to run a school district, there's a lot that goes into it, everything from food service, maintenance, bus drivers, and more."

Negheen Zaman, a project manager with W.W. Gay, said she was coordinating with Local 234, which had a neighboring table. She added that both organizations were looking for applicants for the plumbers, pipefitters, and HVAC union's apprenticeship program.

Mindie Roberts with Capital City Bank said her company hired an attendee of last year's college and career fair.

"We hired a young lady right out of high school," Roberts recalled. "She graduated on May



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Mindie Roberts (left) and Alysia McKinney with Capital City Bank talked to students about the wide range of jobs at the bank.

29th and started working for us on June 1st."

"When most people see bank, they think tellers," the recruiter continued. "But I cover 18 offices in North Central Florida, and we are looking for people in operations, networking, corporate security, things like that."

She added that the bank offers part-time opportunities for college students.

"I worked with a young man recently who just wanted a part-time teller job, and he was going to Florida State," she recalled. "I said, we have a job for you."



Clay Electric's Kimberly Dyal and Donald Thomas said there was high interest in the co-op's lineman apprenticeship program.



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Goat exhibitors warming up for fair

BY MEGAN DANIEL
Special to the Times

On February 17, the Union County 4-H hosted a goat clinic with a practice show to help exhibitors prepare for their upcoming fair next month. There were 45 goats registered, with 40 members accompanying them. The goats arrived early on Saturday morning to be checked by a veterinarian.

Next, Mrs. Kayla Kadlec, leader of the Baas and Billies Goat Club, gave a demonstration to participants. She had assistance from 4-H member Kalli Kadlec. Mrs. Kayla gave showmanship tips while Kalli demonstrated. The demonstration showed how to set your goat up for judging. She emphasized how important it is to be respectful of other exhibitors. Then, they discussed how to work the ring with good eye contact and body language.

Former 4-H member Hunter

Williams attended as the judge to teach participants how a real show is run. Hunter was patient with the members, explaining how each could improve before the Union County Livestock Association goat show. Hunter told members how he was an exhibitor in this show 12 years ago when it first began. Now, he can attend as a judge to help a new generation of exhibitors. He told 4-Hers that he truly felt completing their goat project enabled them to carry out the 4-H motto "To Make the Best Better."

Benji Bennett volunteered as our announcer to keep everyone ready and informed. Participants were broken into showmanship classes based on their 4-H age division: Cloverbud (5-7 years old), Junior (8-10 years old), Intermediate (11-13 years old), and Senior (14-18 years old). Cloverbuds were all winners, receiving a personalized face

brush. The Junior Showmanship Grand Champion was Grace Box, and the Reserve was Kassi Kadlec. Intermediate Showmanship Grand Champion was Kalli Kadlec, and Reserve: Weston Daniel. Senior Showmanship Grand Champion was Jolene Moore, and Reserve was Jacee Box.

Last, we divided participants based on what type of goat they had. Their goats were judged, and Hunter explained their placements so that members understood what the judge was looking for. The Dairy Goats' Grand Champion was Weston Daniel and Reserve Kalli Kadlec. The Meat Goats' Grand Champion was Grace Box, and the Reserve was Jolene Moore. The Wethers Grand Champion was Jolene Moore and Reserve Grace Box.



Junior Showmanship Grand Champion Grace Box (Right) and Reserve Champion Kassi Kadlec (Left).



Senior Showmanship Grand Champion Jolene Moore (Right) with Reserve Champion Jacee Box (Left).



Intermediate Showmanship Grand Champion Kalli Kadlec (Right) and Reserve Champion Weston Daniel (left).



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UNION COUNTY TOXIC ROUND-UP EVENT COLLECTS HAZARDOUS WASTE

LAKE BUTLER – The Alachua County Household Hazardous Waste Department in partnership with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the Union County Commission will sponsor a FREE "Toxic Round-Up" collection event to properly dispose of and/or recycle common household hazardous waste items that cannot be collected curbside. **Residents can bring hazardous waste items to the Union County Road/Solid Waste Department (by RMC West Union) located at 15285 SW 84th St. on Saturday, March 2, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.**

Household hazardous waste can be toxic to the public and pose a threat to our environment if improperly discarded. In 2023, over a ton of waste (2,528 pounds) was collected and neutralized at the Union County event alone. The Alachua County Household Hazardous Waste department processed 90 TONS of hazardous waste in 2023 from the Toxic Round-Up mobile collection events combined; including 18,034 pounds of e-scrap, 92,288 pounds of paint, 23,895 pounds of used oil, 7,205 pounds of batteries and 3,500 pounds of pesticides.

A total of nine Toxic Round-Up events are scheduled for 2024 serving residents on the following dates: Gilchrist (2/3), Lafayette (2/10), Bradford (2/17), Baker (2/24), Union (3/2), Dixie (3/9), Columbia (3/23), Putnam (4/6) and Nassau (4/20).

Please use the following as a helpful guideline for items that will be accepted:

- Aerosol cans
- Antifreeze
- Automotive Fluids – Brake Fluid, Automatic Transmission Fluid, Lubricants, etc.
- Batteries – Automotive Batteries, Lead-Acid, Ni-Cd, Rechargeable, etc.
- E-Waste – Computers, TVs, Microwaves, Radios, and other Electronic Waste.
- Fluorescent Lamps and Tubes, CFL & LED Bulbs
- Household Cleaners, Degreasers and Solvents
- Fertilizers, Pesticides and Insecticides (Solid or Liquid)
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- Sharps in hard plastic containers (syringes, needles, lancets, insulin pens, used or unused)



Cloverbud Ava Jefferson with her goat Brownie.



Cloverbud Shaw Daniel taking in advice from Hunter Williams.



Grand Champion Dairy Goat Weston Daniel (Right) with Reserve Champion Kalli Kadlec (Left).



Grand Champion Wether Jolene Moore (Right) with Reserve Champion Grace Box (Left).



Grand Champion Meat Goat Grace Box (Right) with Reserve Champion Jolene Moore (Left) and Judge Hunter Williams (Center).

Convention center, wedding venue approved for Raiford

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Special to the *t*Times

The Union County Board of Commissioners met on Feb. 19, before its regular February meeting, in its capacity as the Union County Board of Adjustment to consider an application for a special exception to allow the construction of a convention center/wedding venue on land zoned as agricultural.

The property, located on Northeast 216 Pl. in Raiford, is owned by Jeff and Dawn McCarthy, who purchased the land from Tessie Cason in July of last year. Originally known as the Cason Ranch, Tessie, and her husband, the late Jack Cason, lived there for several years and kept up a historic cabin on the 80-acre parcel.

The McCarthys applied for a special exception to allow them to build a convention center/wedding venue on the property. Their idea arose from the fact that their son would

be getting married soon, and they wanted to build a new “barn” on the property to hold the wedding. They agreed that after their son’s wedding, they would also make the building available to other couples.

“We want to make the land self-supporting as well as providing couples a place to hold their wedding ceremonies,” Dawn said. “My husband and I are both strong proponents of marriage and want to assist others in entering that state.”

Dawn told commissioners that she was a professional wedding photographer and, therefore, had experience in the wedding industry.

“We also plan to offer the use of the barn to one couple each year to hold their 25th wedding anniversary in,” she said.

Dawn said she and her husband have fallen in love with the land, naming the ranch 3-Fours Ranch after her grandmother and the cabin

“Cason Lodge.”

There was no negative public comment about allowing the project to be approved, with both Cason and Commissioner Channing Dobbs speaking in favor of approving the request.

“I have looked into this and have no concerns about the proposed project,” Dobbs said.

Cason was a little more emotional in expressing her approval.

“You all know how much Jack loved the land,” she said. “Since selling to the McCarthys, I have come to know that they love it in the same way he did. I am pleased about this and think their idea is wonderful.”

Donna Jackson made the motion to approve the special exception requested, and Willie Croft seconded the motion, with the board approving the request/resolution 5-0.

Club hosts Valentine’s Day luncheon

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Special to the *t*Times

The Lake Butler Women’s Club had a busy week last week, with three events on their schedule, two on the district level.

First, on Tuesday, Feb. 13, the club hosted its annual Valentine’s Day Luncheon. Over 75 meals were served from the ample buffet line, some eat-in and some carry-out. Donations for the meal were accepted at the door, all of which will be used to continue the organization’s ongoing clubhouse renovation project and fund some of the many programs the club participates in.

The meal consisted of baked ham, various casseroles, vegetables, and an extensive array of desserts. Plates were piled high and returned for seconds, many as community members participated in one of the most popular and anticipated

social events of the year in Union County. As the diners left the club after their feast, many were walking a little more slowly than they had been coming in, and those returning to work knew they would have to deal with food coma-induced sleepiness all afternoon.

District art show

Two days later, the club hosted a district art show with several area clubs participating. A baked potato and salad bar was prepared for the judges, visiting organizers from other clubs, and Lake Butler Club members working to make the event happen. The artists were required to drop off their entries and leave before the judging began.

There were items of every sort, from pottery and jewelry to photography and framed art. Many needlework projects were

entered, all hand or machine-made, and the three judges often had difficulty selecting the winners. Many of the projects were detailed and intricate, speaking of hours of work. Notable entries included a set of wind chimes over three feet tall (the overall winner of the competition), origami roses crafted from one-dollar bills, a painting of a shot of whiskey so expertly shaded it appeared to be a photograph at first glance, and several brightly colored quilts both hand and machine worked.

The final event of the week was a district board of directors meeting, also with a meal provided.

All of the club members had their hands full getting ready and administering these events, but things ran smoothly under the guidance of club President Catherine Reagan.



Everyone seemed to enjoy the delicious offerings at the luncheon. Here, (l-r) Don and Sarah Robinson and Lynda and Lon Pettit enjoy lunch with their Valentines.



Just a few of the many entries in the District Woman’s Club competition.



As always, it was a full house at the Lake Butler Woman’s Club annual Valentine Luncheon.

UCHS Class of ’74 reunion

Union County’s Class of the date. The reunion will take details are forthcoming. 1974 will celebrate 50 years on place at 3 p.m. at Lake Butler Saturday, June 22, 2024. Save Community Center. Additional



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Crime

Recent arrests in Bradford, Union and Clay

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

Bradford

Shirone Kennard Bonnett, 44, was arrested by Bradford deputies on February 19 for a parole violation.

Karen Jean Buhler, 65, of Hampton was arrested by Bradford deputies on February 21 for possession of drugs and possession of drug equipment.

William Casey Carter, 33, of Brooker was arrested by Bradford deputies on February 19 for battery, aggravated assault, and possession of drugs.

Taryn Lee-Anne Crews, 32, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on February 18 for possession of marijuana.

