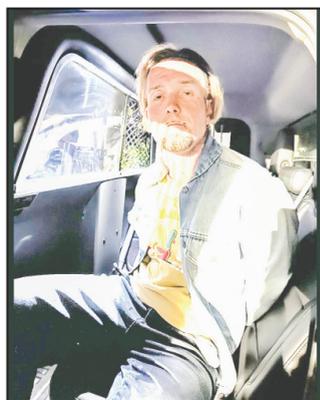


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## Witnesses lead to accused arsonist

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An eyewitness who said he saw someone lighting a fire near the Palatka-to-Lake-Butler State Trail eventually led investigators to a 37-year-old Keystone Heights man who they say started three fires that burned up to 10 acres near Hampton.

Bradford deputies transported John Cody Rabe from the Clay County jail to Starke on March 7, two days after they say he started three brush fires.

According to court papers, firefighters responded to the blazes near Southeast County Road 18 around 3 p.m.

One witness who told deputies he was riding his bicycle down the state trail said he saw a white male lighting a bush on fire with a lighter. The witness added that he had frequently seen the individual riding his blue bicycle on the trail and in Keystone Heights.

An anonymous tip identified Rabe as the person lighting the fires.

Two workers at a Bradford County convenience store identified Rabe from a Facebook profile, which enabled detectives to obtain an arrest warrant for the man.

Clay deputies arrested Rabe in Keystone Heights.

## Hearing scheduled in fairgrounds default case

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD  
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Bradford County's plan to acquire the fairgrounds by purchasing its debt is not going as quickly as planned.

The Bradford Fair Association's legal response to the foreclosure lawsuit filed by James L. Gissy has moved the case forward to a hearing next month.

County commissioners felt out of the loop when meeting about their budget last week and County Manager Scott Kornegay explained attorneys for the county and fairgrounds were communicating.

Commissioner Chris Dougherty said there had been comments about where else the county could be spending its \$1.7 million, but he expressed the commissioners' position. They want to preserve the fairgrounds and the annual fair for what it has meant, particularly to the youth in Bradford County. Should someone else acquire the property, they might have different plans.

"However it ends up, we've done everything we can," he said. "We tried twice. We tried last year, and we tried this year, right? And so, I don't want to be slung in the mud because we didn't

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## Black Creek testing looks 'promising'

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A St. Johns River Water Management District director said the testing results for water coming from the Black Creek Water Resource Development Project's treatment plant 'looks promising.'

The Black Creek Water Resource Development Project is designed to recharge the Upper Floridan aquifer and raise the water levels of Lakes Brooklyn and Geneva. It is part of the lakes' recovery plan, which helps the district comply with regulatory

minimum flows and levels.

Dale Jenkins, the district's director of the Division of Infrastructure and Land Resources, told the governing board during its March 11 meeting that the project is virtually complete, except for the treatment plant, which is designed to remove the creek's brown tannins.

He added that water quality testing coming from the facility within Camp Blanding looks good.

"The color is being removed according to the water quality criteria," he said. "That water quality criterion is being met as well as

turbidity. But we still have some more rinsing to do, so we're going to continue that process until it gets to the point where we can move that water into Alligator Creek."

The director added that of the treatment plant's six cells, one is complete, and another is being filled with media. Cell 3 has been lined and is ready to receive treatment media, and Cells 4, 5, and 6 are being lined.

"If everything goes according to schedule and the weather cooperates," he said, "the liner will be in cells 4, 5 and 6 by the beginning of April."



During his update to the St. Johns River Water Management District's Governing Board on the Black Creek Water Resource Development Project, Dale Jenkins showed board members an image of the project's discharge structure into Alligator Creek.

## Plans to remodel nursing school approved

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD  
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Architectural plans for remodeling the health sciences building at North Florida Technical College have been approved.

Greg Kelly with CRA Architects presented the plans during a March 10 school board workshop.

The health sciences building houses the college's nursing program, which is being expanded.

The partnership with Santa Fe College to bring a registered nursing program to the college was made possible by a \$4 million Florida Capital Funds Project Grant from the state Department of Commerce. The funds came to the state through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and will pay for program enhancements, allowing LPN students at NFTC to bridge into registered nursing right

here.

The footprint of the building at the corner of North Orange and West Weldon streets won't change, but significant remodeling will take place inside.

The large classroom can seat up to 30 students for in-person as well as virtual instruction. There is a 12-bed nursing lab which can be viewed from the faculty office by a large observation window. On the opposite side of the building is a technology lab for labor and delivery simulation alongside another office and observation window. The labs and storage area feature 48-inch doors so beds can be moved.

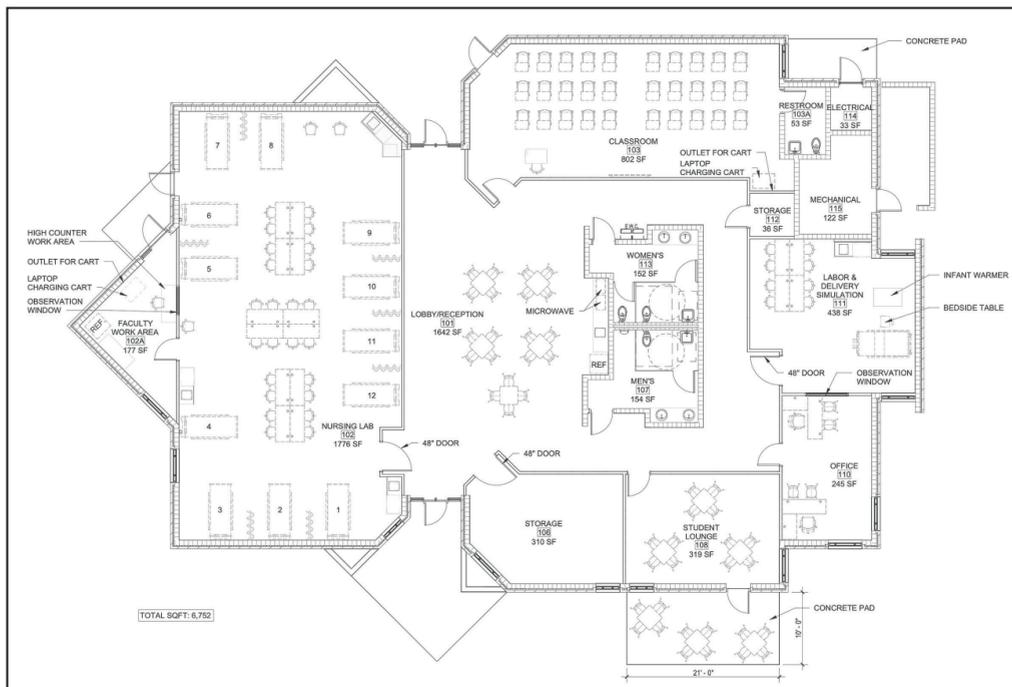
Remodeled restrooms and the reception area occupy the center of the building, and there is also a student lounge. A concrete pad extending this lounge outside could be added if the

budget allows, but Kelly mentioned they are also considering replacing the building's HVAC system.

"We're looking at new finishes, new plumbing, new everything in there right now. New HVAC, just a new facility when it's all said and done," he said.

Once construction begins, the project will take six to eight months to complete, depending on equipment arrival and how far they can stretch the budget. The next step now that the school board has approved the architectural plans will be board approval to advertise for a construction management firm.

The district is still working with the state on plans to transform the remainder of the campus, combining the college with a new junior/senior high school.



The plans include a large classroom and two labs where students will learn patient care.



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## WORTH NOTING

### Applications being accepted for Betty Warren Scholarship

Applications are being accepted now for the \$1,500 Betty Warren Memorial Scholarship, which will be presented by the Col. Samuel Elbert Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, at its May 5 meeting in the Keystone Heights City Hall boardroom.

Students may obtain applications at guidance offices at Bradford and Keystone Heights high schools, the Santa Fe College Andrews Center in Starke or the Santa Fe College Watson Center in Keystone.

The deadline for submission is March 31.

### Family histories sought for new book

The Union County Historical Society is hard at work on a second book about the county's history and the families that made it happen.

Members are actively collecting family histories and information on Union County history. To inquire about the project or to submit a family history item, interested parties can email the society at theucbook@gmail.com.

### Hospital launching program for people 55+

Lake Butler Hospital is pioneering a program for those 55 and older to keep them active, sharp and connected. Gather practical health wisdom to make your days brighter and more independent. Laugh, learn and grow with folks who share your zest for life. Each event will include delicious snacks, keepsakes and a chance to win prizes.

The program begins Thursday, March 13, and will continue every second Thursday each month from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Lake Butler Hospital. Let them know to expect you by calling 386-496-9277.

### Soil and water board meeting

Bradford Soil and Water Conservation District invites all to the supplemental meeting held the third Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at the Bradford County Extension Office, 2266 N. Temple Ave. in Starke. The next meeting on Tuesday, March 18, will include local water quality and flooding in the topics for discussion. Contact Amy Morie at 323-274-8858 or email a.morie.bswcd@gmail.com for more information and the Zoom link.



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try.”  
“We know where we’re at,” Commission Chairman Danny Riddick said. “I’ve been talking to some people. We’ve got

big plans for that fairground property, if the county gets it.”

The more time that passes, the more the cost increases as interest on the unpaid debt grows.

“The longer it goes on, the more expensive it gets because the default rate that was incurred in November of last year is 24.99%,” Kornegay said.

“The bottom line is, it’s just exactly what Commissioner Dougherty said. Do I want another \$1.7 million headache? Not really. But I do not want to see that fair go under for the citizens of Bradford County,” Riddick said. “We can take it and make it so much more with our resources, and it will all be about

the children and the citizens.”

On March 4, Attorney James Taylor Jr. filed a motion on behalf of the fair association to dismiss Gissy’s complaint, claiming it failed to state a cause of action. According to the filing, default has not occurred per the terms of the amended loan agreement, which ties default to the maturity date of the loan. That is in November of this year.

A hearing with Circuit Judge George Wright has been scheduled for April 4.

Bradford County Fairgrounds.

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

**Food distribution at True Vine**

A communitywide food distribution hosted by Farm Share and True Vine Ministry will take place Tuesday, 25, at 10 a.m. at True Vine Outreach Ministry in Starke.

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

**Caterpillar gardening tips**

Do you enjoy butterflies? Many people grow nectar plants to attract butterflies, but they may not think about where the butterflies came from in the first place — caterpillars! There is a special pleasure in finding butterfly eggs on your host plants, then watching the caterpillars grow, pupate and emerge as butterflies.

If you are interested in learning more about growing your own butterflies, plan to attend the March 20 meeting of the Alligator Creek Garden Club. Master Gardener Pat Caren will discuss butterfly species found locally and what you can plant to attract egg-laying adults and feed their offspring.

The meeting will be held at 2 p.m. at the Bradford County Senior center at 1805 N. Temple Ave. in Starke. They will have refreshments and a plant exchange. For more information, contact Pat Caren at 352-339-3673.

**Church yard sale Saturday**

The Pentecostals of Starke Church are having a large yard sale on Saturday, March 15, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The church is located at 2324 NE State Road 16 in Starke.



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# Two running for open council seat in Lawtey

BY MELISSA PYLE  
Special to the Telegraph

The city of Lawtey will hold a special election to fill the vacant council seat on April 1. Emily Hoffman resigned the position at the end of 2024.

Candidates Joshua Bell and Kendra Butler Griffin have deep roots in Lawtey and believe in its people and the city's future.

## Joshua Bell

Bell, 37, is currently the student services coordinator at the Santa Fe College campus in Starke and works to connect students with the resources they need to achieve their academic goals. Bell said his current role gives him experience in bringing "different approaches to pressing issues."

Bell owns and operates the



Joshua Bell

business Brotherly Bling. He also previously worked as a team teacher at Lawtey and Starke elementary schools and is currently working to earn a degree in organizational

management.

Bell says his vision for Lawtey is one that continues the deep local connections but also looks to bring resources and events for the youth of the city. He said the city comes together for fun events, but there are a lot of untapped ideas. Bell said if elected, he hopes to take the ideas of his neighbors and friends in Lawtey and do what he does best, "transform that information into meeting needs."

## Kendra Butler Griffin

Griffin, 52, is currently a math teacher at Bradford Middle School, where she also coaches. Griffin feels these two specialties give her the qualities to find solutions to problems and



Kendra Butler Griffin

encourage others to do more than they think they can do.

Griffin was born and raised in Lawtey and has spent most of her adult life there as well, apart from leaving home to attend Florida

A&M University followed by a few years in Tallahassee after getting married. Griffin returned to Lawtey in 2013 and finished raising her two children there. Griffin feels her time away gave her a new perspective on the place she loves to call home.

Griffin said one of the things that prompted her to run for the council seat is seeing the contrast to the Lawtey she grew up in and the current Lawtey. "Lawtey needs its identity back," she said. Griffin recalls that when she was young there were things for the youth to do, sports teams to play on, ballfields where people gathered and invested in one another.

Griffin says the people of Lawtey are its best asset. She loves all of Bradford, but Lawtey residents have a "special hometown togetherness" that

is dear to her heart. She wants to make the city the best it can be for everyone by providing new resources and untapping economic potential.

"It's time to make new history in Lawtey," she said. Griffin believes the city has a lot to offer and can grow while keeping its valuable, "small town vibe."

Both Bell and Griffin have the desire to see new opportunities for the youth in Lawtey, while preserving the community connections. Each said it would be an honor to serve their fellow Lawtey residents and hope everyone remembers to vote in this upcoming special election.

Polls will be open at Lawtey City Hall from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on April 1.

# Agreement commits city and county to growth partnership

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD  
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Bradford and Starke commissioners have signed a memorandum of understanding that will allow the city to begin drawing upon \$4 million in funding as it extends utilities down State Road 16.

Bradford commissioners allocated millions of American Rescue Plan Act funding so the city could provide water and wastewater service to a future mixed-use development at the bypass interchange. The MOU places the commitment in writing for the first time and provides the city access to those funds as the project progresses.

Curious about the status of the project, Bradford commissioners were provided an update last week. Justin deMello, a vice president and engineer at Woodward and Curran, detailed the history of the city's multiple infrastructure improvement and expansion projects.

This included Starke's 2023 commitment to complete the design of the second phase of improvements to its wastewater collection system, which included repairs throughout the city as well as upgrading the Saratoga Heights and Andrews Street lift stations. Woodward and Curran helped schedule funding for the estimated \$5 million project.