Marcus Dwayne Glover, 49, of Gainesville was arrested by Bradford deputies on February 19 for a probation violation.

Charles M. Hill, 47, of Albany, Georgia was arrested by Bradford deputies on February 24 for an out-of-county warrant.

David Daniel Hinds, 18, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on February 17 for battery and disorderly conduct.

Tiffany Beatrice Lounici, 39, of Starke was arrested by FHP troopers on February 17 for vehicle theft.

Timothy McKinley Moore, 60, of Raiford was arrested by Bradford deputies on February 17 for DUI.

Richard R. Nelson, 40, of Cherry Valley, Massachusetts was arrested by Bradford deputies on February 17 for vehicle theft and driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Juan Cruz Ortega, 31, of Lake Butler was arrested by Bradford deputies on February 23 for aggravated assault, resisting an officer, escape and battery.

Joshua Michael Richards, 37, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on February 18 for animal cruelty.

Christopher James Taylor, 50, of Gainesville was arrested by Bradford deputies on February 19 for a probation violation.

Kendra Nicole Walker, 38, of Jacksonville was arrested by Bradford deputies on February 21 for a probation violation.

Terence Hill Walker, 52, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on February 18 for DUI.

Union

Devonshea J. Riley, 22, a Department of Corrections inmate, was arrested by Union deputies on February 24 for aggravated battery and smuggling contraband into a prison.

Richard Wayne Carney, 20, of Green Cove Springs was arrested by Union deputies on February 24 for larceny.

Vontavis Tyrea Meyers, 31, of Cocoa was arrested by Union deputies on February 21 for failure to appear.

Michael Anthony Fernandez, Sr., 46, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on February 22 for kidnapping – false imprisonment, sexual assault and battery.

Donald Baisden, 18, of Lake City was arrested by Union deputies on February 23 for criminal mischief with property damage.

Percell Ryshod Brinson, 31, of Ft. White was arrested by Union deputies on February 23 for vehicle theft.

Robert Michael Williams, 40, of Ft. White was arrested on February 23 for disorderly intoxication.

Jason Sean Ziems, 37, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on February 23 for disorderly intoxication and resisting an officer.

Clay

Mildred Nora Buzzard, 71, of Keystone Heights was arrested on February 20 by Clay deputies for violating a domestic violence protection injunction.

Quinton Dalton Goodson, 21, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on February 23 for DUI with property damage.

Katherine Mary Lawrence, 35, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on February 19 for DUI.

Sean Patrick McNamara, 55, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on February 24 for burglary.

Starke offers to purchase downtown property by narrow vote

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
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Starke has made a counteroffer to purchase Call Street property, although plans for the property or the surrounding properties remain unclear.

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

Two proposals were submitted, and the top proposal, submitted by John and Elizabeth Jarmon, offered 320 E. Call St. for \$225,000. The city voted to move forward and conduct an environmental analysis of the property.

City Manager Drew Mullins reported back to the board Feb. 20, recommending the city offer \$175,000 to the Jarmons if the commission was still interested in purchasing the property.

Some commissioners were interested, but others were not.

Commissioners Shannon Smith was skeptical of spending additional funds beyond the purchase price to create a new city parking lot, if that is what

is planned for the property. Commissioner Janice Mortimer asked if that was the plan, and Mullins said it would be up to the commission to decide how to use the property.

Mortimer said she wasn't interested in purchasing the property anyway.

Commissioner Danny Nugent said the city could place lime rock on the undeveloped part of the property to avoid the stormwater retention requirements of a new asphalt parking lot. Commissioner Andy Redding said they could speculate about the use of the property. He wanted to know about any plans to acquire additional properties in that area. Mullins said there was nothing that they could discuss.

Redding said the property isn't going anywhere, so the commission could take its time to evaluate the property's potential.

"I'm not saying we should drag our feet, but we want to make sure that this is exactly where we need to be," he said.

Mayor Scott Roberts, however, said he was interested in the possibility of purchasing this property and additional properties so the commission could control what happens

there. "I think there's a number of things that we could use it for," Roberts said, without being specific. It has more potential than demolishing everything to create more parking.

"I think it has a lot of potential. I think the upside is way more than the downside," he said. "I rather that be in our control. It is an asset. If we buy something and decide later not to have it, we can always sell it."

The vote to offer \$175,000 for the property was 3-2, with Mortimer and Smith dissenting.

In other business: —The commission finalized the rezoning and future land use map changes for 7.8 acres at the corner of S.R. 16 and Weldon Street. It was acquired by R3 Ventures-FL Inc. last October. The applicant requested the land be changed from single-family residential development to highway commercial.

According to their website, RH Development Group has helped develop more than 40 grocery-anchored shopping centers and 4.2 million square feet of retail space.



Pictured (front to back, l-r) Beau Davis, Caleb Griffis., Shayna Durrance, Adaleigh Wainwright, Ansley Ward, Jack Jackson, Kaitlyn McKenzie, and Kierstyn McKenzie. Photo by Tamara Dinkins.

Bradford 4-H'ers compete in County Events

BY TAMARA DINKINS
UF/IFAS Extension Bradford

The Bradford County 4-H Youth Development Program recently hosted County Events. Eight youth presented demonstrations and speeches. All of the youth met the standard and are eligible to compete at District Events in May.

Two Juniors competed with demonstrations. Beau D. did an illustrated talk on Duck Hunting and received a blue ribbon and rosette. Caleb G. did a presentation on Preparing to Ride a Horse and received a red ribbon. The senior team of Kaitlyn M. and Kierstyn M. demonstrated How to Decorate

Cupcakes and received a blue ribbon and rosette.

Two Intermediates and two Seniors competed in Public Speaking. Ansley W. received a blue ribbon and rosette, and Adaleigh W. received a red ribbon in the intermediate division while Shayna D. received a blue ribbon and rosette, and Jack J. earned a red in the senior division. Their speech topics were Artificial Insemination, Brahman Sales, and The Journey of Judging, and 4-H and Me respectively.

4-H has four ages divisions. Ages 5-7 are called Cloverbuds and are noncompetitive. Ages 8-10 are Juniors, ages 11-13 are Intermediates, and ages 14-18

are Seniors.

4-H County Events is an opportunity for youth to showcase what they are learning in 4-H as well as practice and develop the much-needed life skill of speaking in front of a group. 4-H is the world's largest youth serving organization and is open to all youth ages 5 to 18. Bradford County 4-H provides hands-on, real-life experiences through projects, activities, and events. 4-H youth have opportunities to learn leadership, citizenship, character, and life skills. Contact the Bradford County 4-H Youth Development Program at 904-966-6224 for more information.



Business partner appreciation

At the February school board meeting, the Union County School District was honored to recognize HoBo Tractor for its continued support for the students of Union County. Mr. and Mrs. John Karl Howard and Justin Howard were presented a plaque of appreciation and the gratitude expressed on behalf of the school district. The support provided to students and programs by HoBo Tractor and the Howard Family continues the support from the Howard Family that spans multiple generations. The district is grateful for their partnership and the support they provide to our athletic teams and organizations. They are especially instrumental in their support of our FFA through providing equipment for tractor driving contests and supporting FFA members at the local fair as they show and sell their market animals. The Union County School District is thankful for the support of Hobo Tractor, the Howard Family and the dedication they regularly display towards the students and programs of Union County. Pictured (l-r) are John Karl Howard, Mel Howard, Superintendent Mike Ripplinger and Justin Howard.



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Santa Fe College Spring Arts Festival returns April 13 and 14

Excitement is building for the return of the 52nd annual Santa Fe College Spring Arts Festival. This year's event will be held Saturday and Sunday, April 13 and 14, on SF's Northwest Campus, 3000 NW 83 St. in Gainesville. The festival runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

Artists and craftspeople from across the country and around the world will highlight their talents in mediums including painting, sculpture, jewelry,

glass, ceramics and more.

"It's an unbelievable honor to host so many incredible artists and members of the community on our campus," festival coordinator Kyle Novak said. "In addition to our incredible visiting artists, we're excited to continue to showcase the remarkable talents of our Santa Fe College student artists and performers."

Launched in 1970, the SF Spring Arts Festival soon became one of the community's most popular annual cultural

arts events. Over 10,000 visitors are anticipated to attend the 2024 event.

The two-day festival includes experiences that everyone can enjoy, including local music and art, kid zones, food trucks and more! During the festival, you are also welcome to visit the Kika Silva Pla Planetarium, Teaching Zoo, and Museum of Earth Sciences. Look for a complete list of activities on the Spring Arts Festival website, www.sfcollge.edu/spring-arts/.



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Ann Baltzell

Ann Jordan Baltzell, 92, born on Oct. 28, 1931, went to be home with the Lord on Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2024. She spent her childhood up until her mid-30s in St. Louis, Missouri. She met her beloved husband, Clarence Daniel Baltzell, and wed in 1950. They moved to Jacksonville in 1970 and enjoyed Florida living. They also resided in Ocala and Tampa due to work transfers. She was an avid seamstress, quilter, and gardener. She won many awards for her hand-stitched quilts from 1st place to Best-in-Show. Her garden in Tampa was the envy of the entire neighborhood. She was a loving wife and mother of four children; with seven grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and, most recently, one great-great grandchild. She adored traveling with her husband, having explored

most of the United States and parts of Europe. She is survived by her four children, Michael D. Baltzell, Robert E. Baltzell, Betty A. Neal, and Barbara A. Merchant. You can remember her by sharing stories with family and friends, crafting, planting flowers in your yard, cooking fried chicken on Sunday for your family, and having a nice glass of wine.

The family will scatter her and Clarence's ashes in the lake they both loved later this year. You may honor her life by donating in her name to Haven Hospice, 5200 NW 90 Blvd., Gainesville 32606.

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

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Lana Ervin

Lana Annette Walker Ervin of Keystone Heights passed away Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2024, in Middleburg following a brief illness. She was born Dec. 28, 1960, in Sikeston, Missouri. She was preceded in death by her parents, Lavern "Jim" Morford and Reita Walker. She was a cosmetologist. Her hobbies were sports, spending time with her friends, and listening to music. She played basketball at Keystone Heights High School and received a scholarship to play at Santa Fe Community College. She was on the first Lady Indian softball team. She loved being a mother and grandmother.

She is survived by her son, Justin (Alexis); granddaughter, Jencii; and sister, Yvette (Jim).

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, March 9, at 1 p.m. at Mission of the Dirt Road in Keystone Heights with Pastor Carey Morford conducting the service. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Mission of the Dirt Road, 7790 SR 100, Keystone Heights 32656.