DeMello said these improvements, along with the USDA funded multimillion reconstruction of the city's wastewater treatment plant, which is nearing completion, were critical foundational elements for the expansion of wastewater service to future customers.

At the same time, the city

committed to find funding to design a drinking water facility plan that included phases to upgrade both water treatment plants, system pressure and stabilization, and metering. The plan called for a new elevated water tower as well as line extensions to increase storage capacity and improve water pressure. The cost estimate was \$14 million, but deMello said substantial improvements to the existing infrastructure would also support future growth.

In addition to the \$4 million in ARPA funds committed by the county in 2023, the county and city jointly requested and secured legislative funding for the S.R. 16 utility extension, citing the negative economic impact of the state bypassing Starke. DeMello acknowledged, however, that the bypass interchanges provide new economic opportunities if there are utilities there to support that growth.

The goal is to provide water and sewer lines to every bypass interchange, he said. The S.R. 16 corridor was chosen first because of the planned improvements such as the new water tower and main extensions.

"It made sense that that would be the first leg, because the city was already making a substantial investment in the water system getting out to that area," he said.

Summarizing the status and path forward, the design of the phase two sewer system and the drinking water system improvements should be complete by July. The first is funded with a legislative appropriation and the second with a State Revolving Fund loan with principal forgiveness. Starke will begin drawing upon the county's ARPA funds for the

planning and design of the S.R. 16 expansion, which should be complete by August.

"The next step is to obviously move forward with this planning document for extending sewer line utilities out that corridor on 16, but the goal would be to provide several options as well as cost estimates with respect to getting those utilities out there," deMello said. "We do feel like that design can be done in conjunction with the water design, because we've already done survey, we've already done geo tech. A lot of the foundational elements of extending utilities has already been completed. So, we are hopeful that by this summer, July-August time frame, we could be complete with the sewer design as well."

Once the plans are complete, construction can begin on the water and wastewater system improvements using SRF funding, with completion scheduled by December 2026. The S.R. 16 extension could be complete by the end of 2026, continuing with funding from county's ARPA dollars.

Woodward and Curran and the city are actively seeking additional funding from legislative appropriations, climate resiliency and hurricane impact appropriations.

"The only thing that I'll continue to mention is the city's made some substantial investments in this. Their \$14 million commitment into the water system, \$5 million upgrading the sewer collection system, \$25 million to upgrade the wastewater treatment plant. The city's making some very substantial infrastructure improvements over the last five years, and certainly the next

few scheduled. So, this is very important project for the city, and [we] always appreciate the county's support and willingness to jump in," deMello said.

Appreciation was expressed on both sides for the partnership. Commissioner Diane Andrews said it was wonderful seeing everything that was happening in the city.

"I am glad that we could be a part of this. As I said, yes, it is the city of Starke and we are Bradford County, but we are all Bradford County, and I want to ensure that we continue working together," she said.

Mayor Andy Redding agreed. "As you said, a lot of this with the infrastructure is unseen by our citizens, but when they receive those services and they receive the benefit of the growth, we all do better," he said.

Starke Chief Administrative Officer Jimmy Crosby said they are proving what can happen when the city, county and state work together.

"In Tallahassee they've been

impressed with the fact that the county and city have worked so well together on this particular project, and I think it's going to set the stage for future growth, particularly what the Florida Senate this year is calling a Rural County Renaissance. There's quite a bit of money being put aside if it passes through for

greater economic development in rural counties in Florida. So, I think we hit it at the right time, and I think we just need to keep this momentum moving forward while Tallahassee is listening to these types of plans," Crosby said.

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# Pay raises, overtime examined at Bradford budget workshop

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD  
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Bradford County commissioners debated how much of a pay raise to include in next year's budget among other items discussed during their second budget workshop last week.

County Manager Scott Kornegay provided three numbers to the board representing the cost of a 3%, 4% and 5% cost of living adjustment for employees. The low end added around \$121,000 to the budget. The high end was around \$201,000 more.

Commission Chairman Danny Riddick suggested another 5% pay raise this year because of inflation, saying soon people are going to be paying \$1 an egg. Clerk of Courts Denny Thompson said the federal government's inflation-based COLA for Social Security was 2.5%. Kornegay said the Consumer Price Index for goods and services was 3.2%.

"I will say this," Riddick said, "we have some very, very good employees, and if you want to keep them, you need to pay them. That's the bottom line."

Commissioner Carolyn Spooner suggested a compromise at 3.5%.

"I'm just thinking about people like in our road department and

stuff like that. We've got a lot of people that don't really make a lot of money. So that's what I'm looking at," Riddick said.

"It's not that they're not worthy of it. They're worthy of 10% if we could afford to do it, but when we're looking at conserving, cutting back on our budget, we can still provide an increase, but at a reasonable amount," Spooner said.

Commissioner Diane Andrews agreed, saying she thought after 5% last year, they could go with a smaller percentage this year.

"We say we're trying to cut, and then we keep spending," Commissioner Chris Dougherty added. He said his COLA working for a profitable company was 3%. "I know that we're not here to make a profit. We're here to provide services. But we need to break even at least and still have the reserves for a rainy day."

He agreed the county has excellent employees, and that should be considered, as should they years there were unable to give pay raises and the "very generous" raise given last year.

"We really need to consider where we are fiscally and where we're going to be next year," said Dougherty, suggesting smaller annual adjustments instead of making 5% the standard.

Thompson pointed out that money the county has been earning interest off in its reserves will be gone once the county purchases the fairground debt for \$1.7 million and the city has withdrawn \$4 million for its utility project.

Riddick said he could understand, especially considering the fairgrounds acquisition. The consensus was to plan for a 3% pay raise.

## More employees to reduce overtime

In other budgeting matters, Fire Chief Ben Carter proposed saving on what the department spends on overtime pay by hiring three new employees. Hearing his presentation, commissioners agreed he should move forward immediately with the hires.

Because of the 24-hour shifts, fire rescue employees work one day on and get two days off. Over the span of two weeks, each works an average of 112 hours per pay period. Every hour above 80 is paid at time and a half, and this is considered "extended work week compensation."

But in addition to the overtime built into their schedule, there is the overtime that is paid every

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# KHHS Speech and Debate Team gears up for competitions

The Keystone Heights JR/SR High Speech and Debate Team has just wrapped up its third regular season and is now preparing for the upcoming state tournament and national qualifiers.

At speech and debate tournaments, students compete in a variety of events, each highlighting different skills. Their performance throughout the season determines their eligibility for national competitions.

For speech competitors, the year is spent researching, refining, and perfecting their speeches, aiming for continuous improvement. As national competitions approach, their speeches reach their final polished form. Debate students, on the other hand, tackle a range of assigned topics that change monthly or bi-monthly, depending on the event.

KHHS competes in three major Speech and Debate leagues:

—The National Forensic Catholic League, which will host its National Competition this May in Chicago. We had three students qualify on Feb. 22: Erabella Conant in extemporaneous speaking and Mikayla Turner and Benjamin Mann in duo interpretation

—The National Speech and Debate Association, celebrating its 100th anniversary with a national competition this June in

Des Moines, Iowa. The qualifier will be held in the end of March.

—The Florida Civics and Debate Initiative, which will hold its state tournament in April.

Each year, at The Great Debate — held this past November in Orlando — a student is nominated by their coach for The Freedom Cup, an award recognizing outstanding citizenship. This year, Clay County student Erabella Conant was honored. She maintains a high GPA while actively leading in both school and community initiatives.

Reflecting on her experience, Erabella shared:

“Speech and debate has been one of the most transformative experiences of my life, shaping the way I think, speak, and lead. Every tournament is more than just a competition; it’s a proving ground where I push myself beyond my limits, where preparation meets performance, and where I refine not just my arguments but my confidence. Standing to perform a speech or facing an opponent in cross-examination has taught me how to command a room, how to listen as much as I speak, and how to turn logic into persuasion. But beyond the skills, speech and debate has given me a sense of belonging. The long rides with my team, the moments of nervous anticipation before a round, and the shared triumphs and setbacks



Rebekah Lugo, grade 7, giving an informative speech.

have created bonds that feel like family. For me and my team, these tournaments are not just competitions but milestones in our journey — each one a chance to prove our growth, strengthen our unity, and reaffirm our belief that our voices, our arguments, and our dedication matter. These tournaments are where I’ve learned the value of resilience: where every loss is a lesson, every round is an opportunity, and every word I speak is a step toward the person I want to become.”

## Celebrating National Speech and Debate Education Day

On March 7, KHHS celebrated National Speech and Debate Education Day by taking over select civics classes and hosting mock debates, giving students an opportunity to experience the excitement of debate firsthand.

## A season of success

This year, the KHHS team has competed in nine regular-season tournaments, earning top-six placements in 26 events. They also hosted their first FCDDI tournament in Clay County on Feb. 15, welcoming nearly 400 students from 34 different schools to Keystone Heights.

## Thank you to supporters

The school thanked businesses, programs, parents, and volunteers who made this tournament possible, including: Fresh Start Fellowship, Little Caesars in Starke, MTLM Inc. McDonald’s, Nutrition Retreat, FirePower Coffee Roasters LLC, Tony’s Italian Restaurant, Keystone Heights JR/SR High administration, teachers, and staff, Boys and Girls Club, Community Partnership Schools, Herbert Walls, Robyn Smith, Helen Moncrief, Mr. Underwood, Mrs. Michelle Boyd, Laurie Burke, Justin Coker, Jessie Crowley Shekels, Florida Civics and Debate Initiative, North Florida Christian Camp. The school also thanked volunteers, including: the Preseau family, Melissa Mann, the Lugo family, the Conant family, Kimberly Saddler, Cristina Bagasan,

Sherman Carnes, Amanda Miller, Kim Parker, Linda Dreher, and the student volunteers.

## Supporting the future of speech and debate

Coach Shannon Southam, a former speech and debate competitor from Ohio, has been instrumental in growing the KHHS program. With nearly 20 years of experience as a judge and coach, she is passionate about expanding speech and debate opportunities throughout Clay County.

“I believe in running a free program for students,” says Southam. “Many students cannot afford the costs associated with travel, tournament fees, or hiring a coach.”

Southam actively applies for grants and organizes fundraisers, but financial support is always needed to help students compete at their highest level. In addition to coaching speech and debate, she also leads the KHHS Color Guard for the marching band.

If you’re interested in learning more about the KHHS Speech and Debate program or would like to offer financial support, contact Southam at Shannon.khhs@gmail.com or follow KHHSDD on Facebook.



Olivia McCoy, Seth Preseau, Shannon Southam, Erabella Conant, Mikayla Turner, Benjamin Mann and Joseph Gale at The Great Debate.



Benjamin Mann, Hailyn Knight, Erabella Conant, Seth Preseau, Mikayla Turner, Rena Reddish, Austin Parker and Rebekah Lugo (front) enjoying their energy tea donation from Nutrition Retreat.

## KH updating redevelopment plan

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
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The Keystone Heights City Council set a 6 p.m. March 27 workshop to update its community redevelopment plan.

Florida law allows cities to establish community redevelopment agencies to improve infrastructure, combat blight, and foster economic development within a community redevelopment district. Keystone’s district runs along



In 2015, the Keystone Heights Community Redevelopment Agency replaced many business signs along South Lawrence Boulevard.

South Lawrence Boulevard.

The projects are funded by increases in property taxes on parcels within the district that

would otherwise go to the county.

In the past, Keystone’s CRA has funded a façade program that allowed businesses within the

district to improve the exterior of their buildings and a sign program that funded business sign replacements along South

Lawrence Boulevard.

Most recently, the city used CRA funds to acquire and demolish the China Chef Restaurant at the corner of South Lawrence Boulevard and Walker Drive.

During the council’s March 3 meeting, members reviewed their current list of community improvement projects. Those include \$15,000 to resurface the city’s basketball courts, \$8,000 to repair Geneva Jungle, the city’s playground within Keystone Beach Park, \$9,000 for pickleball courts, \$7,000 for picnic tables, and \$8,000 for roadway signs.

During the March 3 meeting, Council member Dan Lewandowski pointed out that none of the city’s current projects are listed on the CRA’s most current plan, which was drafted in 2015.

Janis Fleet, a consultant the city hired to help it with its comprehensive plan, added that all taxing authorities that collect revenue within the city must be notified before the city makes changes to its plan.

There are now two bills pending in the Florida Legislature, Senate Bill 1242 and House Bill 991, that would abolish all of Florida’s Community Redevelopment Agencies on or before September 30, 2045.

## KH 7 years late for comp. plan update

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
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A consultant for the City of Keystone Heights told the city council during its March 3 meeting that the municipality should have updated its comprehensive plan in 2018, but she could find no record of the

required revisions.

Florida law requires each local government to draft a comprehensive plan that addresses future land use, traffic circulation, housing, community facilities, conservation, recreation and open spaces, intergovernmental coordination, capital improvements, and public school facilities.

Janis Fleet told city council members that since part of Keystone’s cemetery and airport are in Bradford County, a written understanding of how those properties function should be part of the plan’s intergovernmental section.

She also said the section on public school facilities should be drafted in conjunction with the school district, considering the comprehensive plans of Green Cove Springs and Orange Park.

Fleet said Florida law requires updates to incorporate any state statute changes that may impact the plan and account for local changes since the plan’s last iteration.

She added that since the city’s last plan, drafted in 2011, Florida law has changed the design elements for residential dwellings, the permitting requirements for electrical substations, and the planning period for comprehensive plans.

Fleet said that although the city’s current comprehensive plan is over 200 pages, many parts of it will remain the same. She added that council members may choose to delete parts of the current document and add some parts.

The city must notify the state by June 1 that it intends to update its plan. Fleet will assist the city in the process. She charges \$125 an hour, and the city has budgeted \$30,000 for her services and other planning fees for the current fiscal year.

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# Hope Christian NHS inducts new members



Members of Hope Christian Academy's Lion Chapter of the National Honor Society at their Induction Ceremony on Feb. 24, which was followed by a private reception. Front row from left to right: Benjamin Whalen, Luke Drew (parliamentarian), Anne Amis (secretary), Elizabeth "Ellie" Amis (president), Alyssa Hunt (vice president), Natalie Lowe (treasurer), Autumn Hunt (chaplain), Lance "Gunner" Lofton. Back row from left to right: Landen Perry, Lydia Jones, Walker Munroe, Adam White, Noah Gaffney, Joanne Abbott, Brianna "Bri" Bradshaw, Lacey Depoe, Mackenzie McRaney, Lilliana "Lilli" Drew, Addyson Wilson, Breanna "Bree" Odom, Lydia Morgan (advisor). Not pictured: Virginia Denmark (co-advisor). Picture by Virginia Denmark.



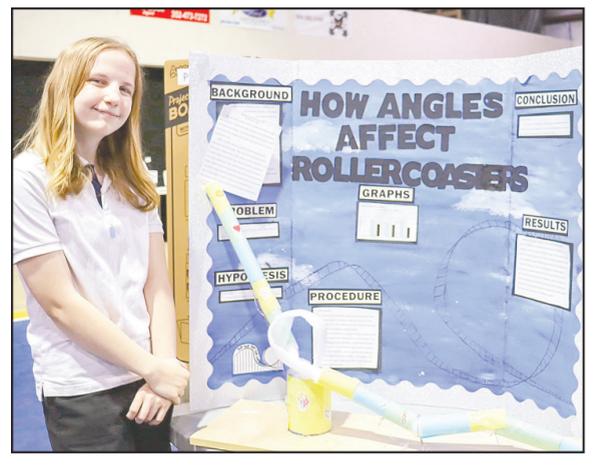
Hope Christian Academy's NHS chapter treasurer, Natalie Lowe, lights the National Honor Society "Leadership candle" while inductee Joanne Abbott and NHS Parliamentarian Luke Drew observe during the induction ceremony. Picture by Amanda Lowe.



**OVERALL BEST IN SHOW:** Rory Foster for his "Wind Turbine" project. Photos by Virginia Denmark.



**BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE CATEGORY:** First place went to Adam White and Savannah Jewel for their project "Phantom Feeling."



**PHYSICAL SCIENCE CATEGORY:** First place was awarded to Morgan Case for "How Angles Affect Roller Coasters."

## Hope hosts sixth annual STEAM Fair

Ninth-grader Rory Foster captured the Overall Best in Show award out of more than 70 entries at the sixth annual Hope Christian Academy STEAM Fair on March 4.

The event was the culmination of extended projects by HCA students in grades seven through 12 led by science instructor Adina León and English instructor Mrs. Penny Hunt.

"Students from K5 through sixth grades, as well as numerous staff, friends and family members, visited the fair and voted on a Fan Favorite project," said León. "Other awards were given for

first, second and third places in each category — biological and physical. Excellence ribbons were awarded for those scoring below the medal levels but above 3.5/5, and special ribbons were awarded for those scoring below excellent but above 2.75/5."

English students were tasked with creating visuals to represent an extended project about from their respective classes. León said, "Biographies with a decorative cube to visualize their findings, Holocaust reports which highlighted specific individuals who were affected, personalized letters that modeled C.S. Lewis' "Screwtop Letters," and research projects from the Salem Witch Trials were among those represented."

**Biological Science Top 3**  
1st: Savannah Jewell and

Adam White, "Phantom Feeling," 11th Grade Anatomy & Physiology.

2nd: Abigail León, "Helpful Senses," 7th grade Life Science.

3rd: Grace Amis, "Kumbacha FermentaWon," 7th grade Life Science.

**Physical Science Top 3**  
1st: Morgan Cass, "How Angles Affect Roller Coasters," 9th grade Physical Science.

2nd: Lilliana Drew, "Sink or Float," 10th grade Physical Science.

3rd: Abigail Rangel, "Newton's Cradle," 8th grade, Design & Technology.

**Fan Favorites**  
Atreyu Deason and Jordan Rosier, "Rainbow Diffusion," 8th grade.

Autumn Hunt and Bree Odom, "Light vs. Robot," 10th grade.



Eighth-graders Atreyu Deason and Jordan Rosier's project "Rainbow Diffusion" was also selected as fan favorite.



Bree Odom and Autumn Hunt (l-r) discuss their entry with science instructor and event co-coordinator Adina León.

## Community yard sale

There will be a communitywide yard sale on Saturday, March 15, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. sponsored by Bradford WeCare Democrats. Table space is available for \$20 by calling or texting 904-612-3942. The location is 15043 U.S. Hwy 301 South in Starke (just south of the Holiday Inn Express). Come shopping or bring your stuff to sell.

## Kingsley Lake Community Yard Sale March 22

Buyers won't want to miss the opportunity to check out the multiple sale sites up/down all the streets within the Kingsley Lake community, along Kingsley Lake Drive, and in The Cove. Sales run from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 22 (although

some families will begin selling on Friday morning).

There will be a wide variety of items for sale including toys, clothes of all sizes, small kitchen appliances, yard and power tools, books, CDs and DVDs, costume jewelry, handbags, school and office supplies, and more.

Kingsley Lake Property Owners Association is sponsor and they will have Tasteful Temptations food truck at the Civic Center Friday night from 5 to 8 p.m. and Saturday morning from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Proposed Plan Amendment for Sites DP001, DP002, and OW004  
Camp Blanding Military Reservation

The Air National Guard invites you to review and comment on the Proposed Plan Amendment for remedial action at Sites DP001, DP002, and OW004 at Camp Blanding Military Reservation in Starke, Florida. The sites are located centrally within the installation boundary along Avenue D. The Air National Guard recently completed a study of Sites DP001, DP002, and OW004 to evaluate environmental media contaminants and remedial action alternatives.

The preferred alternative for soil remediation is excavation and offsite disposal of contaminated soil. The preferred alternative for groundwater is enhanced biodegradation with groundwater monitoring and land use controls, if needed. The preferred alternatives and the other alternatives evaluated are discussed in the Proposed Plan Amendment. The Air National Guard welcomes the public's comments on all of the alternatives presented in the Proposed Plan Amendment. The Proposed Plan

Amendment is available online for community review and comment at <https://www.125fw.ang.af.mil/Information/Environment/Restoration/>. Internet access is available at the Bradford County Public Library. If sufficient interest exists, a public meeting will be held to discuss the Proposed Plan Amendment.

The Air National Guard encourages you to comment on the Proposed Plan Amendment during the 30-day Public Comment Period, from March 17, 2025 to April 16, 2025. Written comments may be submitted by mail, postmarked no later than April 16, 2025, to the following address: Mr. Robert Lewis, ANG Readiness Center, NGB/A4VR, 3501 Fetchet Avenue, Joint Base Andrews, MD 20762-5157. Public comments received during this period will be considered in the final decision-making process for remedial action at Sites DP001, DP002, and OW004 and will be addressed in the Record of Decision responsiveness summary.

# Chief deputy takes on chamber of commerce leadership

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
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When I interviewed Col. Brad Smith about his role as chair of the North Florida Regional Chamber of Commerce over the next year, I told him that it seemed odd that the chief deputy of the sheriff's office was chairing a community's primary business organization.

"Has anyone else asked you about that," I said.

"Nobody's actually said that to me," Smith responded, "but you're correct. I've had that thought since the day the sheriff asked me to get on the board."

Smith added that his boss, Sheriff Gordon Smith, is not only the chief law enforcement officer in Bradford County but is also a community leader. He said the sheriff's office has an interest in the Starke, Lake Butler and Keystone Heights areas prospering and growing.

## Voluntold to join

The incoming chamber chair recalled that just before the COVID-19 Pandemic hit the U.S., he was in Tallahassee with the sheriff for the first Rural County Days event.

"And at the time, there was some changeover going on in the chamber," he said. "Some of the people that were coming off the board had sat on it for many years, and they needed some extra people."

Smith said that Chamber President Pam Whittle asked the sheriff to join the board during a reception the night before the Rural Days event.

"The sheriff was pretty much strung out himself," Smith recalled. "He was very active in a lot of different groups and associations. And as luck would have it, I just happened to walk up, just to mingle, and next thing I know, I'm being voluntold by the sheriff, 'Brad wants to do it,' and I didn't even know what he was saying."

The colonel said that despite

being drafted into duty, he was eager to get involved.

"I saw it as something different that's not specifically law enforcement but strengthens the community, which strengthens everybody," he said. "The old saying, a rising tide lifts all ships. Well, we need to be a part of all facets of the community."

Smith added that even if the boss had not strongly urged him to join the board, he would have signed up anyway.

## From COVID to growth

The Bradford County native, whose family moved to Miami when he was a year old, attended his first chamber board meeting on a conference call while he was recovering from COVID.

Smith said the chamber and the business community have made significant progress during his tenure on the board.

"During the COVID years, everybody was just holding on, trying not to lose ground on anything, which is exactly what the chamber board was trying to do," he said. "We lost several businesses, but we were trying to maintain where we were."

Now, with both the Gainesville and Jacksonville residential areas growing toward the Lake Region and new businesses such as Xaxby's in Starke and Keystone Heights, Five Below, T.J. Maxx, Wawa in Lake Butler and Starke, Holiday Inn Express, Waffle House, G's Barbecue, RaceTrac, roofing manufacturer IKO north of Lawtey, and Snappy's Car Wash either now open or planned, Smith said the business community is excited about the future.

"I was in Clay County, today, as a matter of fact, and it's stunning the growth that we're seeing in Clay County now because Jacksonville has moved so aggressively in that direction," he said. "So just being a part of a group that can help guide and direct how things and businesses



North Florida Regional Chamber of Commerce Governing Board Chair Brad Smith.

are coming to our community is important."

## Heart in Bradford County

Smith said his family has strong ties in Bradford County. His grandfather's family moved here in the early 1900s and acquired large timber tracts in the Sampson Lake area.

He said that even while growing up in South Florida, he always planned to return to the Starke area.

"I visited here during the summers and during breaks," he recalled. "So, my heart has always been in Bradford County. I always wanted to live here."

Before earning a bachelor's degree in criminology from Florida State in 1989, Smith talked to Bradford County Sheriff Dolph Reddish and future sheriff Bob Milner about a law enforcement career in the county.

"Dolph Reddish was the one that told me that he couldn't pay me what I was valued at,"

Smith recalled. "Kind of broke my heart when he said that, but I deeply respected the man."

Reddish recommended Smith look two counties south, in Ocala. Smith took the advice and worked at the Marion County Sheriff's Office for the next 16 years.

He then worked in the private sector as a home inspector for a few years until the 2008 housing crisis stifled demand for home inspections.

While he was in the private sector, Starke's Chief of Police visited the former deputy and told him he planned to run for Bradford County Sheriff soon.

"We had some discussions," Brad Smith recalled of his talk with Gordon Smith. "Nothing was promised or anything, but he said this was the direction he was heading in."

When the housing market crashed and home inspection demand evaporated, Smith called the chief and asked if there were any openings in the Starke PD. The answer was yes.

"I came up and worked as a public information officer for him for a year and a half while he ran for sheriff," Smith said, "and as soon as he won, he offered me a job to come over here as the patrol commander."

Eleven years later, in 2020, the sheriff promoted Smith to Colonel and Chief Deputy; in that job, he oversees law enforcement operations, corrections, and media relations.

Smith said that over his 16 years with the Bradford Sheriff's Office, he had witnessed advances in the agency's training, professionalism, and equipment.

"The equipment we have, including patrol cars, is top of the line," he said. "It is every bit as good, if not better, than what we were working with in Marion County, and that agency now has a budget of \$100 million. When I was there, it was over \$40 million."

He added that the agency's leadership continues to scour new offerings in technology and equipment that can give deputies on the road, correctional officers, and even civilian employees an edge.

Smith said getting the small details right, even the markings on patrol cars, sends a message of professionalism.

He noted that he revamped the Bradford patrol car markings soon after the boss was first elected. He soon noticed that patrol cars in Suwannee and Putnam counties were sporting the same look.

"They say imitation is the sincerest form of flattery," he remarked.

Smith credited his wife, daughter, and two stepdaughters for keeping him on track and humble.

"They're the support behind the scenes," he said. "Without their encouragement, without their correction, I might do something or say something that I didn't realize I said, and they're always there to catch me and keep me going in the right

direction and give me the love and support that I need."

## Chamber plays a vital role

Smith said the chamber plays a critical role in bringing new employers to the area, adding that whenever businesses scout a potential new location, they typically make stops at the chamber of commerce, the law enforcement agency, and the school district.

"For instance," he said, "I happened to walk into the chamber building to sign some checks just a couple of weeks ago, and the general manager of the Starke Wawa store, who lives over in Green Cove, she was there with her regional director, and I think there was somebody else that's going to be working in the stores in a management capacity. The three of them were there coordinating with Pam on their ribbon cutting ceremony."

The incoming chair said one of his priorities for the year is developing board leadership. He noted that DLP Bank President Harry Gunsallus, student Grace Johns, Bradford County Fair Manager Dale Woodruff, and Northeast Florida Economic Development Corporation Strategic Alliances Business Partner Amber Shepherd recently joined the governing board.

"I think Bradford County and the surrounding areas are in a great spot," he said of the area's outlook, adding that he is excited about the Starke City Commission's vision of an upgraded downtown. "I believe that Bradford County still has that small-town feel but has opportunities to grow in a responsible manner that other communities did not. We can learn from other people's mistakes and other communities' mistakes and hopefully get it right."

## Lake Brooklyn drops for 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive month

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
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A bureau chief for the St. Johns River Water Management District told the organization's governing board that the water level on Lake Brooklyn has dropped for four months straight, losing 0.7 feet.

Tim Miller, the district's Water Resource Information Bureau chief, said the lake dropped by 0.1 feet during February, following a 0.2-foot decrease in January, a 0.3-foot drop in December, and a 0.1-foot decrease in November.

The bureau chief blamed the decrease on a lack of rainfall, stating that during February, 16 of the district's 18 counties received less than their monthly averages, with 14 counties falling short over an inch.

Miller added that over the last 12 months, rainfall throughout the district has remained about 1.5 inches above its 51-inch average.

In February 2024, Lake Brooklyn was 109.2 feet above sea level. At the end of last month, it was 111.5 feet.

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time an employee takes on an additional shift. They could be called on to fill in for someone who is taking personal leave or is out sick, or they could be working a public event. These employees are already working over 80 hours, so all these additional hours are also paid time and a half as well.

Part-timers, of which the department has around 17, are too often unreliable, according to Carter. They are loyal to their primary employer where they can pick up their own overtime hours.

Many of Bradford's fire rescue employees work no additional overtime. A few work quite a bit, including one ambitious employee who added more than \$30,000 to his annual pay by taking on additional shifts.