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Franklin Hendricks

Franklin David Hendricks, 90, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Saturday, Feb. 17, 2024. Born in Lake Butler on Nov. 1, 1933, he was the 10th of 13 children by Butler and Ollie Hendricks. He was president of his 1952 Union County High School graduating class. After high school, he joined the US Army, where he served in Korea from 1953 to 1955. Upon returning from the military, he worked for 20 years at St. Regis Paper Company in Jacksonville as a shift chemist. He returned to Lake Butler and went to work with the DOC as a correctional officer, retiring from RMC in 1989 as a Captain. He was preceded in death by his parents, Butler and Ollie Hendricks; his sisters: Marie (Elijah) Brooks and Evelyn (Edison) Paulk; brothers: John (Eloise & Strick), James (Adolyen), Drew (Josie), Joe (Elaine), Harold (Martha), Herman and Bryan (Jeanette) Hendricks.

He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Ann Crews Hendricks; his sons, Larry Hendricks and Wayne (Amy) Hendricks; daughters: Cindy Hendricks (Paul West), Cathy (Roger) Hoover, Lisa (Bill) McKendree, and Christy Hendricks; 17 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; his brothers, Vernon (Janet) Hendricks and Donald (Lois) Hendricks; sister-in-law, Pam Hendricks; and a host of extended family members.

A Celebration of Life was held on Monday, Feb. 26, at the Lake Butler Church of Christ with a visitation prior to the service. He was laid to rest immediately following the service at New Zion Cemetery with military and DOC honors. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Lake Butler Church of Christ Prison Ministry, 475 NW Second St., Lake Butler 32054.

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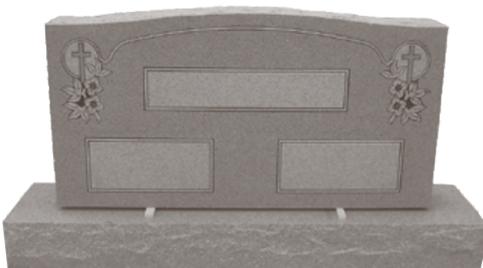
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Iva JoAnne Hicks

Mrs. Iva JoAnne Hicks, 91, formerly of Keystone Heights, passed away Saturday, Feb. 24, 2024, in Brooks, Georgia. She was born Feb. 13, 1933, in Gainesville to John and Laura (Cowan) Dykes and had been a longtime resident of the Keystone Heights and Waldo areas. She was a homemaker and loved the Smoky Mountains, where she and her late husband enjoyed camping and visiting waterfalls. They decided to move to Franklin, North Carolina, where they owned and operated a motel-and-restaurant business. She was a member of Trinity Baptist Church for many years. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her loving and much devoted husband of 66 years, Charles Hicks; and her brother, Len Dykes.

Left behind to cherish her memory are her three children, Debra (Michael) Dale of Orange Park, Randy (Tena) Hicks of Waldo, and Laura (Glen) Wilkinson of Brooks, Georgia; along with brother, Stephen Dykes. She was also "Granny," "Nana," and "Nana Jo" to eight grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren, and another on the way.

The family will receive friends Saturday, March 2, beginning at 1 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church. Funeral services will begin at 2 p.m. with Pastor Michael Dale officiating. Interment will be private at Santa Fe Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Samaritan's Purse/Operation Child, P. O. Box 3000, Boone, NC 28607.

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Sharon Snodgrass

Mrs. Sharon Louise Snodgrass of Lawtey passed away on Sunday Feb. 18, 2024, at the age of 75 at Ed Fraser Memorial Hospital in Macclenny. She was born Oct. 19, 1948, in Elkhart, Indiana. She married her husband, John, on Aug. 23, 1971. She was the wife of a Navy man, and she was honored with the Certificate of Appreciation from the United States Navy. She was a stay-at-home mom who loved her children dearly. She loved spending time with her grandchildren. She also enjoyed going to the senior center in Keystone Heights to be with her friends and have picnics at the park with her husband, John. She was predeceased by both her parents, Joe and Maxine Koepfel; and her brother, Joey.

She leaves behind her husband, John; four children, Kevin, Kari, Tracy and John Jr.; three great-grandchildren, Carter, Carloni and Eli; three brothers, Steve, Barry and Tom; and three sisters, Barb, Chris and Becky.

A funeral service to honor her life was held, Friday, Feb. 23 in the Chapel of Guerry Funeral Home with Wayne Spatland officiating. Visitation and gathering with the family were held one hour prior to the services.

Guerry Funeral Home, U.S. 90 E., Macclenny was entrusted with the funeral arrangements. Please visit www.guerryfuneralhome.net to leave condolences for the family.

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Glen M. Starnes

Glen Milton Starnes, 83, of Melrose, died suddenly at his home on Monday, Feb. 26, 2024.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 3, at Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Tom Farmer officiating. A private interment will be held at a later date.

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

James Strong

Mr. James Charles Strong, 71, born on Dec. 16, 1952, transitioned on Sunday, Feb. 25, 2024, at his residence in Lawtey. A lifelong resident of Bradford County, he was a graduate of Bradford High School and graduated from college, earning a bachelor's degree. He was a member of Philadelphia Baptist Church in Lawtey. He retired from SMI Joist Steel Mill.

He leaves to cherish memories, his wife, Zinner M. Strong; daughter, Yolanda Strong Jackson; sons, James A. Strong, Charles Strong and Andre Hall; brothers, Edward Strong, Billy Demps, Henry Strong and Lugene Strong; five grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and sorrowing friends.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 2, at the True Vine Outreach Ministries Church with Associate Pastor Edward L. Hamilton, eulogist. Interment will be held at Peetsville Cemetery, Lawtey, under the direction of Haile Funeral Home Inc. Visitation will be held on Friday, March 1, from 4 pm. until 6 p.m. at the Carl and Elaine D. Haile Memorial Chapel/Haile Funeral Home Inc., 802 N. Oak St., Starke 32091. 904-964-7905.

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Kristin Sutton

Kristin Margaret Sutton, 64, of Starke died Thursday, Feb. 22, 2024, at her residence.

Survivors are her children, John Sutton, Jennifer (Shayne) Griffis, Lillian (Mark) Kimbrell, Cason (Melissa) Benham and Sebastian (Nicole) Benham; and other family members.

A Celebration of Life will be held Wednesday, March 6, at 3 p.m. at Archie Tanner Memorial Chapel. A private interment will follow at Jacksonville National Cemetery.

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



David Wainwright

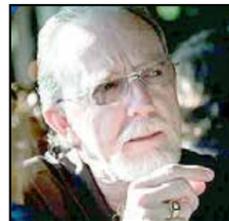
David Norris Wainwright, 74, a lifelong resident of Starke, passed away Saturday, Feb. 24, 2024, at his home following an extended illness. He was born Jan. 15, 1950, to the late Norris C. and Geneva (Lane) Wainwright. While serving in the United States Army, he received his degree in nursing and retired from the Department of Corrections as a registered nurse. He was of the Baptist Faith and very artistic in the way of photography and drawings. Being outdoors fishing on the lake or just taking walks on the beach were also things he enjoyed doing, but spending time with family and friends were the times he cherished most.

He is survived by his loving and devoted wife of nearly 38 years, Jacqueline (Oliver) Wainwright of Starke; children, Kristopher David Wainwright of Ft. White and Stephanie Nicole (John) Brabson of Jacksonville; and a sister, Sharon Wainwright Carter of Starke. He was lovingly called "Granddaddy" by five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; along with one great-grandson on the way. Also left behind are aunts, uncles, a host of cousins and numerous friends that will miss him dearly.

The family will receive friends Saturday, March 2, 2024, at the DeWitt C. Jones Chapel beginning at 1:30 p.m. A memorial service will begin at 2 p.m. with Pastor Steve Conner officiating. If you would like, you can send flowers or make a memorial donation to St. Jude's Childrens Hospital.

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New barns, musical acts highlight 2024 Bradford Fair

The fair will also include \$5 parking fee that will help support BCSO Explorers

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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You're invited to enjoy "Buckets of Fun," as its theme suggests, at the Bradford Agricultural Fair, which opens Tuesday, March 5, and runs through Sunday, March 10.

A major difference at this year's fair will be the existence of the new barn buildings. Last year, the animals were kept under tents, but the grounds now feature two 9,500 square-foot buildings for cattle and pigs, with wash racks located between the two barns. A 5,700 square-foot building will house the rabbits and poultry.

Musical entertainment makes its return this year. Penny Hannah and the Legends will perform on

March 6, while Clark Hill will perform on March 7. Both acts will be 6:15-9:30 p.m.

The next two nights will feature two acts each. On March 8, the Backwood Boys will perform from 6:15 p.m. until 7:45 p.m., followed by The Flattlanders from 8 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. The Jeff Joslyn Band will get the entertainment started on March 9, playing from 6:15 p.m. until 7:45 p.m. Matt Wilsey will then play from 8 p.m. until 9:30 p.m.

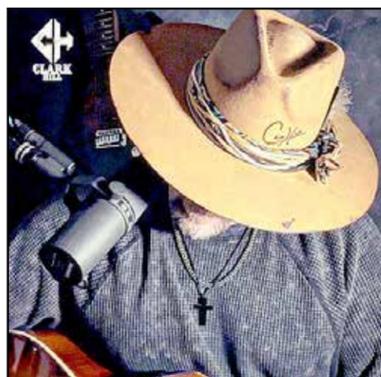
Building 3 will be open this year, providing its usual access to the midway and once again containing home division, arts and crafts and 4-H exhibits.

Something new this year will be the presence of local food trucks on the nights of March 8-9. Limp Brisket, Sauced Up and Sunshine Tacos 'n' Burritos will be set up on the midway in the area between the stage and Building 1.

The fair will still feature food offerings by local organizations such as the Kiwanis Club of Starke



Bradford Agricultural Fair Manager Dale Woodruff (second from left) and Fair Board President Bob Milner (far right) are pictured with representatives of Jacksonville's Cypress Truck Lines, which transported three sets of bleachers for free from Orange City to the fairgrounds. Woodruff found the bleachers, which were going to be recycled, via a Facebook search. The fair manager also found two sets of bleachers that a school in High Springs was going to get rid of, with Denmark Mini Storage helping to cover the cost of their transport. The bleachers will be set up in the livestock arena and in front of the stage on the midway.



Clark Hill took a break from music, but is back and will perform at the Bradford Agricultural Fair on Thursday, March 7.

and the Bradford Community Healthcare Auxiliary as well as what will be provided on the midway by Degeller Attractions. A new vendor this year will be Starke's Salt and Light Fusion Coffee House.

Also new will be a mandatory \$5 fee for parking. In the past, local youth organizations — including the Bradford County Sheriff's Office Explorers — have accepted donations for parking assistance. Proceeds from this year's fees will support the Explorers.