Whether that money is paid to one employee or three doesn't matter, Carter said. While adding three additional employees won't eliminate all additional overtime, he aimed at cutting the number of hours by 50%, saving nearly \$82,000 even with the additional staffing. (That's more than \$345,000 paid in overtime last year minus the cost of three more employees.)

Carter called this a minimum cost savings. Dougherty said he would like to see even more, suggesting that the department's senior employees who work 40-hour weeks also do more to help cover shift work. Carter gave examples how they do that, covering public events and shadowing new and inexperienced employees.

## Capital Improvement Plan revised

The Capital Improvement Plan was updated since the first workshop, adding in the cost estimates for several chip seal road projects, bringing total capital outlay for public works, the courthouse and fire rescue to nearly \$14.4 million this year. This included three multimillion-dollar state-funded road projects as well as the \$1.83 million the county has requested from the state for courthouse improvement projects. This year also includes the purchase of a replacement ambulance and fire engine.

Next year's \$5.1 million in capital improvements includes the purchase of a new ambulance, fire engine and fire tanker with requested state dollars. It also includes a grapple truck for public works purchased with state grant dollars for mosquito control, which will also be working harder to spend its fund balance with additional mosquito spraying and larvicide treatments.

The county also has a grant to construct a boat ramp at Sampson Lake and \$2.3 million to resurface County Road 21B next year. In case the legislative appropriation for courthouse improvements is not approved this year, next year's Capital Improvement Plan includes more than \$480,000 to begin saving for that work.

It total, the CIP includes \$4.53 million in county money over the next two years and nearly \$15 million in state funding.

## Spring Fling for Earth Day

Faith Presbyterian Church's annual Spring Fling will be held Saturday, April 5, at 2738 SE S.R. 21 in Melrose from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This is in association with Earth Day. There will be vendors with information about the environment, local businesses, a plant sale and farmers market, a blood mobile, food and more.

## March 16 service on John 3:16

Join New River Baptist Church on Sunday, March 16, for a special event called 3:16 on 3/16. Come hear an encouraging word from the Bible's most well-known verse, John 3:16. Bible study begins at 9:15 a.m. followed by the worship service at 10:30. Dinner on the grounds will follow the service in the fellowship hall.

Bring your family and friends to this exciting time of worship, food and fellowship at New River Baptist Church, located at 16703 SW 144th Ave., Brooker. For more information, please call or text 904-796-2359.

## New Covenant anniversary March 23

New Covenant Baptist Ministries will be celebrating its 23rd church anniversary on Sunday, March 23, at 11 a.m. Pastor Jeffrey T. Jones will be the speaker of the hour. The public is invited. Dinner will be served immediately afterwards.

## Prayer Walk returns for third year

Pastors, prayer warriors, intercessors, and clergy from the greater Starke Community will be participating in a community-based 3K Prayer Walk to combat crime and drugs, make the community aware of the poor, sick, and homebound, and to protect the children and law enforcement.

Prayer will begin at 8 a.m. on Saturday, April 12, at Greater Allen Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 747 Pine St. in Starke (Reno community). Everyone is invited to join communities come together in prayer. The walk will extend for three miles and will end at noon.

## Explore early farm life

Mark your calendar and come to Penney Farms on March 22 to learn how early farming was done. See entertainment on stage in Kohler Park. Meet with tractor owners, small engine collectors, and check out antique and classic cars as you go along the vendor booths and watch demonstrators at work. Enjoy the many food trucks as well.

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# Union High hosts career day

# Crime

BY TRACY LEE TATE  
Special to the Times

About 580 students, from grades 9 through 12, had the opportunity to explore possible training and employment options at the high school's annual Career Day, held on Feb. 21, 2025.

Students gathered in the UCHS Auditorium (with the floor carefully covered) in groups, beginning at 8 a.m. and continuing through 11:30 a.m. Thirty-three vendors were set up around the edges of the floor, with others in a two-sided aisle down the center of the court. Each vendor had a table, literature was usually available as well as some free gifts for the student. Each student was required to prove participation by having a sheet signed or stamped by all the vendors they spoke with. Among the vendors were local and regional employers, colleges and other training facilities available in the area and elsewhere.

Vendors included the Alachua County Sheriff's Office, Archer-Milton Funeral Home, the U.S. Army, Clay Electric, the U.S. Coast Guard, Coca-Cola Company, DLP, the Florida Department of Corrections, the Division of Forestry, the Dollar General Distribution Center, Union County EMS and Fire



Deputy D.L. Gladding and Corp. Phillip Sellers, with the Union County Sheriff's Office, talk with Evan Jones about careers in law enforcement and then give him a taste of the "perp" treatment, handcuffing him behind his back.

Fighters, the Florida Wildlife Commission, the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Protection, the Florida Department of Transportation, Florida Gateway College, FGC Welding, Gainesville Electrical Joint Apprenticeship Program and Training Committee, Grand Canyon University, the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, J Tech Institute, Johnson Controls,

Lake Butler Hospital, the U.S. Marine Corp, the U.S. Navy, North Florida Technical College, Ring Power, Santa Fe College, the Union County Supervisor of Elections, the Union County Sheriff's Office, the University of Northwestern Ohio, Vystar Credit Union and W.W. Gay Mechanical Contracting.

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Case Denson explores careers in heavy equipment with Allie McCarty and Joseph Merriex from Ring Power.



Summer Shaw learned about careers in healthcare from Destiny Gamon and Noah Parrish, from Lake Butler Hospital.

## 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

Jailen Bass, 25, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 4 for hit-and-run, DUI, resisting an officer, vehicle theft, and driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Da'qoun Blackshear, 26, of Melrose, was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 5 for resisting an officer, possession of drugs, possession of drug equipment, fleeing and alluding, driving with a suspended or revoked license, reckless driving, and hit and run.

Travis Brendle, 43, of Lawtey, was arrested by Lawtey Police on March 5 for withholding support and an out-of-county warrant.

Jennifer Bryan, 51, of Jacksonville, was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 1 for an out-of-county warrant and driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Reginald Green, 39, of Sarasota, was arrested by Lawtey police on March 3 for an out-of-county warrant.

Vincent Green, 48, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 5 for an out-of-county warrant.

Jah'mya Henderson, 25, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 2 for a probation violation.

Demetrius Lewis, 31, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 7 for battery.

Jada Minter, 27, of Jacksonville, was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 1 for a probation violation.

Brandon Nelson, 31, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 1 for larceny, burglary, dealing in stolen property, criminal mischief with property damage, and trespassing.

Zachary Perkins, 21, of Hampton, was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 5 for a probation violation.

John Rabe, 37, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 7 for intentional or reckless burning of lands.

Catherine Searfoss, 33, of Melrose, was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 7 for child neglect.

Hayden Spurgeon, 33, of Jacksonville, was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 7 for DUI.

Samantha Truman, 48, of Hampton, was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 3 for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

April Vendl, 58, of Lee, was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 7 for a probation violation.

Randall Wheeler, 58, of Lawtey, was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 1 for a probation violation.

### Union

Danny Arnold, 42, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Union deputies on March 7 for possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, selling drugs, and using a two-way communications device to facilitate a felony.

David Bresee, 39, of Hampton, was arrested by Union deputies

on March 6 for failure to appear.

Tavion Cox, 23, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Union deputies on March 10 for a probation violation.

Andrew Cruise, III, 38, of Lake Wales, was arrested by Union deputies on March 10 for burglary, larceny, grand theft of a firearm, criminal mischief with property damage, and possession of a weapon by a convicted felon.

Stacy Donaldson, 49, of Alachua, was arrested by Union deputies on March 4 for fraudulent funds check.

Scott Floyd, 29, of Bell, was arrested by Union deputies on March 6 for a probation violation.

Kaylee Guthrie, 18, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Union deputies on March 6 for aggravated assault.

Caleb Holdridge, 20, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Union deputies on March 7 for possession of a controlled substance without a prescription.

Ivan Mercedes, 37, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Union deputies on March 8 for aggravated battery.

Reginald Nelson, 46, was arrested by Union deputies on March 6 for driving with a suspended or revoked license and possession of a controlled substance without a prescription.

### Clay

Monica Bravo, 48, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Clay deputies on March 2 for trespassing.

Christine Clardy, 64, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Clay deputies on March 5 for battery on a person 65 years or older.

Andrew Quinn, 33, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Clay deputies on March 5 for grand theft auto.

## Seniors get to know one another at social

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
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Union County Library Director Priti McNutt led a "getting-to-know-you" session at the Mary C. Brown Library's Senior Social on Feb. 25.

After an ice-breaking activity, "Where's Grandma?" where participants pinpointed geographic spots within the U.S., the library director asked a series of questions for the six participants to talk about, like "What is your fondest childhood memory?" That question led to a discussion of the creativity of the only child.

One participant said she was born in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and gets a kick out of telling new friends she was born in Bethlehem.

In response to the question, "What is your greatest achievement?" McNutt said her 20-year trek of earning a



During a "getting-to-know-you" session during the Senior Social, Priti McNutt said her most significant achievement was her 20-year effort to earn a master's degree.

master's degree was her most significant accomplishment.

The library director said the group has been meeting since 2022 and now meets twice a month.

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# Elixson, Wainwright show grand-champion steer and heifer

Chayten Elixson of Bradford 4-H exhibited the grand-champion steer, while Reese Wainwright of Bradford FFA exhibited the grand-champion heifer at the Bradford Agricultural Fair.

Elixson's animal also earned the homegrown grand championship at the March 5 Bradford-Union Youth Steer Show. His prizes were sponsored by Bradford County Sheriff Gordon Smith and Bradford County Superintendent of Schools Will Hartley.

Bailey Varnes of Union County FFA exhibited the reserve grand-champion steer, while Luke Alvarez of Union 4-H exhibited the homegrown reserve grand champion. Crawford's Automotive Repairs sponsored Varnes' awards, while Union Power sponsored Alvarez's awards.

The grand championship won by Wainwright in the March 7 Bradford-Union Youth Breed Show came with a prize sponsored by Crawford's Automotive Repairs.

Ansley Ward of Bradford 4-H exhibited the reserve grand-champion heifer, with her prize sponsored by Realtor Kayla Alvarez.

Kate Wainwright of Bradford FFA had the homegrown grand champion in the breed show, receiving a prize sponsored by

Crawford's Automotive Repairs. The homegrown reserve grand-champion heifer was shown by Elixson, who received a prize sponsored by R&B Fencing.

## Steer awards

The third-overall steer was shown by Regan Broome (Bradford 4-H). She received prizes sponsored by Bradford County Clerk of the Court Denny Thompson.

Alvarez's homegrown reserve grand champ was the fourth-overall steer, while Ansley Ward exhibited the fifth-overall animal. Cuttin' Up and Crawford's Automotive Repairs sponsored the fourth- and fifth-place prizes, respectively.

Thompson Cattle was recognized as the homegrown champion breeder.

In the weight-gain contest, Dakota Marston, exhibiting the Bradford FFA chapter steer, took first, with her prize sponsored by The Downtown Grill. Crawford's Automotive Repairs sponsored the second-place award, which went to Allie Cason (Union FFA), while Blackberry Creek Farms sponsored the third-place award, which went to Landon Alvarez (Union FFA).

Reese Wainwright and Varnes placed first and second, respectively, in senior showmanship, with Bradford



Chayten Elixson exhibited the grand champion in the Bradford-Union Steer Show. The 1,283-pound animal, which also earned the homegrown grand championship, sold for \$11 per pound.

County Farm Bureau sponsoring the first-place prize and A&D Recovery sponsoring the second-place prize. Shayna Durrance (Bradford 4-H) placed third and received a prize sponsored by New River Cattle.

In intermediate showmanship, Elixson was first, receiving a prize sponsored by Westside Feed II of Lake Butler. Ward and Huck Alvarez (Union 4-H) were second and third, respectively, with Ethan and Lori Caren sponsoring Ward's prize and Bradford County Judge Tatum

Davis sponsoring Alvarez's prize.

Luke Alvarez took first in junior showmanship, winning a prize sponsored by Teal Tile Carpet One. Garrett Lee (Bradford 4-H) earned the second-place prize that was sponsored by Preston and Elizabeth Nazworth.

Suburban Carpet Cleaners sponsored all of the senior herdsman awards. First place went to Durrance, while Koy Hartley (Bradford FFA) and Maddison Lee (Bradford FFA) were second and third, respectively.

Ansley Ward and Nicholas Ward were first and second, respectively, in intermediate herdsman, while Weston Thompson was third. All prizes were sponsored by Whitehead Family Cattle.

Garrett Lee earned first place in junior herdsman, with Bradford County Sheriff Gordon Smith sponsoring the prize. Shawn Ward received the second-place prize, which was sponsored by Michael Hardee Timber.

Ansley Ward earned the Overall Top Performance Award, which was presented by the Hamilton family.

## Heifer awards

Kate Wainwright's homegrown grand champion received the third-overall prize,



Bailey Varnes exhibited the reserve grand champion in the Bradford-Union Steer Show. The 1,146-pound animal sold for \$10 per pound.

which was sponsored by Griffis Fencing sponsored the second-place prize.

Jacee Box (Union FFA) was third in senior showmanship, receiving a prize sponsored by Crawford's Automotive Repairs. Ansley Ward was first in intermediate showmanship, with her prize sponsored by North Florida Custom Meats. Huck Alvarez and Weston Thompson were second and third, respectively. Thompson's Garage sponsored Alvarez's award, while Home Sweet Bone sponsored Thompson's award.

Shawn Ward earned the

first-place prize, while R&B

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Reese Wainwright exhibited the grand-champion heifer at the Bradford Agricultural Fair. Photo by Traci Waters Photography.

# Stafford, Griffis exhibit champions in Bradford-Union swine show

Matthew Stafford of Bradford FFA and Ally Griffis of Bradford 4-H exhibited the grand champion and reserve grand champion, respectively, at the Bradford-Union Swine Association show on March 4 at the Bradford Agricultural Fair.

Stafford's pig, which was the Class I winner, also earned the homegrown grand championship. His prizes were sponsored by Bradford Community Coalition, Bradford County Farm Bureau, Collins Lawn Care, Preston and Elizabeth Nazworth and Traci Waters Photography.

Griffis also earned the homegrown reserve grand championship for her Class IV winner. Her prizes were sponsored by Bradford Community Coalition, Bradford County Farm Bureau and the Roberts Companies.