Admission costs

Opening night (Tuesday, March 5) is American Pride Night. Wear your red, white and blue. Those with a military ID will be admitted free.

You can also pay a reduced admission charge of \$3 on opening night with the donation of three canned food items for the Col. Arley W. McRae Bradford Food Pantry.

General admission (which doesn't cover the cost of rides) on opening night through Thursday, March 7, is \$7 for adults and \$6 for students. Children under 4 are admitted free.

Admission adults and students on Friday and Saturday, March 8-9, is \$10.

On the final day, when the midway only is open, admission is \$5 (3 and under admitted free).

Weekly admission passes are available for \$30 each and may be purchased in advance until Monday, March 4, at the ticket office in Building 1 at the fairgrounds, DLP Bank's Starke

and Lake Butler branches, North Florida Regional Chamber of Commerce and Lawley's city hall.

The fair hours are 5-11 p.m. March 5-7, 5 p.m.-midnight March 8, 2 p.m.-? (to be determined) March 9, and 1 p.m.-? (to be determined) March 10. Midway provider Degeller Attractions will determine the closing time on March 9-10.

Exhibit buildings, which are open March 5-9, will close at 10 p.m. each night.

Midway rides

People who plan to enjoy the midway rides can purchase \$18 unlimited-ride armband coupons in advance at DLP Bank's Starke and Lake Butler locations, North Florida Regional Chamber of Commerce and Lawley's city hall. Advanced armbands are available through Monday, March 4.

Armband prices when purchased on the midway are \$19 on March 5-7. Two may be

purchased for \$27 on March 7, which is Buddy Night.

The cost for armbands on March 8, which is Midnight Madness, is \$24, while on March 9, they cost \$28.

Armbands cost \$18 on March 10, which is Family Fun Day.

If you choose to purchase ride tickets instead of armbands, they are available on the midway for \$1 each. Each ride requires 2-6 tickets.

Animal events

—Swine show, Tuesday, March 5, 6:30 p.m.

—Breed show and showmanship contest, Wednesday, March 6, 6 p.m.

—Steer show, Thursday, March 7, 6 p.m.

—Steer and swine auction, Friday, March 8, 6 p.m.

—Steer and swine awards, Saturday, March 9, 2 p.m.

For more information on the fair, visit bradfordcountyfair.com, or call 904-964-5252.

Capital City Bank's Patricia Evans honored at Scouts' American Values Dinner

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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She many never have been involved in Scouting growing up, but Patricia Evans feels as if she was a Scout, exemplifying the organization's values and supportive of its efforts in positively impacting youth.

Evans, who is Capital City Bank's community president for Bradford and Clay counties, was the honoree at this year's Bradford American Values Dinner, which was hosted by the Boy Scouts of America's North Florida Council on Feb. 22 at the Gov. Charley E. Johns Conference Center in Starke.

"Scouting makes such a difference," Evans said, before adding that "the elephant in the room" was the fact she had never been a Scout. However, her parents, David and Daisy Golden, were involved in their church and leaders in the Girls in Action and Royal Ambassadors youth discipleship programs. Through a family friend who was a Scout, Evans discovered her father knew the Scouting Oath and that many of what her parents did through Girls in Action and Royal Ambassadors was based upon that and other Scouting principles.

"I kind of feel like I did Scouting even though I never got to wear the cute uniform or sell



Patricia Evans (center) receives an award from Bob Milner (far right) for being the 2024 Bradford American Values Dinner honoree. Evans' husband, Joey, is also pictured at the event that's a fundraiser for the Boy Scouts of America's North Florida Council.

cookies," Evans said.

The night was about more than honoring Evans. The American Values Dinner is a fundraiser for the North Florida Council, with attendees pledging annual donations.

"We're here to raise a lot of money for Scouting programs," Evans said. "It does a lot of good here in our community. We've seen the difference it has made. Every dollar goes a long, long way."

"I ask you to please be generous and know that there is no dollar amount that is too small

or too big."

This year's attendees were indeed generous, pledging a total of \$14,050.

Bradford County Manager Scott Kornegay, who served as emcee, said, "Tonight's event will help provide a safe, quality program for our youth and adults. Included in this are underprivileged youth who need assistance to enjoy a quality Scouting program. Your gifts will help provide books and uniforms and help send them to camp."

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Application deadline for Steve Denmark Scholarship is set for March 15

Bradford County students (high school seniors, traditional or nontraditional students) may apply for the \$500 Kiwanis Club of Starke's Steve Denmark Memorial Scholarship.

Applications are available at Bradford High School and Santa Fe College as well as on the Kiwanis Club of Starke Facebook page.

The deadline to apply is March 15. Applications may be submitted at the recipient's school or mailed to Kiwanis Club of Starke, Steve Denmark Memorial Scholarship, Attn:

Cheryl Canova, 5346 N.W. C.R. 229, Starke, FL 32091.

Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 and be residents of Bradford County.

The scholarship can be used at any regional, accredited college or at North Florida Technical College.

Steve Denmark was a lifelong resident of Starke and Kingsley Lake. He graduated from Bradford High School and received a business degree from the University of Georgia. After college, he returned to Starke and took over the family business, Denmark Furniture. He later owned and operated the Sears store.

Denmark was a charter member and past president of the Kiwanis Club of Starke. He had a great love for his community and gave of himself through service and donations to support many organizations, businesses and schools.

DAR chapter meets March 4

The Col. Samuel Elbert Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, will meet on Monday, March 4, at 10:30 a.m. at Keystone Beach Historical Pavilion.

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.

If you're interested in joining the chapter, please attend, and you will be assisted with becoming a member.

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3. Can you talk about some of the new skills you have learned in the Florida Air National Guard that have helped you in the civilian work force?
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Rodney Barnett (far left) is pictured on the medal podium after placing second in the 144-pound class at the Region 1-1A finals, which qualified him for state. Also pictured are class champion Cole Miscianga (center) of Fernandina Beach and third-place finisher Zander Stillgess of North Bay Haven.

Tigers' Barnett wrestles way to 1A state finals

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Union County High School's Rodney Barnett went 3-1 and qualified for the state finals as the runner-up in the 144-pound class at the Feb. 23-24 Region 1-1A meet, which was held at Wewahatchka High School.

"He was on fire," Union Head Coach Edwin Johnson said. "He beat some top-ranked wrestlers."

Barnett was the only Union wrestler to qualify for state, though Jonathan Howard and

Dylan Lane each fell one win shy of advancing to the third-place match in their respective weight classes. The top four finishers in each weight class earned the right to advance.

The state finals will be held Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 29-March 2 at Kissimmee's Silver Spurs Arena at Osceola Heritage Park. Action begins at 12:30 p.m. on Feb. 29, while matches begin at 9:15 a.m. and

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Contes earns 2 wins for KHHS at wrestling regionals

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Keystone Heights High School didn't qualify any wrestlers for the state finals, but Atreyu Contes did win two matches at the Feb. 23-24 Region 1-1A meet, which was held at Wewahatchka High School.

Contes, who wrestles in the 106-pound class, opened with a 6-0 win over Freeport's Jacob Justice, but then suffered a loss by a 22-7 technical fall against Suwannee's Eli Jolicouer. He rebounded by defeating Rocky Bayou Christian's Parker Lippy by a 15-0 technical fall. Contes' was then eliminated after getting pinned in 4:30 by Baker County's Brayden Martin.

Keystone had a total of five competing at the event, with three going 1-2.

Mikey McCall (113 class)

was pinned in 45 seconds by Wakulla's Matthew Thaxton, but then pinned Bay's Caleb Spikes in 2:55. He was then pinned in 21 seconds by Rocky Bayou Christian's Thomas Pluhar.

Jared Goetzman (120) and Yulee's Lincoln Brehmer wrestled into the third round before Brehmer pinned Goetzman in 5:38. Goetzman then defeated South Walton's Dylan Hardin 7-6 before being eliminated when he was pinned in 1:44 by Bishop Kenny's Dylan Lunsford.

Phoenix Contes (132), after getting pinned in two minutes by Liberty County's Jay Brown, pinned South Walton's Noah Withers in 1:21. He was then pinned in 4:46 by Stanton Prep's Diego Torres.

The Indians' Marcellus Beem (150) also competed, going 0-2.

Thompson has big night in 13-0 BHS baseball win

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Ryder Thompson drove in four runs for the Bradford High School baseball team, which defeated visiting Eastside 13-0 in five innings on Feb. 22.

Thompson, who went 3 for 3, hit a bases-loaded triple as part of an eight-run first inning. His other two hits were doubles.

Denver Hudson hit two doubles as well. He and Jeffrey Brugh each went 2 for 3 with one RBI.

Patrick Pendarvis drove in two runs, while Mattox Burgin, Ryland Rike and Blake Wynn each drove in one.

Jerry Baxter started on the mound, giving up one hit and no walks through three innings. He struck out six.

Burgin finished it off, giving up no hits and striking out five in two innings.

Bradford's home game against Englewood, which was scheduled for Feb. 23, wasn't played when umpires failed to show up.

The Tornadoes (1-1) played Middleburg this past Tuesday and will host Parker on Thursday, Feb. 29, at 6:30 p.m. Bradford then travels to Gainesville to play Eastside on Tuesday, March 5, at 7 p.m.

BHS girls get 1 win, 1 runner-up finish at Bold City meet

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Bradford High School's Kendell Shanks won one event and helped the 4x100m relay team to a second-place finish at the Feb. 21 Bold City Sprinters event, hosted by Jacksonville's KIPP Bold City High School.

Shanks won the 60m race with a time of 8.49 seconds. The Tornadoes also got a fifth-place finish from Jordynn Littles (8.79) and a 10th-place finish from Izariya Desue (8.98).

The team of Desue, Littles, Shanks and Diamond Ferguson ran a second-place time of 55.07 in the 4x100m relay. Bradford also had a second team competing, with Ja'Myrah Newsome, Loundreikwa Hunter, She'maria Hankerson and Melissa Harding running a sixth-place time of 1:02.

Shanks also had one of three seventh-place finishes for the girls team, running the 100m in 13.61.

Kaelyn Booker was seventh in the 400m with a time of 1:07, while Isabella Bunch was seventh in the 800m with a time of 3:15.

Other BHS girls results were: 60m — Harding 9.46; 100m — Littles 14.17, Desue 14.38, Harding 15.45; 200m — Harding

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Keystone third baseman Delia Johnson prepares to make a play on a ground ball in a 12-1 win over Ridgeview.