Other class winners were Kyndall Dyal of Bradford 4-H in Class II, Weston Thompson of Union FFA in Class III, Kayleigh Dyal of Bradford 4-H in Class V, Ryder Thompson of Bradford FFA in Class VI, Piper Denmark of Bradford 4-H in Class VII, Gage Fischer of Bradford 4-H in Class VIII, Ella Hewett of Bradford FFA in Class IX and Kierston Clemons of Union FFA in Class X.

The third-overall pig behind Stafford's grand champion and Griffis' reserve grand champion belonged to Rylan Noegel (Bradford 4-H), who received prizes sponsored by Ink and Thread Graphics.

Ryder Thompson (Bradford FFA) exhibited the fourth-overall pig and received prizes sponsored by Ink and Thread Graphics, while Denmark exhibited the fifth-overall pig and received prizes sponsored by Casee Gay.

Ryder Thompson placed first in senior showmanship, followed by Ella Hewett in second and Stafford in third. Lawtey Feed and Seed sponsored the first-place prize in remembrance of Danny Thomas. Spires IGA of Lake Butler and Clyatt Well Drilling sponsored the

second- and third-place prizes, respectively.

Crawford's Show Pigs and DLP Bank sponsored the first-place intermediate showmanship prizes, which went to Avery Gardner (Bradford FFA). Aubrey Hewett (Bradford 4-H) received the second-place prize, sponsored by Bradford County Tax Collector Teresa Phillips, while Dempsey Bradley (Bradford 4-H) received the third-place prize, sponsored by Bradford County Farm Bureau.

Preston Fischer (Bradford 4-H) placed first in junior showmanship, receiving prizes sponsored by Mosley Tire and Thompson's Show Pigs. Sheffield Pest Control sponsored the second-place prize, which went to Beau Davis (Bradford 4-H), while Ink and Thread Graphics sponsored the third-place prize, which went to Ruby Hunter (Bradford 4-H).

Trevor Clements (Bradford FFA) placed first in the senior skill-a-thon, followed by Cayden Carter (Bradford FFA) and Jaden "Chop" Hankerson (Bradford FFA), who placed second and third, respectively.

Cade Caines (Bradford 4-H) and Weston Thompson were first and second, respectively, in intermediate skill-a-thon, with Mason Stone (Bradford FFA) placing third.

In junior skill-a-thon, Branton Clements (Bradford 4-H) placed first, followed by Noegel in second and Cooper Cox (Bradford 4-H) in third.

First place in Bradford High School record book went to Summer Sutton. Lakelyn Sheppard and Trevor Clements were second and third, respectively.

Codi Huntley placed first in Union County High School record book, followed by Clemons in second and Grace Turknett in third.

In Lake Butler Middle School record book, Gracelyn McGee was first, while Madelyn Feltner and Keaton Garrett were second and third, respectively.



Matthew Stafford exhibited the grand champion and homegrown grand champion in the March 4 Bradford-Union Swine Show. His 275-pound animal sold for \$36 per pound at the March 7 sale.



Ally Griffis exhibited the reserve grand champion and homegrown reserve grand champion in the March 4 Bradford-Union Swine Show. Her 265-pound animal sold for \$30 per pound at the March 7 sale.

Bradford Middle School record-book results will be announced at the FFA banquet. Gage Fischer was presented

with the Workhorse Award, while Davis was recognized for always offering his help and asking fellow participants how they did

and where they placed. The Bradford-Union Swine Association presented scholarships to graduating

seniors Clemons of Union County High School and Cody Spratlin of Bradford High School.

## BHS drops baseball game to P.K. Yonge

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
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Bradford High School's baseball team scored four runs in the top of the fifth, but host P.K. Yonge scored five in the bottom half of the inning as the Blue Wave handed the Tornadoes a 12-8 loss on March 7.

The Tornadoes (6-4) took an 8-4 lead with their fifth-inning runs. Kaedan Parks, Avery Burgin and Breion Johnson hit back-to-back-to-back singles, with Parks scoring on Johnson's hit. Burgin scored on a passed ball. After Taylor Bice walked,

Johnson also scored on a passed ball. The bases were loaded, with Jaron Hale getting hit by a pitch and Ryland Rike walking. Bice scored the inning's final run on a passed ball.

Six of Bradford's total runs were scored because of a passed ball, a bases-loaded walk or a balk.

The Blue Wave took advantage of a single, a double, three walks and an error to score its five runs in the bottom of the fifth. The error occurred on a fly ball that would've resulted in the third out.

Bice and Parks each went 2 for 3 with an RBI. Burgin went 2 for 4, while Johnson finished with one RBI.

Bradford played Baker County this past Tuesday and will host

Williston on Thursday, March 13, at 7 p.m. The Tornadoes travel to play Interlachen on Friday, March 14, at 7 p.m. before returning home to play Gainesville on Monday, March 17, at 7 p.m. On Tuesday, March 18, Bradford travels to play Wolfson at 7 p.m.

## BHS softball team loses despite home run from Hinds

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
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Addyson Hinds hit a two-run home run, but the Bradford High

School softball team scored only one other run in an 11-3 loss to host Toco Creek on March 7.

Hinds went 2 for 3 for the Tornadoes (2-4), who suffered their second loss of the week.

On March 4, Bradford fell 8-1 to visiting Newberry. Kingslee Phillips went 2 for 3, but the rest of the team combined for three hits.

Bailey Smith pitched a complete game, giving up three earned runs.

Bradford bounced back with an 18-hit performance in a 14-9 win at P.K. Yonge on March 6.

Tayrn Flowers finished 4 for 5 with a double and three RBI. Hinds, Phillips and Kallie Yowell each had two RBI, with

Hinds batting 3 for 4 and Phillips going 2 for 4.

Amber Wynn went 3 for 5 with an RBI, while Kolee Lemire was 2 for 3 with an RBI.

Summer Sutton had one RBI as well, while Keegan Yowell batted 2 for 6.

Smith started in the circle, giving up four runs (three earned) and six hits.

Lemire pitched the final two innings, allowing five runs (three earned) and two hits, while striking out four.

Bradford played Hawthorne this past Tuesday and will host Eastside on Thursday, March 13, at 6:30 p.m. The Tornadoes then host Union County on Friday, March 14, at 6:30 p.m.

## Wilson's walk-off single gives KHHS baseball team 8-7 win

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
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Andrew Wilson hit a walk-off single to give the Keystone Heights High School baseball team an 8-7 win over visiting Palatka on March 7.

With the score tied at 7-7, Ethan Franklin led off the bottom of the seventh with a double. By the time Wilson stepped to the plate, the Indians were down to their final out. Wilson worked the

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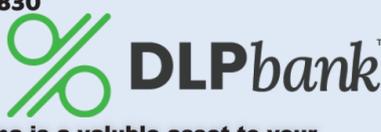
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## Keystone boys earn 4th, 5th wins in tennis

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
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Keystone Heights High School improved to 5-1 in boys tennis with a 4-3 win over visiting Santa Fe on March 4.

Santa Fe earned wins at the top-two slots in singles play, but the Indians got an 8-1 win from Evan Booth at the number-three spot and an 8-0 win from Will Begue at the number-four spot. Beckett Capper was awarded a win by default.

Curran Capper and Ethan Teague teamed up for an 8-5 win at number-two doubles.

The Indians entered the match off a 6-1 home win over Ridgeview on Feb. 26.

Dalton Moore and Teague won 8-3 and 8-4, respectively, while Begue and Beckett Capper both won 8-0.

The doubles team of Begue and Booth won 8-2, while Teague and Curran Capper won 8-4.

Keystone played Bradford this past Tuesday and will travel to play Suwannee on Thursday, March 13, at 4 p.m.

## BHS defeats Baker County for 1st win in boys tennis

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
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Bradford High School picked up its first win in boys tennis, defeating visiting Baker County 5-2 on March 4.

Calum Butler and Rowan Butler won 8-2 and 8-1,

respectively, at the top-two singles slots. Christopher Brennan earned an 8-6 win at the number-three spot, while Trevor Clements won 8-4 at the number-five spot.

The number-one doubles team of Butler and Butler won 8-2.

Zachary Wells also played in singles and teamed up with Brennan in doubles.

The girls team, which is still seeking a win, played at Baker on March 4, losing 6-1.

Brylee Gibson earned an 8-2 win at the number-five singles slot, with Victoria Hudgens, Jamiee Lin, Amber Boenert and Ingrid Alcalá playing in the other spots.

Hudgens and Lin made up one of the Tornadoses' doubles teams, while Boenert and Alcalá paired up for the other.

## Indians defeat Interlachen 5-1 for 2nd straight softball win

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
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Three pitchers combined to allow just one run in the Keystone Heights High School softball team's 5-1 win over visiting Interlachen on March 7.

Kadence Massey and Shelby Stewart each drove in a run, with Massey going 2 for 4 and Stewart batting 2 for 2.

Amber Wager went 2 for 3, while Tayler Buchanan and Bella Cumbo each had one RBI.

Starting pitcher Stewart gave up one run and two hits in 3.1 innings. She had eight strikeouts.

Audry Cisco allowed one hit and struck out seven in 2.2 innings, while Massey gave up no hits and struck out two in the final inning.

It was the second straight win for Keystone after the week began with a 10-0 loss to host Baker County on March 4.

The Indians were held to three hits, while Baker had 12, including two home runs, three doubles and a triple.

Keystone's bats fared better in the Indians' next game, which was a 17-4, five-inning win over host Clay on March 5.

Wagner went 3 for 3 with four RBI, while Cumbo went 3 for 4 with three RBI.

Bailey Amato and Cadie Bowles each drove in two runs, while Buchanan, Kaleigh Marquart and Maddi Glinski each had one RBI.

Massey went 2 for 3.

Cisco pitched all five innings, giving up eight hits and striking out seven.

The Indians played Middleburg this past Tuesday and will host Ponte Vedra on Friday, March 14, at 6:30 p.m.

## UCHS softball team goes 2-1 in Santa Fe Invitational

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
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Courtney Manning, Mackenzie Orton and Campbell Webb each drove in four runs to help the Union County High School softball team go 2-1 at the March 7-8 Santa Fe Raider Invitational.

Orton, Webb and Brooke Hunt each had a homer for the Tigers, who scored 22 runs in two games after a 6-1 loss to Columbia to open play in the tournament.

Leanne Dicks went 2 for 3 in the loss, while Emma Handley was 2 for 4.

Union bounced back with a

13-6, four-inning win against Bronson in which Manning and Orton each drove in three runs.

Manning went 3 for 3, while Orton, who hit a two-run homer, was 2 for 3. Mia Kent went 2 for 2.

Hunt had two RBI off a home run, while Webb finished with one RBI.

Handley pitched a complete game, allowing nine hits and striking out three.

Webb hit a three-run homer as part of the Tigers' 9-2, four-inning win over Chiefland on March 8.

Hunt and Dicks each had two RBI, while Manning had one.

Orton was the only batter with more than one hit, going 2 for 3.

Starting pitcher Handley gave up two runs (one earned) and two hits through three innings. She had three strikeouts.

Dicks pitched the final inning, allowing no hits and striking out two.

The Tigers (6-4) entered the tournament off a 19-1, four-inning win over host North Marion on March 4.

Shyla Crowe and Manning went 3 for 3 and 3 for 4, respectively, with both driving in

two runs.

Dicks and Handley each went 2 for 3, with Dicks driving in four runs and Handley driving in one.

Orton went 2 for 4 with a solo home run and two RBI.

Hunt and Webb each finished with two RBI, while Kent and Kinzley Scott each had one.

Handley pitched a complete game, giving up three hits and striking out eight.

The Tigers played North Marion again this past Tuesday and will host P.K. Yonge on Thursday, March 13, at 6 p.m. Union travels to play Bradford on Friday, March 14, at 6:30 p.m. before hosting Branford on Monday, March 17, at 7 p.m.

On Tuesday, March 18, the Tigers host Dixie County at 6 p.m.

## UCHS baseball team drops 2nd straight

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
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Union County High School's

baseball team was held to two hits in a 5-1 loss to visiting University Christian on March 7.

University, which hit a three-run homer, is fourth in the latest Florida High School Athletic Association/MaxPreps Class 1A power rankings.

The Tigers (7-3) got their lone run when Erick Lasseter scored on a wild pitch in the sixth.

Relief pitcher Foster Smith threw the final two innings for Union, giving up one unearned run and two hits, while striking out four.

Union entered the game off a 7-5 loss at Oakleaf on March 4.

Lasseter and Jake Walker went 2 for 2 and 2 for 4, respectively. Lasseter had two RBI, while Jeffrey Brugh and Carter Whitehead each finished with one.

Union, which is third in the FHSAA/MaxPreps Rural Class power rankings, played Forest this past Monday and will travel to play Lafayette on Thursday, March 13, at 7 p.m. The Tigers host Baldwin on Friday, March 14, at 7 p.m. and then host Dunnellon on Tuesday, March 28, at 7 p.m.



Ansley Ward's second-place Class VII animal was named reserve grand champion at the commercial heifer show at the Bradford Agricultural Fair. Ward also exhibited the fourth overall heifer, which placed first in Class II, and had animals earn second place in Class VIII and third place in Class V. The night also saw Ward earn the grand championship in intermediate showmanship.

## AWARDS

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first-place prize in junior showmanship that was sponsored by Realtor Kayla Alvarez.

Reese Wainwright received the Overall Top Performance Award, which was presented by the Hamilton family.

## Scholarships and more awards

Elixson and Tripp Connell (Union FFA) were both recipients of the Workhorse Award, with cash prizes sponsored by Bradford-Union Cattle Show and Sale and R&B Fencing.

Hailey Griffis (Bradford FFA) received the Tuff Girl Award, which is presented in memory of



Luke Alvarez exhibited the fourth-overall steer, which earned the homegrown reserve grand championship. The 1,212-pound animal sold for \$5 per pound.

Dana Newsome, to graduating seniors Broome and Reese Wainwright. Bradford-Union Cattle Show and Sale presented scholarships



Kate Wainwright's third-overall heifer earned the homegrown grand championship at the Bradford-Union Youth Breed Show. Wainwright also placed first in senior showmanship. Photo by Traci Waters Photography.



Chayten Elixson's Class IV winner was named homegrown reserve grand champion at the commercial heifer show at the Bradford Agricultural Fair.

## KHHS

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count full before getting the hit that scored Franklin and ended the game.

Keystone (9-3) avoided losing its second straight game.