KHHS softball team defeats Ridgeview 12-1 in 5 innings

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Five batters drove in multiple runs, while pitcher Kadence Massey allowed just two hits as the Keystone Heights High School softball team defeated visiting Ridgeview 12-1 in five innings on Feb. 26.

Amber Wagner hit a walk-off two-run homer that enacted the mercy rule and was one of two players who went deep for the Class 3A Indians (2-1), who have played nothing but bigger schools to open the season. Keystone split a pair of games against 6A schools Oakleaf and Toccoi Creek. Ridgeview is a 5A school.

All three opponents were playoff qualifiers last year.

Ridgeview's Hannah Crosby hit a single in the top of the first, but that would be the only hit the Panthers (0-1) would get off Massey until Haylee McCrea hit a solo homer in the fifth. Massey struck out six and gave up no walks.

The Indians scored three runs in the first inning. Ashlye Nugent, who went 2 for 3, hit a triple to score Alaina Kinsall, who hit a leadoff single. Abbie Roach, who also went 2 for 3, hit a double to bring Nugent home, while Massey, who went 3 for 3, hit single to score Roach.

A five-run third inning featured an RBI triple by Roach to get the scoring started. Massey brought Roach home with a single before Riley Shuford, with two runners on, hit a triple. An error on a fly ball hit by Kinsall allowed Shuford to score and put Keystone up 8-0.

Nugent led off the bottom of the fourth with a home run. The Indians would push another run across on an RBI single by Massey.

Griffin earns 1st-, 2nd-place finishes for KHHS in track

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Keystone Heights High School's track and field teams competed at the Feb. 23 Falcon Friday at Menendez High School, with Olyvia Griffin winning the 400m and finishing as runner-up in the 800m.

Griffin crossed the line in 1:03 in the 400m, while running the 800m in 2:42. She also joined Cali Chamberlain, Christine DJavaheri and Kaylee Park in running a sixth-place time of 5:17 in the 4x400m relay.

Park finished eighth in the 400m with a time of 1:10.

Keystone also had the following girls results: 100m — Park 14.28, DJavaheri 14.78, Chamberlain 15.03, Laila Briseno 15.25, Jasmine Walls 16.70; 200m — DJavaheri 29.96, Park 30.44, Chamberlain 32.04, Briseno 32.64, Kenslee Phillips 33.10, Walls 35.93; 400m — DJavaheri 1:16, Phillips 1:18, Walls 1:25; 800m — Brook Gaudons 3:17; and 1600m — Gaudons 7:24.

The Keystone boys team placed fourth in the 4x400m, with Jaden Park, Ryder Thomas, Ryland Wahl and Tyler Griffin running a time of 3:51.

Griffin earned a pair of top-six individual finishes, placing fifth in the 800m with a time of 2:15 and sixth in the 400m with a time of 55.71.

Tigers open softball season with big win over Eastside

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Three players drove in multiple runs each as Union County High School opened the softball season with a 16-1 win over visiting Eastside on Feb. 20.

The game lasted only three innings, with Union scoring 13 runs in the first. Two of those came on a double by Leigh Ann Dicks, while the Tigers also scored on four errors, four passed balls and two bases-loaded walks.

Jaydin Alvarez had three RBI, while Mackenzie Orton, who hit a triple, had two.

Emma Handley, who hit a double, and Brooke Hunt each had one RBI.

Starting pitcher Shyla Crowe gave up one run on one hit and one walk through two innings. She had six strikeouts.

Mackenzie Radford pitched the final inning, giving up no hits and striking out three.

The Tigers played Branford this past Tuesday and will take part in the Santa Fe High School Invitational on Friday and Saturday, March 1-2. Union then travels to play Buchholz on Tuesday, March 5, at 7 p.m.



Amia Bethea set a school record in the 100m as Union County competed at the Santa Fe Raiders Open Classic. She was one of four to earn top-eight finishes for the Tigers.

Bethea sets UCHS record, wins 2 events

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Union County High School's track and field teams competed in the Santa Fe Raiders Open Classic on Feb. 22, with girls team member Amia Bethea sprinting to two victories and Deonte Jones earning a fifth-place finish for the boys team.

Bethea broke the school record in the 100m, winning the race with a time of 12.34 seconds. She also set a personal record in winning the 200m with a time of 26.49.

The girls team also got a seventh-place finish from Taleyah Smith, who had a distance of 26-0.75 in the shot put.

Union also had the following girls results: 100m — Tierra Williams 14.26, Faith Sirmones 14.70, Daina Smith 16.35; 200m — Williams 30.84, Sirmones 31.00; long jump — Holly Halfacre 11-5.75; and shot put — Alexia Cyr 19-11, Briana Haight 19-11.

Jones earned his fifth-place finish with a time of 53.51 in the 400m. Teammate Bo Thomas placed eighth in the race at 54.29.

The boys team also had the following performances: 100m — Daquan Diston 11.65, Davien Pressley 12.24, Michael Hill 13.08, Matthew Rogers 13.73; 200m — Thomas 24.59, Ibn Williams 25.58; 400m — Brycen Boney 55.64, Blake McCoy 56.67, Hill 1:04; 800m — Gavin Smith 2:18, Ashton Bunkley 2:35; 1600m — Smith 5:51, Bunkley 6:14; long jump — McCoy 18-3; and shot put — Edward Durant 34-4, Anthony Holmes 30-4.25, Phoenix Bryant 27-8.75.

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KHHS' Guy to play baseball at Daytona State College

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Keystone Heights High School senior has been swinging a bat ever since he was able to stand upright as a toddler.

Thanks to Daytona State College, he doesn't have to stop swinging it once this year's high school season comes to an end for the Indians. Guy signed a letter of intent to play for the Falcons during a Feb. 23 ceremony in the KHHS media center.

"When I was 3 or 4 years old, I knew that's what I wanted to do," Guy said of playing in college. "I put my mind to it. My family had my back the whole time. We made it happen."

Guy's grandfather Kenny Downs spoke during the ceremony about how he gave his grandson a plastic bat when he was 9 or 10 months old. He'd stand three or four steps from Guy, throw a big, soft ball to where the bat was and say, "Swing."

As Guy got older, the bat and the ball both got smaller.

"We did that for a long time," Downs said, adding, "We got to playing in the house until he broke the lampshade. We were asked to please go outside."

Guy has proven he can make contact with the ball. He led Keystone in batting average his freshman (.372) and sophomore (.351) seasons and was second last year (.357). He drove in 18 runs in each of his first two seasons, which put him second on the team as a freshman and

first as a sophomore. Guy led the team as a junior with 22 RBI.

"His swing is one of the best swings I've ever seen since I've been coaching baseball," KHHS Head Coach Chris Roach said.

Guy has also been among Keystone's leaders in extra-base hits. He hit a team-high in triples with four in 2021, two in 2022 and four in 2023. Guy also hit a team-high in doubles with seven as a sophomore and six as a junior as well as a team-high two home runs as a junior.

Roach said the results have come through work. He described Guy as an "old-school baseball player in a new age" and said it's not unusual for Guy to call at 10:30 at night after a game and ask if he can go put in time in the batting cage.

"Being his coach — it's been pretty easy," Roach said, adding, "It's a pleasure to have a leader who works. If you watch the kid work, there's no question you're going to want to be more like him because of the success he has. He's taken a lot of guys to the batting cage with him over the years."

Guy said the hours he puts in swinging the bat are fun.

"I don't think it's work. I love it," Guy said, adding, "There's no better feeling than a ball hitting the barrel."

Downs said Guy got a call from Daytona State College — a school "that was not on the radar." Guy made a visit and enjoyed the experience.

"The guys at Daytona — I fit



Connor Guy is pictured with his family during his Feb. 23 signing ceremony. He'll play baseball at Daytona State College. Pictured (l-r) are Marian Owenby (aunt), Susan and Kenny Downs (grandparents), Guy, Brooke Harvey (mother), McKenzie Guy (sister) and Brad Harvey (stepfather).

in well with them," Guy said. He was considering going to a Division II school in North Carolina, but decided Daytona State was the best fit for him. He accepted a scholarship while playing in a KHHS golf match in Starke.

Golf and baseball are just two of the sports Guy has played at KHHS. He was also on the basketball and football teams.

KHHS Head Football Coach Steve Reynolds said, "Best punter in school history. I can't say enough about his character."

Roach said playing at the junior-college level in Florida, which he noted is "pretty good,"

will be a challenge for Guy, but he believes it's a challenge Guy is looking forward to.

Guy said the fact that Keystone plays a challenging schedule will help him as moves to the next level.

"We're actually playing a lot of good competition right now at Keystone," Guy said. "I think every (pitcher) we've faced (through Feb. 22) is going to college. That's definitely helping me prepare."

Guy plays center field for the Indians. Roach said Guy is "good-footed with real good speed and a really good arm."

"He takes control in the

outfield," Roach said. "He covers a lot of ground. He does very well in directing traffic as far as the other guys out there."

As if the moment wasn't special enough for Guy, Principal Laurie Burke read a letter to Guy from former KHHS Baseball Coach Alan Mattox, who retired after Guy's freshman season. Part of the letter read: "This opportunity is well-earned, and I know that you will accept the challenge of being elite every day on the field and in the classroom. Continue to grind every day, to improve spiritually, academically and in baseball. Never stray from the

strong character foundation that you have that has made you a special, young man."

Guy said the first time he steps onto the field at Daytona State will be scary and admitted it'll be a little intimidating playing for Head Coach Tim Touma, saying, "He's no joke."

However, Guy's looking forward to the experience. After all, he's been preparing his whole life for it.

"There are going to be a lot of guys (there who are) kind of like me," Guy said. "We're going to have fun. We're going to get after it."

BHS tennis teams defeat West Nassau

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Bradford High School's tennis teams both defeated visiting West Nassau on Feb. 20.

The girls team, which is 1-4, swept doubles play in defeating the Warriors 5-2. Reagan Harris and Caitlyn Jackson teamed up for an 8-0 win at the number-one spot, while Maya Moss and Victoria Hudgens won 8-6 at number two.

Harris and Jackson each won 8-1 at the number-one and number-two singles spots. Hudgens won 8-5 at the fourth spot.

Moss and Brooke Rodriguez lost 8-4 and 8-2, respectively.

Like the girls team, the Bradford boys swept doubles play in defeating West Nassau 4-3. Calum Butler and Rowan Butler won 8-5 at the number-one spot, while James Hudgens and Nikolas Vargas won 8-2 at number two.

Calum Butler and Rowan Butler won 9-7 and 8-5, respectively, at the number-one and number-two spots in singles play. Vargas and Hudgens lost 8-3 and 8-4, respectively, while Jack Hendrix lost 8-7.

The boys team is now 2-3. Both teams played Ridgeview on Feb. 22 and will be back in action on Tuesday, March 5, at Baker County at 3:30 p.m.

KHHS girls defeat Palatka 6-1 in tennis

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Keystone Heights High School swept doubles play and won all

but one singles match in a 6-1 girls tennis win at Palatka on Feb. 26.

Shaylyn Williams and Kadence Carlton teamed up for a 9-7 win at number-one doubles, while the team of Whitnee Buchanan and Reagan Feldpausch won 8-1.

Williams lost 8-5 at number-one singles, but the Indians won the rest of the matches. Buchanan and Alyssa Lee won 8-5 at the number-two and number-four spots. Feldpausch won 8-1 at number two, while Joann Mason won 8-3 at the five spot.

Keystone won its third straight match to improve to 3-2, while the boys team dropped its first match on Feb. 22, losing 7-0 to visiting Eastside. The closest matches for the Indians (2-1) were an 8-5 loss by the doubles team of Dalton Moore and Ethan Teague and a pair of 8-4 singles losses by Teague and Evan Booth.

Both teams played Santa Fe this past Tuesday and will travel to play Ridgeview on Thursday, Feb. 29, at 3 p.m.

The girls team will host Middleburg on Tuesday, March 5, at 3:30 p.m.

BHS softball team falls 11-1 to Suwannee

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Bradford High School's softball team outhit host Orange Park 7-5, but the Tornadoes were left still seeking their first win after a 7-1 loss on Feb. 26.

Rylie Blankenship, who went 3 for 4, hit a single to lead off the top of the first, advanced to second on a passed ball and stole third before scoring on a wild pitch.

Orange Park scored two runs in the bottom of the inning.

Blankenship was the team's

only batter with multiple hits, though Amber Wynn did hit a double in the fifth to give Bradford runners on second and third before a strikeout ended the scoring threat.

Bradford (0-3) entered the game off an 11-1 loss to host Suwannee on Feb. 23. The Tornadoes had only three hits, with one being a double by Keegan Yowell.

The Tornadoes host Bolles on Friday, March 1, at 5:30 p.m.

UCHS baseball team falters late in loss to Lanier County

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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A five-run seventh inning by visiting Lanier County (Georgia) resulted in a 7-4 loss for the Union County High School baseball team on Feb. 23.

Lanier hit two two-run singles in the final inning, which also consisted of three walks, an error and a hit batter with the bases loaded.

Despite the loss, the Tigers (1-2) hit seven extra-base hits, including Devin Diggs' two-run homer that tied the score at 2-2 in the fourth.

Ayden Androlevich and Trenton Klein each went 2 for 3 with a double. Riggs Daves, Erick Lasseter, Foster Smith and Kacen Thomassen each hit a double.

Thomassen, who started on the mound, gave up two runs (one earned) on three hits and one walk through four innings. He had four strikeouts.

Union opened the season with a 10-2 loss at Baker County on Feb. 20.

The Tigers had no hits, but took a 2-1 lead in the fifth when Jake Walker reached on an error and scored on another error.

Baker tied the score in the bottom of the fifth and then scored eight runs off seven hits in the sixth inning.

Starting pitcher Diggs threw three innings, allowing no hits and striking out five.

Union entered the Lanier game off an 8-7 win over visiting West Nassau on Feb. 22. Diggs' solo home run off a 2-0 pitch in the fifth proved to be the difference.

Diggs finished 2 for 3 with two RBI.

Preston Bonsall, who went 2 for 4, hit a two-run single as part of a four-run second inning, which also featured an RBI single by Klein.

Lasseter and Smith each had one RBI.

Klein earned the win, giving up one unearned run through the final 3.1 innings. He gave up three hits and no walks.

Union played Suwannee this past Tuesday and will travel to play Oakleaf on Thursday, Feb. 29, at 7 p.m. The Tigers then travel to play Baldwin on Tuesday, March 5, at 7 p.m.

LBMS off to 4-0 start in baseball

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Lake Butler Middle School's baseball team defeated visiting Palatka 6-2 on Feb. 26 to improve to 4-0.

The Tigers got an RBI double from Kiptyn Shuler and an RBI single from Ridge Robinson as part of a three-run second inning.

Weston Thompson, who went 3 for 3, drove in two runs on a single in the fourth.

Starting pitcher Tristan George gave up no runs, no hits and no walks through three innings. He had four strikeouts.

Shuler, Owen Parrish and

Fisher Thomassen combined to give up two hits in the final two innings.

The Tigers opened the season with a 6-2 win at Bradford on Feb. 13. George, Parrish, Shuler, Thomassen and Aden Renard all pitched, combining to give up no hits.

Renard also drove in two runs, while Westyn Miller had one RBI.

Lake Butler used a four-run second inning to help give them a 9-5 win at Fort White on Feb. 19.

The big inning featured an RBI single by George and an RBI on a sacrifice fly by Thompson. Parrish also scored on a passed ball, while Robinson scored on a steal of home.

Thompson led the team in RBI with two, while George, Parrish and Thomassen each had one.

Pitchers Parrish, Robinson, Braxton Griffis, Eastyn Miller and Spencer Legg combined to give up three hits.

The Tigers played their first home game on Feb. 20, scoring all of their runs in the first three innings in defeating Suwannee 4-3.

Lake Butler scored three runs in the first with two outs. Shuler and Thomassen each had an RBI single, while another run scored on an error.

Shuler's sacrifice fly in the third scored what would prove to be the game-winning run.

Starting pitcher Miller gave up two runs on three hits through 3.1 innings. Thomassen gave up one run on one hit in the final 3.2 innings. Miller and Thomassen had five and four strikeouts, respectively.

The Tigers host Keystone Heights on Thursday, Feb. 29, and Fort White on Friday, March 1. Both games start at 6 p.m.

Lake Butler travels to play Suwannee on Monday, March 4, at 4 p.m.

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32.54; and 400m Lysa McKenzie 1:35.

The boys team got a third-place finish from Jaleel Easley, who ran the 400m in 54.49. Easley also had a seventh-place finish in the 200m with a time of 24.23.

BHS also had the following boys results: 100m — Elijah Lawrence 11.94, Justin Hall 12.17, Gino Addison 12.17, Jordan Barton 12.54; 200m — Lawrence 27.48; 400m — Barton 58.18; and 800m — Krystian Harris 2:41, Hayden Starling 2:58.

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The three players finished with one RBI each, as did Austin Smith.

Kerlin and Addington went 2 for 3 and 2 for 4, respectively.

Starting pitcher Ben Goforth gave up three runs (one earned) on one hit through four innings.

Gage Barry threw the final three innings, giving up no hits and striking out five.

Keystone (1-1) entered the game off a season-opening 7-3 loss at Clay on Feb. 20.

Andru Siemer went 2 for 2, but the rest of the team combined to get just one hit.

Austin Musgrove drove in two runs, while Guy drove in one.

Musgrove started on the mound, giving up no runs and two hits through four innings.

The Indians played North Marion this past Tuesday and will host Interlachen on Thursday, Feb. 29, at 7 p.m. Keystone then travels to play Williston on Tuesday, March 5, at 7 p.m.

EVANS

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Bob Milner, who was the 2020 Bradford American Values Dinner honoree, introduced Evans, saying she, like the event's past honorees, "has provided exemplary service to our community" and "is someone of character and integrity."

"Patricia's a dedicated community volunteer," Milner said. "She generously donates her time to assist with numerous community events for multiple organizations throughout Clay and Bradford counties."

Evans, who graduated from the Florida School of Banking

in 2011, is involved in such organizations as Northeast Florida Economic Development Council, Clay County Chamber of Commerce, Starke Area Friends of the NRA, Career Source, Woman's Club of Starke, Kiwanis Club of Starke and Rural Counties Days.

"There is no such thing as banker's hours when it comes to Patricia," Milner said, explaining how she often attends meetings once her workday at Capital City Bank is done.

Kornegay spoke of working alongside Evans in the area of economic development, saying, "Her experience, her knowledge and her desire to grow Bradford County responsibly, to bring jobs to this community and have this

place really thrive, is amazing."

What Evans thinks is amazing is how she and her husband, Joey, were welcomed to Bradford County when they moved there 12 years ago. She thanked those in attendance, saying, "I think this could be our forever home. For that, thank you. Thank you for every one of you paving the way and showing me what needed to be done in this community."

Aside from striving to better her communities, Evans is passionate about her family: her parents, her husband, her daughter, Arryn, and son-in-law, Zach, and her fur baby, Tebow. Of her parents and her husband, whom she described as her heroes, Evans said, "They taught me to look for and be appreciative

of the little things. Wake up every day and find something to be thankful for. Appreciate nature and always show respect for everyone because you never know what they may be going through.

Evans thanked her husband for his support of everything she does, saying he shares her passion for helping others. He's often by her side when she's volunteering at an event.

It may sound like Evans has a full schedule, but she does find time to enjoy camping, gardening and raising bees and collecting honey.

Following dinner, which was provided by The Downtown Grill, Kornegay talked about Scouting in Bradford County and

in the North Florida Council as a whole.

"Tonight, I am pleased to report that here in Bradford County, we are serving 132 youth and 41 adult volunteers," Kornegay said. "We partner with four local churches, civic and community organizations to bring a quality program to our youth."

"When you combine these numbers with the other 16 counties here in North Florida, we are impacting the lives of over 7,400 youth and 2,400 registered adult leaders throughout our programs."

Scott Roberts served as this year's dinner chair. The host committee consisted of Kornegay, Chrissy Thompson

and Pam Whittle.

Platinum-level sponsors were Advanced Concepts, Capital City Bank, Diane Kornegay and Roberts Insurance. Silver-level sponsors were The Downtown Grill, Downtown Merchants, Florida Power and Light, Kahle Commercial Group, Liberty Tax and Pipeline Constructors.

Besides Evans and Milner, the following have also been Bradford American Values Dinner honorees: Lennard Register (2014), George Pierce (2015), John Palmer (2016), Dolph Reddish (2017), Chuck Kramer (2018), Carolyn Eaves (2019), John Miller (2019), Terry Vaughan (2021), Gordon Smith (2022) and Michael Moore (2023).

Legal Notices

Legals for the week of Feb. 29, 2024

BRADFORD

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

Certificate Number: 801
Year of Issuance: 2020
Parcel Number: 03311-0-00000
Case Number: 04-2024-TD-002
Description of Property: Lot 1, Block 11, of Livingston-Truby & Company's Subdivision of the Northeast Quarter of the North-East Quarter of Section 28, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, as per the plat thereof recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Bradford County, Florida, in Original Plat Book 1, on page 41. Name in Which Assessed: BERTHAL DADE

Name on last tax roll, if different: DADE BERTHA L ESTATE % LILLIAN L TAYLOR
All 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 04/10/2024, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.