Austin Smith and Wilson finished 3 for 3 and 3 for 5, respectively, with each driving in a run.

Gauge Barry went 2 for 3 with two RBI, while Destin Harnage was 2 for 5.

Tyler Brinson and Aiden Screen each had one RBI.

On the mound, Brinson earned the win, giving up two runs and

four hits through the final four innings. He had four strikeouts.

It was a 2-1 week for Keystone, with the first win coming by a score of 14-2 over visiting Baker County in five innings on March 4.

Wilson had a big night, going 3 for 4 and driving in seven runs. Four of those runs came on a fourth-inning grand slam.

Brinson and Harnage each went 2 for 3, with Harnage driving in one run.

Screen went 2 for 4, while Franklin and Smith each had one RBI.

Starting pitcher Ty Mitzel allowed no runs and one hit, while striking out five through

four innings.

Harnage finished it off on the mound, with two strikeouts in his one inning of work.

On March 5, the Indians lost 3-2 to host West Nassau when the Warriors' Colin Marchant hit an RBI single in the bottom of the eighth.

Harnage and Smith each drove in a run.

The Indians played Oakleaf this past Monday and were scheduled to host Santa Fe on Wednesday, March 12, at 6:30 p.m. Keystone travels to play Orange Park on Friday, March 14, at 7 p.m. and then travels to play Paxon on Monday, March 17, at 6 p.m.

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## KHHS defeats Raiders 26-0 in flag football

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
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Keystone Heights High School earned a shutout win over

Crescent City in between losses to Mandarin and Buchholz in flag football.

The Indians lost 28-6 at Mandarin on Feb. 27, though Riley Shuford caught seven passes for 135 yards and one touchdown.

Alee Horton rushed for 148 yards on 10 carries. Alyssa Sanford led the defense

with six tackles.

On March 3, Keystone traveled to Crescent City for a 26-0 win. Shuford caught three passes for 105 yards and two touchdowns, while Whitnee Buchanan caught four passes for 35 yards and a score. Aubre Miller had two receptions for 25 yards and a touchdown.

Shuford and Kamryn Finch

each had an interception for the defense, which also got seven tackles and two sacks from Ashley McCarthy.

A 39-14 loss at Buchholz on March 4 saw Horton complete 5 of 10 passes for 88 yards and a touchdown.

Buchanan caught the touchdown pass, finishing with five receptions for 29 yards.

Shuford caught two passes for 65 yards, while Horton had two receptions for 25 yards.

Horton rushed for 70 yards and one touchdown on eight carries.

Ashlyn Brown completed 7 of 13 passes for 54 yards.

The defense got five tackles from Sanford and one interception each from Horton

and Shuford.

Keystone lost 14-7 to visiting Middleburg on March 6 and then defeated visiting Oakleaf 20-13 on March 10. Stats weren't available by deadline.

The Indians (4-4) played Forest this past Tuesday and will host Suwannee on Thursday, March 13, at 7 p.m.



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# Obituaries

## A.B. Adams

Ackley Bob "A.B." Adams, 83, of Brooker went to be with his Lord and Savior Thursday, March 6, 2025, after an extended illness. He was born Feb. 16, 1942, in Ellisville, to the late Jesse S. Adams and Dorothy Howell Adams. He had a strong work ethic. He was in construction for 48 years, building many commercial projects including the Florida Welcome Center on I-95, Ft. White High School, and numerous condos in St. Augustine, and contributed to the construction of the new fellowship hall of Brooker Baptist Church, and dozens of other projects across Florida and South Georgia. Upon his retirement from commercial work, he became a home builder and developed Shady Oaks subdivision in Brooker. Throughout the years, he poured into the younger generation by providing opportunities to gain knowledge and skills, while teaching the importance of hard work and life lessons. Through this, he was given the nickname of "Papa Bear," and this nickname has stuck with him since. In addition to his ambition for construction, he enjoyed being outdoors, farming, hunting, and fishing. His love for these things has been shared with and passed down to many friends and family members. He was a member of Brooker Baptist Church and supported his community. He previously served as a council member for the city of Brooker, was a supporter of Brooker Athletic Association, and supported many FFA and 4-H exhibitors. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Amelia Adams Varnes; and brother, James Donald Adams.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Juanita S. Adams; son, Bobby (Tammey) Adams of Brooker; daughter, Ginger (Terry) Wilkins of Brooker; grandchildren, Taylor Wilkins (Skylar) Brittain, Macy Adams, Tori Wilkins, Madison Adams (Gavin) Kite, and Terryn Wilkins; great-grandchildren, Finley Brittain, Addyson Kite, and Hendrix Brittain; siblings, Carol Crews, Wayne Adams, and Melinda Hancock.

A celebration of life will be held at his church, Brooker Baptist Church, 17197 Bradford Ave., Brooker, on Saturday, March 15, at 11 a.m., with visitation beginning at 10 a.m. He will be laid to rest immediately following the service at Philippi Baptist Church Cemetery, Lake City.

Archer-Milton Funeral Home of Lake Butler is honored to serve the Adams family at this time. 386-496-2008 www.archerfuneralhome.com

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## Langston Sykes

Langston Alexander Sykes, a beloved husband, father, son, and brother, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, in Lake City. Born April 20, 1993, in Gainesville, he was the light in the lives of many and the cherished heartbeat of his family. His journey through life was one marked by hard work and determination. He dedicated his skills as a carpenter at Websters Custom Cabinets, however, it was his love of mixed martial arts that pushed him. Over the past four years, he passionately pursued his dreams as an MMA fighter, embodying grit and determination both in and out of the ring. Those fortunate enough to know him remember his gentle spirit and laid-back demeanor. He was not only a jokester who could bring laughter to any situation, but also a humble man who carried himself with a quiet dignity, always radiating positivity and respect. He had a flair for fashion; he dressed well, always wearing the latest trend. As a young boy he enjoyed skateboarding. As he grew up, he immersed himself in video games and enjoyed diving into books. He was proud to be a father, reveling in the joy that his children brought him. His children, Kyland and Kyran, Laniyah, Zyair, and Langston, were the core of his universe, as he cherished every minute spent with them. Family gatherings echoed with laughter as Langston enjoyed being around his family. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Gladys Sirmones, Shirley Sykes, Mama Gladys Sykes, and Johnnie Sykes Jr.

These are the ones that will miss him most - his wife, Desiree Smith Sykes; mother, Theresa Sykes; father Johnnie Sykes III; siblings: Whitney Sykes, Percephini Sykes, Emmanuel "Manny" Sykes, Mont Brown, and Ayanna Sykes. He was also close to his in-laws, mother-in-law, Lisa Hogg; and his siblings-in-law: Kirsten Smith, Dakota-Marie Smith, Jason Smith, ToniAnn Smith, Remington Rogers, and Kaylee Hillhouse; along with numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins who held him dear.

A celebration of life will take place on Saturday, March 15, with a viewing at 1 p.m. followed by a gathering to honor him at 2 p.m., all held at the Union County High School Auditorium in Lake Butler.

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## Walter Harmon

Walter Curtis Harmon, 74, of Macclenny passed away Monday, Feb. 24, 2025, at the HCA Orange Park Hospital, Orange Park. He was born in Homerville, Georgia to the late Joe Curtis Harmon and Myrtice Christine Cooper Harmon. He retired twice after employment with Union County Correctional Institution and JB Coxwell.

He was preceded in death by both parents; brother, Clifford Eugene Harmon; son, Timothy Gregory Paige; and brothers-in-law, Frank James Wilkerson and Warren Lee.

Left to cherish his memories are his wife, Patricia Lee-Harmon; his children, Jerry (Dhea) Harmon; Mario Beard-Harmon; Natasha Lee-Harmon; Roshana Lee-Harmon; Marketta Lee Harmon; ShaKeria Lee-Harmon and Anita Amerson; brothers-in-law, Virgil (Christine) Lee, Damon (Hope) Lee; Kelvin Lee; special uncle Hossie Williams Sr; and numerous grandchildren; great-grandchildren; great-great grandchildren; and a host of friends.

The family will receive friends on Friday, March 14, at Emmanuel Church of God in Christ, 450 S. Eighth St., Macclenny 32063 from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. The Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, March 15, at 1 p.m., also at Emmanuel Church in Macclenny. Interment to follow at Oddfellow Cemetery, Starke. Repast will be held at R.J.E. Tigers Place Building (old rec center), 908 Florida St., Starke 32091, immediately following interment.

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## Connie L. Wall

Connie B. Lavender Wall, 81, passed away peacefully Monday, March 10, 2025, at her home in Hampton. She was born March 3, 1944, in Rutherford County, North Carolina and was the daughter of the late T.P. and Willie Mae Byers. She worked at Spindale Mills in Spindale, North Carolina for over 20 years and later worked at Florida Works in Starke for 10 years, where she retired. She was preceded in death by a brother, Wendell Byers; and three sisters, Gertie Tesseneer, Rita Walker, and Kay Wilson.

Survivors include her husband of 25 years, Buren Wall of Hampton; sons, Kevin (Tammie) Lavender of Gilkey, North Carolina, Joey (Sherry) Lavender of Bostic, North Carolina, Allen (Susanne) Wall of Spartanburg, South Carolina and Bryan (Lynda) Wall of Rutherfordton, North Carolina; sisters, Brenda (Jerry) Carter of Forest City, North Carolina and Louann (Jerry) Bennett of Ellenboro, North Carolina; five grandchildren, Jesse Lavender, currently in the US Navy, Jason Williams of Gilkey, North Carolina, Miranda Lovelace of Forest City, North Carolina, and Harlie Alley of Spindale, North Carolina; five great-grandchildren, Elizabeth Lovelace and Elijah Lovelace, both of Forest City, North Carolina, Presley Taylor, Edward Deadman of Spindale, North Carolina, and one on the way; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to one of her favorite charities, St. Jude's Children's Hospital, Shriners' Children's Hospital, or Wolfson Children's Hospital.

Her final memorialization by cremation is under the care and direction of Archer-Milton Funeral Home, 386-496-2008 www.archerfuneralhome.com

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## Wanda Prevatt

Mrs. Wanda A. Prevatt, 90, of Starke passed away Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2025, at Haven Hospice in Gainesville. She was born July 11, 1934, in Fitzgerald, Georgia to the late Wavel and Myrtle (Christmas) Agner. She retired as a finance secretary from the Bradford County School Board. She was a longtime active member of First Baptist Church, where, for many years, she volunteered in the nursery. She also enjoyed quilting, sewing, and cooking, but, most of all, she loved her LORD and spending time with her family and, especially, the grandchildren.

She is survived by her loving and devoted husband of 73 years, James Prevatt Jr. of Starke; their children, Debra (Ronald) Griggs and Donna (Michael) Hartley, all of Starke, and Jimmy (Lisa) Prevatt of Hampton; along with a brother, Michael "Mickey" (Bobbie) Agner of Starke. She was lovingly called "Mema" by grandchildren, Macy Stephens, Dane Stephens, Abby (Jordan) Bacon, Emily (Brian) Killingsworth, Will (Amber) Hartley, Katlyn (Josh) Reinken, Jake (Kaity) Prevatt, Jenna (Brett) Rowland, and Joel (Vanessa) Prevatt; and 18 great-grandchildren.

The family received friends Monday, March 3, at First Baptist Church, followed by the memorial service with Pastor Josh Reinken and Pastor Harry Hatcher officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Bradford County Education Foundation, 501 W Washington St., Starke, 32091. https://secure.givelively.org/donate/bradford-county-education-foundation-inc or to E.T. York Haven Hospice Care Center, 4200 NW 90th Blvd, Gainesville 32606 https://havenhospice.com/donate

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

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## Celebration of Life

Benjamin E. Norsworthy, a loving husband, father and friend, passed away Friday, Feb. 21, 2025.

He is survived by his loving wife of 15 years, Tonya; children, Benjamin (Maisyn) Norsworthy, Kaytlyn (Omarion) Norsworthy, and Brad Norsworthy; stepchildren, Tayler (Brandon) Brown and Dylan Phillips; and many nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 4964 NW 182nd Way on Sunday, March 16, at 12 p.m. If you would like to attend, contact Tonya at 904-629-0350.

Rest in peace, Ben. Your love, smile and legacy will be deeply missed.



## Ryder Thomas gets win for KHHS boys at Panther Invite

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
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Ryder Thomas won the 1600m, giving the Keystone Heights High School boys track and field team one of its 14 top-eight finishes at the March 6 Ridgeview Panther Invite.

Thomas crossed the line in 5:02 to take first in the 1600m, while teammate Hunter Sheppard placed eighth with a time of 5:23.

Keystone placed third in both the 4x100m and 4x800m relays. The 4x100m team of Clark Byrnes, Baylor Ford, Jamari Turner and Aaron Wiley had a time of 45.45, while the 4x800m team of Sheppard, Thomas, Eli Rabe and Ryeland Wahl had a time of 9:36.

Ford, Thomas, Wahl and Wiley teamed up to run a fourth-place time of 3:53 in the 4x400m relay.

The Indians also got fourth-place finishes from Ford in the 400m (54.46), Wahl in the 800m (2:19) and Luke Lewis in the javelin (112 feet, 2 inches).

Turner cleared 5-9.75 to place fifth in the high jump, while Ford had a sixth-place distance of 36-4 in the triple jump.

Seventh-place finishes were earned by Turner in the 110m hurdles (19.31), Trase Wooden in the shot put (32-0) and Tyler Kerner in the javelin (89-7).

Wiley placed eighth in the 200m with a time of 24.21.

Though not earning points, the following earned top-10 finishes: Turner with a ninth-place time of 24.37 in the 200m, Ricardo Rosario with a ninth-place distance of 31-7.5 in the shot put, Wooden with a ninth-place distance of 75-7 in the discus, Wiley with a 10th-place time of 11.75 in the 100m and Judah Moses with a 10th-place distance of 31-5.75 in the shot put.

Keystone also had the following results: 100m — Byrnes 11.95, Ford 11.96, Mason Clark 12.68, Wooden 12.75, Moses 12.83, Carter Andrews 14.79, James Carsey 18.30; 200m — Byrnes 24.78, Clark 26.52; 400m — Andrews 1:11; 800m — Oliver Miller 2:44, Mason Gray 2:54, Hunter Gray 2:57; 1600m — Wahl 5:31, Rabe 5:57, Jason Parales 6:02, Mason Gray 6:07, Hunter Gray 6:16, Gavin Morford 6:26, Alexander Mahaffrey 6:35; 110m hurdles — De'Shawn Williams 1:15; 400m hurdles — Williams 1:15; long jump — Byrnes 17-0.5, Moses 16-4.25, Wiley 15-8.75; shot put — Kerner 25-4.75; discus — Carsey 32-3; and javelin — Brayden McCall 71-10.