Denny Thompson, Clerk Of The Circuit Court Bradford County, Florida
BY: Kyrah Smith, Deputy Clerk
Contact the Tax Deed Office at 904-966-6280 to obtain the amount necessary to redeem.
DATED: February 5, 2024
DATE OF PUBLICATION: FEBRUARY 8th, 2024 / FEBRUARY 15th, 2024 / FEBRUARY 22nd, 2024 / FEBRUARY 29th, 2024

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Certificate Number: 812
Year of Issuance: 2020
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Case Number: 04-2024-TD-0001
Description of Property: 28 6S 22 BLK 26 IN L T & COS S/D, EX E1/2 OF LOT 1 & EX S 25' OF E1/2 OF LOT 2 OF BLK 26, AS DESC IN OR BK 47 PG 108 of the Public Records of Bradford County, State of Florida. Name in Which Assessed: ARTHUR RANDOLPH

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Denny Thompson, Clerk Of The Circuit Court Bradford County, Florida
BY: KANETRA JENKINS, Deputy Clerk
Contact the Tax Deed Office at 904-966-6280 to obtain the amount necessary to redeem.
DATED: February 15, 2024
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No 04-2024-CP-000006-CPAM Estate Division

IN RE: ESTATE OF EDWARD WILLIAM CAMPBELL Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Edward William Campbell, deceased, whose date of death was October 31, 2023, is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 945 N Temple Ave, Starke, FL 32091. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER

BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

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Personal Representative: Monica M. Campbell
1259 Poplar Ave
Baltimore, Maryland 21227

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

To satisfy the owner's storage lien, KO Storage LLC will sell at public lien sale on March 20, 2024. The personal property in the below-listed units, which may include but are not limited to: Household goods, boxes/boxes/bags, clothing, bedding, tools and toys. The public sale of these items will begin at 10AM on March 13, 2024 and end at 2PM on March 20, 2024. The public sale will take place on www.storage-treasures.com.

KO Storage of Starke - S Walnut St, 1650 South Walnut Street, Starke FL 32091, (952) 314-7121 Time: 02:00PM CST
A16, Maddox, Carolyn, A24, Williamson, Jessica, A27, Gordon, Madolyn, A53, Hood, John, A75, Griffin, Rebecca, B31, Whiteley, Mylinda, B77, Shults, Michael, C12, Hood, John
Public sale terms, rules, and regulations will be made available on www.storage-treasures.com. All sales are subject to cancellation. We reserve the right to refuse any bid. Payment must be by credit/debit card, we do not accept checks or cash. Buyers must secure the units with their own personal locks. To claim tax-exempt status, original RESALE certificates for each space purchased is required. By KO Storage LLC, 10301 Wayzata Blvd, Minnetonka, MN 55305. (952)-314-7121.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

Certificate Number: 713
Year of Issuance: 2017
Parcel Number: 02517-0-00000
Case Number: 2024-TD-0003
Description of Property: LOTS 2 AND 3 OF BLOCK 17, NORTH RENO, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2 AT PAGE 39 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA. Name in Which Assessed: VIVIAN FARNSWORTH & BRIAN FARNSWORTH
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 04/24/2024, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.

Denny Thompson, Clerk Of The Circuit Court Bradford County, Florida
BY KANETRA JENKINS, Deputy Clerk
Contact the Tax Deed Office at 904-966-6280 to obtain the amount necessary to redeem.
DATED: February 19, 2024
DATE OF PUBLICATION: FEBRUARY 22, 2024; FEBRUARY 29, 2024; MARCH 7, 2024; MARCH 14, 2024

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SUBJ: CIS Deployment.

Public notification that a Contraband Interdiction System will be deployed at Lawtrey Correctional Institution. Those in the surrounding community should be aware there is potential for service interruptions during deployment.

2/29 1tchg-BCT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:

301 Legacy Auto LLC gives notice that on 03/19/2024 at 09:00 AM the following vehicle(s) may be sold by public sale at 13168 US HWY 301 S., Starke, FL 32091 to satisfy the lien for the amount owed on each vehicle for any recovery, towing, or storage services charges and administrative fees allowed.

2004 MAZDA
#1YVFP82D045N73889
2002 MITSU
#4A3AA46G32E057017
2007 BMW
#WBANH83597DT76027
This notification is published in BRADFORD COUNTY TELEGRAPH on 2/29/2024

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:

301 Legacy Auto LLC gives notice that on 03/28/2024 at 09:00 AM the following vehicle(s) may be sold by public sale at 13168 US HWY 301 S.,

Starke, FL 32091 to satisfy the lien for the amount owed on each vehicle for any recovery, towing, or storage services charges and administrative fees allowed.

2006 HONDA
#1HGCM66386A067682
This notification is published in BRADFORD COUNTY TELEGRAPH on 2/29/2024

2/29 1tchg-BCT

Emergency Food and Shelter Program Advertisement BRADFORD COUNTY

The Bradford County EFSP/FEMA Phase 41 Local Board has been awarded \$7,054 in federal funds made available through the Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) under the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program. The Bradford County EFSP/FEMA Phase 41 Local Board has been chosen to receive \$7,054 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county.

The selection was made by a National Board that is chaired by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency and consists of representatives from American Red Cross; Catholic Charities, USA, National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA; The Jewish Federations of North America; The Salvation Army; and, United Way Worldwide. The Local Board was charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the county. A Local Board made up of representatives of various community agencies will determine how the \$7,054 awarded to Bradford County is to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service agencies in the area. The Local Board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds made available under this phase of the program. Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local agencies chosen to receive funds must:

- 1) be private voluntary non-profits or units of government,
- 2) be eligible to receive Federal funds,
- 3) have an accounting system,
- 4) practice nondiscrimination,
- 5) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and
- 6) if they are a private voluntary organization, have a voluntary board. Qualifying agencies are urged to apply. Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact Mary Broadfoot at United Way of North Central Florida via email at mbroadfoot@unitedwayncfl.org for an application. The deadline for applications to be received is midnight Monday, March 11, 2024.

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TOWN OF BROOKER FIRST PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Town of Brooker is considering applying to the Florida Department of Commerce (FC) for one or more Small Cities Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) for the 2023-2024 CDBG program year. Each grant is expected to not exceed \$600,000. CDBG funds may be used for one of the following purposes:

1. To benefit low- and moderate-income persons;
2. To aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight;
3. To meet other community development needs of recent origin having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and where other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

The categories of activities for which these funds may be used are in the areas of housing, neighborhood revitalization, commercial revitalization, or economic development and include such improvement activities as acquisition of real property, loans to private-for-profit business, purchase of machinery and equipment, construction of infrastructure, planning/design, rehabilitation of houses and commercial buildings, and energy conservation.

In developing an application for submission to FC, the Town of Brooker must plan to minimize displacement of persons as a result of planned CDBG activities. In addition, the Town is required to develop a plan to assist displaced persons. A public hearing to receive citizen views concerning the community's economic and community development needs will be held on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard, at the Town of Brooker Community Center located at 17435 Tetstone Avenue, Brooker, FL 32622. Additional information regarding the range of activities that may be undertaken with funding from the CDBG grant program will be provided at the public hearing. Additional information may also be obtained prior to the Public Hearing by contacting Charlene Thomas, Acting Town Clerk at (352) 485-1022. Also, comments or questions may be submitted to Ms. Thomas by email at brookerclerk1022@windstream.net, or by postal service at P. O. Box 127, Brooker, Florida 32622. The public hearing will be conducted in a handicapped accessible location. Any handicapped person requiring an interpreter for the hearing impaired or the visually impaired or requiring

any other special accommodation should contact the Town at the phone number listed above at least five calendar days prior to the meeting so that arrangements can be made for an interpreter or other special accommodation. To access a Telecommunication Device for Deaf Persons (TDD) please call (1-800-877-8339). Any non-English speaking person wishing to attend the public hearing should contact the Town at the phone number listed above so that arrangements for a language interpreter can be made.

A FAIR HOUSING/EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/HANDICAP ACCESS JURISDICTION
2/29 1tchg-BCT

TOWN OF BROOKER Fair Housing Public Information Meeting

The Town of Brooker will conduct a fair housing public information meeting at the Town of Brooker Community Center located at 17435 Tetstone Avenue, Brooker, FL 32622 on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard. The meeting is intended to provide the general public, property owners, housing professionals, and local elected officials with information concerning fair housing requirements. Anyone interested in understanding the importance of fair housing should attend. Additional information about the meeting may be obtained by contacting Charlene Thomas, Acting Town Clerk by phone at (352) 485-1022, by email at brookerclerk1022@windstream.net, or by postal service at P. O. Box 127, Brooker, Florida 32622. In addition, persons seeking additional information about fair housing issues may contact the following toll-free hotlines 1-802342-8170 (Florida Commission of Human Relations) or 1-800-669-9777 (HUD-Washington, D.C.)

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Ron Denmark Mini Storage will hold a public auction on 3/8/2024 10:00am at 2117 N. Temple Ave. Starke, FL on the following units containing personal items:
Unit 98 Belonging to S. Hampton
Units 125 & 137 Belonging to P. Brewer
Unit 110 Belonging to V. Atkinson
Unit 134 & 144 Belonging to S. Wilkinson
2/29 2tchg 3/7-BCT

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER City of Starke Chemical Monitoring Public Notice

What happened?
Our water system did not meet the requirements of a drinking water rule. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not your drinking water meets health standards.

For community water systems, such as ours, monthly monitoring is required for Total Coliform. Our system is required to take eight distribution samples and three well samples each month. During the February 2023 monitoring period, we only took seven distribution samples and zero well samples. Therefore, we cannot be sure of the quality of your drinking water at that time.

Additionally, during the 2023 monitoring period, we monitored for Synthetic Organic Contaminants (SOCs). As a large community water system, we should have either taken two sets of Synthetic Organic Contaminants (SOCs) 60 or more days apart, or submitted an application to the Department of Environmental Protection to qualify for reduced SOC monitoring. However, we only took one set of SOC, and did not submit an application for reduced SOC monitoring. Therefore, we cannot be sure of the quality of your drinking water at that time.

What should I do?
Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially harmful, waterborne pathogens may be present or that a potential pathway exists through which contamination may enter the drinking water distribution system. Some people who drink water containing SOC could become seriously ill. Health effects language for individual contaminants can be obtained by visiting the EPA website at: https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/table-regulated-drinking-water-contaminants or by contacting us at the number below. Any customers who are concerned about their exposure to these contaminants can choose alternative sources of water for ingestion. What does this mean?
This is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. What is being done?
Staff is diligently keeping track of sampling requirements and notifying the Public of any deficiencies as they may occur.