## KHHS girls win 2 events at the Panther Invite

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
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The Keystone Heights High School girls track and field team had two wins and earned a total of nine top-eight finishes at the March 6 Ridgeview Panther Invite.

Olyvia Griffin won the 800m with a time of 2:37 and teamed up with Christine DJavaheri, Ashly McCarthy and Kenslee Phillips to run a first-place time of 4:38 in the 4x400m relay.

Griffin also had a third-place finish with a time of 5:55 in the 1600m.

Xana Briley placed third in the javelin with a distance of 65 feet, 4 inches, while Kaylee Park was fourth in the 100m hurdles with a time of 17.52.

Djavaheri had a seventh-place time of 28.65 in the 200m, while Cali Chamberlain cleared 4-4 to place seventh in the high jump.

Keystone had eighth-place finishes from Melody Tyre in the 1600m (6:26) and Park in the long jump (14-3.25).

Though not earning points, the following earned top-10 finishes: McCarthy with a ninth-place time of 1:10 in the 400m, Park with a 10th-place time of 28.88 in the 200m and Tyre with a 10th-place time of 2:52 in the 800m.

The Indians also had the following results: 100m — McCarthy 13.82, Alexis VanNordstrand 14.19, DJavaheri 14.27, Sophia Moses 14.65, Laura Herndon 14.84, Phillips 15.07, Laila Briseno 15.09, Jayla Jamison 15.45, Raven Bastin 15.58, Jasmine Walls 16.13, Madyllinn Michaud 16.21; 200m — Bastin 32.91; 400m — Phillips 1:13.08, VanNordstrand 1:13.62, Michaud 1:21; 800m — Bailee

Morris 3:13; 1600m — Morris 7:23; long jump — Herndon 13-3.25, Walls 11-5, Bastin 10-9.25; shot put — Briley 23-6.25, Taegen Gubics 10-3.25; discus — Briley 54-9, Gubics 18-9; and javelin — Gubics 31-10.

## Betha and Halfacre earn 1st- and 2nd-place finishes for UCHS girls

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
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Union County High School participated in the Oak Hall Mini Meet on March 4, with the girls track and field team getting a win from Amia Betha in one event and a runner-up finish from Holly Halfacre in another.

Betha ran a first-place time of 12.38 in the 100m. She was one of three Union athletes to place in the top 10, with Faith Sirmones running a ninth-place time of 14.43 and Susan McLeod running a 10th-place time of 14.49.

Halfacre took second in the 200m with a time of 29.16.

It was one of three top-five finishes for Halfacre. She had a third-place distance of 14 inches, 8.75 inches in the long jump and ran a fifth-place time of 19.93 in the 100m hurdles.

Melinda Mabrey placed sixth in the shot put with a distance of 24-2.25. Teammates Jamie Webb and Alexia Cyr were eighth and ninth, respectively, with distances of 20-9.25 and 19-2.75.

Cyr had a seventh-place distance of 53-10 in the discus, while three other Union athletes earned seventh-place finishes as well: Audrey Miller, who cleared 4 feet in the high jump, Sirmones, who had a distance of 13-6.25 in the long jump, and Mikayla Johnson, who had a time of 1:10 in the 400m.

Rachel Harris ran a 10th-place time of 2:58 in the 800m, while Kimber Andrews had a 10th-place time of 6:44 in the 1600m.

Other Union results were: 100m — Brianna Taylor 14.52, Ivy Wilson 14.74, Jaden Johnson 14.99, Makenzie Barry 15.42, Nalana Hampton 15.85, Kinley Phillips 16.04, Elauna Roberts 16.31; 200m — Mikayla Johnson 31.44, Miller 32.58, Barry 33.06, Maddison McKenzie 33.52, Hampton 34.04, Phillips 34.42, Sommer McKenzie 36.48; 400m — McLeod 1:13, McKenzie 1:15, Barry 1:19; 800m — Andrews 2:59, Jillian Norman 3:00, Kaitlyn Pafford 3:14, Ryleigh Floyd 3:25; 1600m — Norman 6:57, Harris 7:13, Floyd 8:03, Pafford 8:36; long jump — Miller 11-7; and discus — Webb 44-3, Mari Williams 43-7.

## BHS gets 2nd-place finishes from Lawrence and Lopey

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
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Bradford High School track-and-field athletes participated in a March 8 meet at Columbia High School, with boys team member Elijah Lawrence and girls team member Ny'Asia Lopey both earning second-place finishes.

Lawrence ran a time of 23.35 seconds in finishing as runner-up in the 200m, while Lopey had a second-place distance of 31 feet, 6.5 inches in the triple jump.

Bradford took second in the boys 4x100m relay, with Lawrence, Iyen Addison, Jeremiah McKenzie and Branden Williams running a time of 44.79.

Lawrence also ran a fourth-place time of 11.50 in the 100m. Justin Hall took third in the boys long jump with a distance of 19-9.75.

Bradford got a pair of sixth-place finishes in the boys event from McKenzie in the 400m (55.44) and Barron Walden in the shot put (35-10.75).

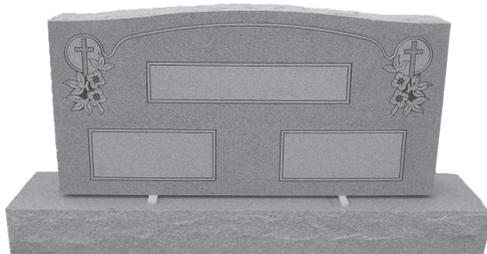
The Tornados also had the following boys results: 100m — Jarell Harris 11.97, Williams 12.02, Addison 12.73; 200m — Harris 25.02; 400m — Addison 1:01; 800m — Liam Reaves 3:07; 1600m — Reaves 6:48; long jump — Brayden Smyth 15-7.75, Jaydin Williams 13-9.75; shot put — Brian Clifton 34-0, Raimond Pedro 28-10.5; and discus — William Aldridge 10th 93-0, Tyler Schaffer 53-0.

On the girls side, Chelsie Curtis participated in the long jump (10-6.75), while Kalissa Smith competed in the shot put (19-1.5).

A'drionna Hankerson also took part in the discus (35-2).

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# Legal Notices

Legals for the week of March 13, 2025

## BRADFORD

### PUBLIC SALE

Ron Denmark Mini Storage will hold a public auction on March 21, 2025 10:00am at 2117 N. Temple Ave. Starke, FL on the following units containing personal items:  
Unit 110 Belonging to V. Atkinson  
Unit 63 Belonging to D. Dodson=Campbell  
Unit 16 Belonging to J. Griffis  
Unit 117 Belonging to T. Reed  
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### COMMISSION MEETING

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Bradford County Board of County Commissioners will have a board meeting on March 18, 2025, at 6:30 PM inside the county commission meeting room, located in the north wing section of the Bradford County Courthouse, 945 N. Temple, Avenue, Starke, FL. A copy of the meeting agenda may be obtained from the Bradford County website: [www.bradfordcountylf.gov](http://www.bradfordcountylf.gov). Said meeting location is secured – no firearms or weapons are permitted.  
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FIRE ASSESSMENT WORKSHOP. THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Bradford County Board of County Commissioners will hold a workshop to discuss a proposed Fire Assessment on March 18, 2025, at 5:30 PM inside the county commission meeting room, located in the north wing section of the Bradford County Courthouse, 945 N. Temple, Avenue, Starke, FL. A copy of the meeting agenda may be obtained from the Bradford County website: [www.bradfordcountylf.gov](http://www.bradfordcountylf.gov). Said meeting location is secured – no firearms or weapons are permitted.  
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IN THE FLORIDA COURT OF THE 8TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

CASE NO: 2024-CA-000217  
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC,  
Plaintiff,

vs.  
LOGAN PATRICK JOHNSON; CIARA LEIGH STOVER; UNKNOWN TENANT #1 AND UNKNOWN TENANT #2,  
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated 24th day of February 2025 and entered in 2024-CA-000217 of the Circuit Court of the EIGHTH Judicial Circuit in and for Bradford County, Florida, wherein NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, is the Plaintiff and LOGAN PATRICK JOHNSON; CIARA LEIGH STOVER; UNKNOWN TENANT #1 AND UNKNOWN TENANT #2, are the Defendant(s). Denny Thompson, as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at Bradford County Courthouse, 945 NORTH TEMPLE AVENUE, STARKE, FL, 32091-2110, beginning at 11:00 AM on the prescribed date at [www.alachua.realforeclose.com](http://www.alachua.realforeclose.com), on the 17th day of April 2025, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: A PARCEL OF LAND LYING PARTLY IN SECTION 23 AND PARTLY IN SECTION 26 OF TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, SAID PARCEL BEING LOTS 10 AND 11 OF GARDEN ACRES NUMBER 2 (AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION) AS SURVEYED BY WILLIAM T. MATHIS, FL9 NO. 1105 AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT A CONCRETE MONUMENT FOUND AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY OF THE RIGHT OF WAY OF STATE ROAD 16 WITH THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF SECTION 26 FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 05 MINUTES AND 27 SECONDS WEST, ALONG SAID WESTERLY BOUNDARY, 256.91 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT FOUND AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 26; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 03 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF SECTION 23, A DISTANCE OF 127.82 FEET; THENCE NORTH 45 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 14 SECONDS EAST, 217.40 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 83 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 56 SECONDS EAST, 45.61 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 27 SECONDS EAST, PARALLEL WITH THE AFORESAID WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF SECTION 26, A DISTANCE OF 474.94 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE FOUND ON AFORESAID NORTHERLY BOUNDARY OF STATE ROAD 16, THENCE SOUTH 74 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 56 SECONDS WEST, ALONG SAID NORTHERLY BOUNDARY, 207.71 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

ABOVE DESCRIBED PARCEL SUBJECT TO A DRAINAGE EASEMENT DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT A CONCRETE MONUMENT FOUND AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY OF THE RIGHT OF WAY OF STATE ROAD 16 WITH THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF SECTION 26 AND RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 27 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY THEREOF, 256.91 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT FOUND AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 26; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 03 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF SECTION 23, A DISTANCE OF 99.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM POINT OF BEGINNING THUS DESCRIBED, CONTINUE NORTH 00 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 03 SECONDS WEST, ALONG SAID WESTERLY BOUNDARY 28.82 FEET, THENCE NORTH 45 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 14 SECONDS EAST, 217.40 FEET,

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Property Address: 2199 NE SR 16, STARKE, FL 32901  
ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN THE CLERK BEFORE THE CLERK REPORTS THE SURPLUS AS UNCLAIMED.

### IMPORTANT

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in a proceeding, you are entitled to be provided with certain assistance at no cost to you. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Alachua County Family and Civil Justice Center, 201 East University Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601 (352) 337-6237 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8770 via Florida Relay Service. Dated this 7th day of March 2025.

By: /s/ Ian Norych  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

File No. 25000014CPAXMX  
IN RE: ESTATE OF SHERDENA RUTH RIVERA, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
The administration of the estate of Sherdena Ruth Rivera, deceased, whose date of death was November 25, 2024, is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Drawer B, Starke, Florida 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. The Personal Representative has no duty to discover whether any property held at the time of the Decedent's death by the Decedent or the Decedent's surviving spouse is property to which the Florida Uniform Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death Act as described in ss. 732.216-732.228, Florida Statutes, applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is made by a creditor as specified under s. 732.2211, Florida Statutes. 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. The date of first publication of this notice is March 13, 2025. Attorney for Personal Representative: Ashly Mae Guernaccini, Esq. Florida Bar Number: 1022329 At Cause Law Office, PLLC 314 S. Missouri Avenue, Suite 201 Clearwater, Florida 33756 Telephone: (727) 477-2255 Fax: (727) 234-8024 E-Mail: [ashly@atacauselaw.com](mailto:ashly@atacauselaw.com) Secondary E-Mail: [rhianna@atacauselaw.com](mailto:rhianna@atacauselaw.com) Personal Representative: Christopher Marc Rivera 255 W. Martin Luther King Boulevard Unit 2204 Charlotte, North Carolina 28202  
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NOTICE OF AGENCY ACTION TAKEN BY THE SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT Notice is given that the following permit was issued on December 20, 2024: Florida Department of Transportation, District 2, 1109 South Marion Avenue, Lake City, Florida 32025-5874 Permit #ERP-007-249417-1. The project is located in Union and Bradford Counties, Section(s): 10, 14, 15, 23, & 24, Township: 6 South, Range: 20 East. The permit authorizes a surface water management system on 27.53 acres for a pedestrian bridge and multi-use trail known as Palatka Trails. The receiving water body is wetlands.

A person whose substantial interests are or may be affected has the right to request an administrative hearing by filing a written petition with the Suwannee River Water Management District (District). Pursuant to Chapter 28-106 and Rule 40BB-1.1010, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), the petition must be filed (received) either by delivery at the office of the Resource Management Business Resource Specialist at District Headquarters, 9225 CR 49, Live Oak FL 32060 or by e-mail to [tjm@srwmd.org](mailto:tjm@srwmd.org), within twenty-one (21) days of newspaper publication of the notice of intended District decision (for

those persons to whom the District does not mail or email actual notice). A petition must comply with Sections 120.54(5)(b)4. and 120.569(2)(c), Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Chapter 28106, F.A.C. The District will not accept a petition sent by facsimile (fax). Mediation pursuant to Section 120.573, F.S., is not available. A petition for an administrative hearing is deemed filed upon receipt of the complete petition by the District Clerk at the District Headquarters in Live Oak, FL during the District's regular business hours. The District's regular business hours are 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., excluding weekends and District holidays. Petitions received by the District Clerk after the District's regular business hours shall be deemed filed as of 8 a.m. on the next regular District business day. The right to an administrative hearing and the relevant procedures to be followed are governed by Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, Chapter 28-106, Florida Administrative Code, and Rule 40B-1.1010, Florida Administrative Code. Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means the District's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this notice. Failure to file a petition for an administrative hearing within the requisite time frame shall constitute a waiver of the right to an administrative hearing. (Rule 28-106.111, F.A.C.).