For more information, please contact City Management at 904-964-5027 or contact the Department of Environmental Protection, Potable Water Section at 904-256-1700. Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail. This notice is being sent to you by our water system: City of Starke WIP
Potable Water System ID: 2040211
Date distributed: 02/23/2024
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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REGISTER FICTITIOUS NAME

Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes, notice is hereby given that the undersigned: RODNEY MOSLEY, 4506 SE 144th Terr., Starke, FL 32091 doing business under the firm name of: **BRADFORD COWBOYS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**, 4506 SE 144th Terr. (P.O. Box 1396), Starke, FL 32091 intends to register fictitious name under the aforesaid statute. Dated this 22nd day of February A.D., 2024, in Bradford County.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 8TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

File No.: 04-2023-CP-000121
Probate Division

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF ELIZABETH ELLEN STUBBS, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
(Single Personal Representative)
The administration of the Estate of ELIZABETH ELLEN STUBBS, deceased, whose date of death was May 18, 2023, File Number: as referenced above, is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 945 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, FL 32091. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

All Creditors of 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 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the Decedent and other persons having claims or demands against Decedent's Estate, including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this Court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN §733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is February 29, 2024. Attorney for Personal Representative: /S/ ADAM S. GUMSON
JUPITER LAW CENTER
RiverPlace Professional Center
1003 W. Indiantown Road - Suite 210
Jupiter, Florida 33458-6851
Telephone: (561) 744-4600
Florida Bar No.: 9069448
E-mail: asg@jupiterlawcenter.com
Personal Representative: KIMBERLY E. DUGGER
289 Maxwell Drive
Welaka, FL 32193
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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida shall hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 5th, 2024 at 9:30 A.M., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Board of County Commissioners Chambers at the Bradford County Courthouse, located at 945 N. Temple Avenue in Starke, Florida, to consider the exercise of its authority pursuant to Chapter 336, Florida Statutes, to close and abandon a 30 foot platted street along the Northerly 15 feet of Lot 42 & the Southerly 15 feet Lot 47 of Woodlawn, Plat Book 1, Page 17 of the public records of Bradford County, Florida as it pertains to the following Bradford County Parcel Number;

01131-0-02500

Copies of materials related to this public hearing may be obtained by any member of the public at the Office of the Zoning Department, located at 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida, during regular business hours (Monday through Friday, exclusive of holidays, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.). On the date, time and place first above mentioned, all interested persons may appear and be heard with respect to this matter. The public hearing may be continued to one or more future dates. Any interested party shall be advised that the date, time and place of any continuation of the public hearing shall be announced during the public hearing and that no further notice concerning the matter will be published.

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All persons are advised that, if they decide to appeal any decision made at the public hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings and, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Persons with disabilities who require assistance to participate in the meeting are requested to notify the Clerk of the Court, Bradford County Courthouse, Starke, Florida, 904-966-6280 at least two business days in advance; if you are hearing or voice impaired call 1-800-955-8771.

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01131-0-02501

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01295-0-00102

Copies of materials related to this public hearing may be obtained by any member of the public at the Office of the Zoning Department, located at 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida, during regular business hours (Monday through Friday, exclusive of holidays, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.). On the date, time and place first above mentioned, all interested persons may appear and be heard with respect to this matter. The public hearing may be continued to one or more future dates. Any interested party shall be advised that the date, time and place of any continuation of the public hearing shall be announced during the public hearing and that no further notice concerning the matter will be published.

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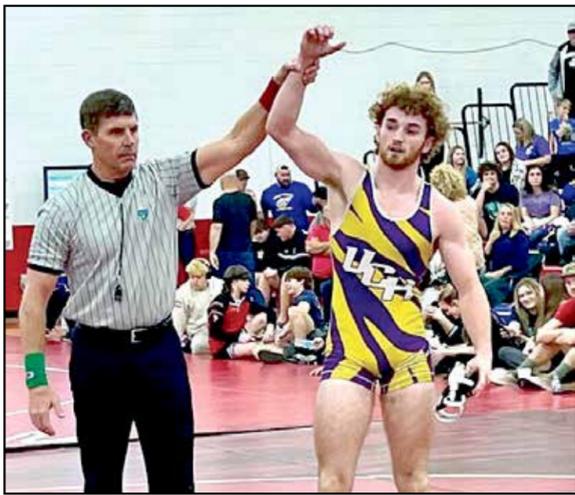
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A referee raises Rodney Barnett's hand after one of his three wins en route to the championship match in his class.

REGION

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9:30 a.m. on March 1 and March 2, respectively.

Barnett's first victory in the Region 1 meet was a 17-1 technical fall against South Walton's Sam Fanton. He pinned Stanton Prep's Elias Spurlin in 42 seconds and defeated North Bay Haven's Zander Stillgess 10-6 to reach the championship match. There, he was pinned in 48 seconds by Fernandina Beach's Cole Miscianga, a state qualifier from last season.

Union has now qualified someone for state three times in the last four years.

The Tigers' Howard dropped his first match, getting pinned in 4:25 by Paxon's Justin Williams.

He rebounded with three straight wins, pinning Wakulla's Caleb Thompson in 21 seconds and Wolfson's Taylor Martinez in 2:24 and defeating Yulee's Lincoln Brehmer 12-9. Howard needed one more win to reach the third-place match, but he was pinned in 4:51 by Bay's Leonardo Sanchez.

Lane opened by pinning Liberty County's Thor Eikeland in 1:47. He then pinned Fernandina Beach's Felix McDuffy in 4:39 before getting pinned by two straight opponents: Wolfson's Keith Forbes (5:07) and Wakulla's Adleigh Caquimbo (3:57).

The Tigers had two wrestlers besides Howard and Lane go 2-2: Elijah Roberts and Jameson Lang.

Roberts, in the 150 class,

pinned Marianna's Nicholas Heineman in 2:53 before getting pinned in 1:38 by Yulee's Andrew Watkins. He bounced back, pinning Florida High's Teagan Olson in 37 seconds before being eliminated when he was pinned in 58 seconds by Wakulla's Nate Jacobs.

Lang, in the 165 class, opened with a 13-5 major-decision win over North Bay Haven's Brody Bousa, but he was then pinned in 3:03 by Yulee's Michael McNair. Lang then pinned Bishop Kenny's Gabe Loomis in 3:22 before getting pinned in 4:34 by Wewahitchka's Jarrett Spencer.

Alexander Cortese (190 class) defeated his first opponent, pinning Bishop Kenny's Liam Bradley in 1:21. He was then pinned in 1:43 by Florida High's Jordan Haigler before

being disqualified in a match against Baker County's Kristian Chancey.

Gavin Sparkman (138) and Maddox Wheeler (215) also competed for the Tigers. Each went 0-2.

Union, which placed 13th in the team standings, is in just its fifth year of wrestling. During that time, the Tigers have earned three district runner-up trophies and have qualified 39 individuals for regionals the last four years. This season marked the first time Union had individual district champions (Barnett, Cortese, Howard and Lane).

Johnson said the future looks bright.

"We had a whole bunch of freshmen and 10th-graders who are going to be really good," he said.

Legal Notices

Legals for the week of Feb. 29, 2024

BRADFORD

COMMISSION MEETING
RESCHEDULED
Due to the Bradford County Fair the March 5th City of Starke Commission Meeting is being moved to March 12th.

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UNION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 8TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: 63-2024-DR-0004

Division:

BETHANY AND CHRISTINA ESFORD, Petitioner
and
DEANA STOKES AND EARL BAGLEY Respondent.

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR - PETITION FOR TEMPORARY CUSTODY BY EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBER

TO: (name of respondent) EARL BAGLEY III

{Respondent's last known address} HOMELESS, TALLAHASSEE, FL
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for PETITION FOR TEMPORARY CUSTODY HAS been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on {name of Petitioner} BETHANY AND CHRISTINA ESFORD, whose address is 13422 NE 233RD PLACE, RAIFFORD, FL 32083 on or before (date) 3/8/2024, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 55 WEST MAIN STREET, ROOM 103, LAKE BUTLER, FL 32054 before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition. (if applicable, insert the legal description of real property, a specific description of personal property, and the name of the county in Florida where the property is located) Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request. You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Designation of Current Mailing and E-Mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future

papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e-mailed to the addresses on record at the clerk's office.
WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.
Dated: January 31, 2024
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
BY: C. Norman Deputy Clerk
2/15 4tchg 3/7-UCT

TIRE AMNESTY
Union County Solid Waste is hosting the annual Tire Amnesty event from March 2 - March 3 at 15285 SW 84th Street, Lake Butler FL 32054. Maximum 20 tires per resident. Photo ID required. Tires from commercial shops not accepted.
2/22 2tchg 2/29-UCT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROBATE DIVISION
CASE NO.: 23000050CPAXMX
DIVISION: Probate
IN RE: ESTATE OF B E T Y GAMBLE
A/K/A BETTY SUE GAMBLE A/K/A BETTY BARNES GAMBLE, Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of BETTY GAMBLE A/K/A BETTY SUE GAMBLE A/K/A BETTY BARNES GAMBLE, ("Decedent") deceased, whose date of death was April 6, 2023, and whose Social Security Number is XXX-XX-3999, is pending in the Circuit Court for Union County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 55 West Main Street, Lake Butler, FL 32054. The names and addresses of the Petitioner and the Petitioner's attorney are set forth

below.
All creditors of the Decedent and other persons having claims or demands against Decedent's Estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
All other creditors of the Decedent and other persons having claims or demands against Decedent's Estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
ALL CLAIMS NOT 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 29, 2024.
REBECCA BUCKALEW A/K/A REBECCA CHARLENE GAMBLE BUCKALEW, Petitioner
4685 W State Rd 238, Lake Butler, FL 32054
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WORKSHOP
The City of Lake Butler City Commission will hold a POLICY WORKSHOP on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 6:00pm located at the City Commission Chambers at 200 SW 1st Street Lake Butler, FL 32054. The workshop is held for the board to discuss current city policies and procedures.
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65 Help Wanted

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and adhere to tight and changing deadlines. Excellent verbal and written communication skills. High School Diploma required along with a valid Florida Drivers License. FRS Retirement available along with accrued leave. Salary is \$20.00 hour + \$8000.00 stipend in lieu of health insurance. Cover letter, resume, and references can be sent on or before March 7th, 2024 at 5:00pm via physical delivery to "Administrative Assistant", City of Lake Butler, 200 SW 1st Street, Lake Butler, FL 32054 or by email addressed to khayes@cityoflakebutler.com

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