If you wish to do so, you may request the Notice of Rights for this permit by contacting the Business Resource Specialist in the Division of Resource Management (RM), 9225 CR 49, Live Oak, FL 32060, or by phone at 386.362.1001.  
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### SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, the following application for permit was received on March 5, 2025:

Scott Meckley, 5601 Mariner St, Tampa, FL, 33609 has submitted an Environmental Resource Permit (ERP) application number ERP-007-250988-1. The project is located in Bradford County, Section 24, Township 7 South, Range 21 East, and includes 4.0 acres of impervious area on a total project area of 5.1 acres. Interested persons may comment upon the application or submit a written request for a staff report containing proposed agency action regarding the application by writing to the Suwannee River Water Management District, Attn: Resource Management, 9225 C.R. 49, Live Oak, Florida 32060. Such comments or requests must be received by 5:00 PM within 14 days from the date of publication.

No further public notice will be provided regarding this application. A copy of the staff report must be requested in order to remain advised of further proceedings. Substantially affected persons are entitled to request an administrative hearing, pursuant to Title 28, Florida Administrative Code, regarding the proposed agency action by submitting a written request after reviewing the staff report.

PUBLISH: no later than March 20, 2025 /tm  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

CASE NO. 25000030CAAXMX  
U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, AS SUCCESSOR-IN-INTEREST TO U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, IN TRUST FOR REGISTERED HOLDERS OF FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-FF2,  
Plaintiff,

vs. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF CLYDE C. GRIFFIS A/K/A CLYDE C. GRIFFIS, JR. A/K/A CLYDE GRIFFIS, DECEASED, et al.  
Defendant(s).

### NOTICE OF ACTION -

CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF CLYDE C. GRIFFIS A/K/A CLYDE C. GRIFFIS, JR. A/K/A CLYDE GRIFFIS, DECEASED, whose residence is unknown if he/she/they be living; and if he/she/they be dead, the unknown defendants who may be spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, and all parties claiming an interest by, through, under or against the Defendants, who are not known to be dead or alive, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein.

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

A PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINING 1.12 ACRES LYING IN THE NE1/4 OF THE NW1/4 OF SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT A CONCRETE MONUMENT LOCATED AT THE NE CORNER OF SAID NE1/4 OF NW1/4 AND RUN NORTH 89° 07' 57" WEST, ALONG THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY THEREOF, 64.84 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT LOCATED ON THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF THE R/W OF COUNTY ROAD 225 (FORMERLY STATE ROAD 225); THENCE SOUTH 00°17' 40" EAST ALONG SAID WESTERLY BOUNDARY, 957.02 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE FOR A POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM POINT OF BEGINNING THUS DESCRIBED CONTINUE SOUTH 00° 17' 40" EAST ALONG SAID WESTERLY BOUNDARY, 206.50 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT LOCATED 142.5 FEET NORTHERLY OF THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID NE1/4 OF

NW1/4; THENCE NORTH 89° 44' 36" WEST, PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID NE1/4 OF NW1/4, 234.97 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE NORTH 00° 36' 01" WEST, PARALLEL WITH THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID NE1/4 OF NW1/4, 206.50 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE SOUTH 89° 44' 36" EAST, PARALLEL WITH AFORESAID SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY, 236.07 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

ALSO: A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN THE NE1/4 OF THE NW1/4 OF SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT A CONCRETE MONUMENT FOUND AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID NE1/4 OF NW1/4 AND RUN NORTH 89° 07' 57" WEST ALONG THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY THEREOF, 64.84 FEET TO AN INTERSECTION WITH THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF COUNTY ROAD 225 (FORMERLY STATE ROAD 225); THENCE SOUTH 00° 17' 40" EAST, ALONG SAID WESTERLY BOUNDARY, 953.52 FEET TO A SET IRON ROD FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING THUS DESCRIBED CONTINUE SOUTH 00° 17' 40" EAST, ALONG SAID WESTERLY BOUNDARY, 3.50 FEET TO A FOUND IRON PIPE; THENCE NORTH 89° 44' 36" WEST, PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID NE1/4 OF NW1/4, A DISTANCE OF 236.07 FEET TO A FOUND CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE NORTH 00° 36' 01" WEST, PARALLEL WITH THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID NE1/4 OF NW1/4, A DISTANCE OF 3.50 FEET TO A SET IRON ROD; THENCE SOUTH 89° 44' 36" EAST, PARALLEL WITH SAID SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY, 236.09 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on counsel for Plaintiff, whose address is 6409 Congress Ave., Suite 100, Boca Raton, Florida 33487 on or before (30 days from Date of First Publication of this Notice) and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition filed herein. **WITNESS** my hand and the seal of this Court at Bradford County, Florida, this 4 day of March, 2025. DENNY THOMPSON CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT BY: KANETRA JENKINS DEPUTY CLERK ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, AND SCHNEID, PL ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF 6409 Congress Ave., Suite 100 Boca Raton, FL 33487 PRIMARY EMAIL: [flmail@raslg.com](mailto:flmail@raslg.com) THIS NOTICE SHALL BE PUBLISHED ONCE A WEEK FOR TWO (2) CONSECUTIVE WEEKS.  
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CITY OF STARKE DOWNTOWN MUSIC PAVILION ENHANCEMENT STARKE, FL PSA 24-845 SECTION 00010 -

NOTICE TO BIDDERS Bids will be received by the City of Starke, Purchasing Department, 209 N. Thompson Street, Starke, FL 32091, until 12:00 pm, Thursday, April 3, 2025, at which time and place all bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Commission Board Room for furnishing all labor and materials for the construction of: CITY OF STARKE DOWNTOWN MUSIC PAVILION ENHANCEMENT STARKE, FLORIDA. All work shall be done according to the plans and specifications prepared by the Architect: Paul Stresing Associates, Inc. 14617 Main Street Alachua, Florida 32615 Telephone (386) 462-6407 Plans are on file and open to inspection on the City of Starke website and at the office of the Architect (address shown above). Documents are also on file at the office of Stephanie Mann, Director of Administrative Operations, City of Starke, Office: 904-977-9155. General Contractors may obtain Drawings and Specifications from the City of Starke website. Any/all questions are to be submitted in writing to Paul Stresing Associates, Inc., Attention Paul Stresing at E-mail address: [PSA@PaulStresingAssociates.com](mailto:PSA@PaulStresingAssociates.com) General Contractors who choose to submit a bona fide bid acknowledge that they have provided a complete scope of work submission and that they have vetted all subcontractors under their scope of work.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any irregularities and minor technicalities or to reject any/all bids. Each bidder must deposit, with his bid, a Bid Bond or Cashier's Check in the amount of five percent (5%) of the Base Bid price, payable to the Owner. No bidder may withdraw his bid within ninety (90) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.  
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Extended Advertisement for Bids CITY OF LAKE BUTLER, FLORIDA RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL COLLECTION, DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for receiving sealed bids by March 20, 2025 at 2:00pm has been EXTENDED to March 27, 2025 at 2:00pm at which time all bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud at Lake Butler City Hall at 200 SW 1<sup>st</sup> Street Lake Butler, Florida 32054. The City is seeking bids for Solid Waste Collection Services within the service area of Lake Butler. Residential Household Waste to be collected twice weekly. The City has approximately 730 residential homes and approximately 81 business accounts including approximately 49 dumpster accounts. Bidders must submit SEVEN (7) copies of the Bid. Bids may be obtained from City Hall

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8:00am to 5:00pm Monday through Friday.

For bid documents or questions regarding this information please contact the City Manager's Office at 386-496-3401 ex. 4 or [hpage@cityoflakebutler.com](mailto:hpage@cityoflakebutler.com).

THE CITY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS.  
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## UNION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO.: 63-2022-CP-043

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

NOTICE OF ACTION TO: RONALD WRIGHT, IF ALIVE, AND IF DEAD, HIS UNKNOWN SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ADMINISTRATORS, CREDITORS, ASSIGNS; AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST RONALD WRIGHT OR ANY OF THE FOREGOING UNKNOWN PERSONS OR PARTIES: YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a notice of final accounting and petition for discharge, final accounting and petition for discharge have been filed in the above-referenced court, with the above-referenced case style and caption, and you are required to serve any objections on Jennifer T. Arrubla, the personal representative's attorney, whose address is 420 S. Lawrence Boulevard, Keystone Heights, Florida 32656, within 30 days of the first publication of this notice of action, and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on the personal representative's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise the Court in this action will consider and may grant the relief requested in the above-identified final accounting and petition for discharge.

Dated on February 26, 2025. KELLIE HENDRICKS RHOADES Clerk of the Court By: C. Hollingsworth As Deputy Clerk  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA Family Law Division Case No.: 2024-DR-0029

IN RE: THE MATTER OF: THE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS FOR BRAXTON WESLEY DAVIS

AMENDED NOTICE OF ACTION FOR PUBLICATION TO: BRIAN WESLEY DAVIS 12436 Southwest 79th Avenue Starke, Florida 32901

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Termination of Parental Rights has been filed against you. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to this action on I Brian M. Monk, Esq., of Monk Law Group, PLLC, Petitioner/Mother's attorney, whose address is 800 South Florida Avenue, Lakeland, Florida 33801, not later than April 11, 2025, which date shall be not less than twenty-eight (28) nor more than sixty (60) days after the first publication of this notice, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court at the Union County Courthouse, 55 West Main Street Room 103, Lake Butler, Florida 32054, either before service on Petitioner/Mother's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Amended Petition.

Brian Wesley Davis is a white male, approximately 33 years old, with brown hair and blue eyes. He is approximately 5'6" and 130 lbs. The date of birth of the minor child is August 18, 2015 and his birth place is Alachua County, Florida. 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 this 26 day of February 2025. CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT By: C. Hollingsworth Deputy Clerk  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO: 63-2025-CP-0004 IN RE: The Estate of JOHN GRANT COLLINS, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS The administration of the estate of John Grant Collins, deceased, File Number 63-2025-CP-0004, is pending in the Circuit Court for Union County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 55 West Main Street, Lake Butler, Florida 32054. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, on whom a copy of this notice is served must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. The date of first publication of this notice is March 6th, 2025. AMY F. CAIN Personal Representative FRANK E. MALONEY, JR., P.A. Attorney for Personal Representative 445 East Macclenny Avenue Macclenny, FL 32063 (904) 259-3155 Florida Bar No.: 142990 [legalmail@frankmaloney.us](mailto:legalmail@frankmaloney.us)  
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## Union County boys win 1st match in tennis

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
cliff@bctelegraph.com

Union County High School earned its first win in boys tennis, with the Tigers defeating visiting Seven Rivers Christian 4-3 on Feb. 28.

The Tigers got victories at the number-two and number-three singles spots, with Braden Adams winning 8-2 and Preston Flick winning 8-4.

Adams and Tucker Williams teamed up for an 8-0 win at number-one doubles, while the number-two team of Reese Harrison and Barry Andersen-Davis won 9-7.

Williams and Patrick Maxwell

suffered close losses on singles play by scores of 8-5 and 8-6. Andersen-Davis dropped an 8-3 match.

Union's girls team has dropped two matches in a row, starting with a 4-3 loss to Seven Rivers Christian on Feb. 28.

Gracie Manning and Madison Starling won singles matches by scores of 8-2 and 8-4, respectively. The two also teamed up for an 8-1 win in doubles.

On March 4, the Tigers hosted Newberry, losing 4-3. Manning and Rachael Archer had singles wins by scores of 8-0 and 8-2, respectively, while the doubles team of Archer and Bristol Lang won 8-6.

Union has three wins on the season. The Tigers defeated Madison County 6-1 on Feb. 6, West Nassau 7-0 on Feb. 11 and Newberry 4-3 on Feb. 25.

The Tigers came out on top

in four singles matches against Madison County, with Manning winning 8-3, Starling winning 8-4, Regan Broome winning 8-3 and Abigail Fishburn winning 8-6.

In doubles, Starling-Manning won 8-1, while Archer-Kaylie Hendricks won 8-3.

Against West Nassau, Union's singles wins were 8-3 by Manning, 8-6 by Starling, 8-3 by Broome, 8-3 by Archer and 8-1 by Fishburn.

Starling-Manning won 8-6, while Archer-Hendricks won 8-0.

The Feb. 25 win over Newberry had Manning come out on top in singles play by a score of 8-4, while Broome and Lang had wins of 8-3 and 8-0, respectively.

Broome-Hendricks earned an 8-4 doubles win.

## Chakin is runner-up for UCHS boys

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
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Jesse Chakin finished as runner-up in the long jump, giving the Union County High School boys track and field team one of its 19 top-10 finishes at the March 4 Oak Hall Mini Meet.

Chakin had a distance of 19 feet, 8 inches in the long jump, which left him trailing Oak Hall's Dakota Brower, who jumped 21-7.5.

Bo Thomas competed in the event as well, finishing fifth at 19-1.25.

C.J. Ivey placed third in the discus with a throw of 97-8. Edward Durant and Matthew

Rogers were fifth and eighth, respectively, with distances of 81-0 and 76-6.

Jason Buie earned a third-place finish in the 200m with a time of 24.06. The Tigers also had top-10 finishers in Thomas, who had a fourth-place time of 24.33, Chakin, who had a fifth-place time of 24.78, and Drew Simmons, who had an eighth-place time of 25.17.

Joseph Harris and Gavin Smith placed fourth and fifth, respectively, in the 800m with times of 2:19 and 2:20.

In the shot put, Anthony Holmes was fourth with a distance of 34-7. Ivey and Durant were eighth and 10th, respectively, with distances of 32-1.5 and 31-3.75.

Gavin Jenkins had a fifth-place time of 11.84 in the 100m, while Chakin was right behind him

with a sixth-place time of 11.89. Simmons was ninth with a time of 12.19.

Zayden Williams ran a seventh-place time of one minute in the 400m, while Harris had an eighth-place time of 5:32 in the 1600m.

Union also had the following results: 100m — Thomas 12.30, Jabari Young 12.34, Buie 12.46, Braylen Tyson 12.64, Natwan Richardson 12.80, Landon Cason 13.60, Rogers 13.86, Anderson Griffis 15.78, David Guadagnoli 16.92; 200m — Tyson 25.84, Richardson 26.65, Williams 27.65, Cason 27.81, Griffis 32.60, Hudson Parrish 36.12; 800m — Clayton Cason 2:42, Carter Fitzpatrick 2:51, Gaultney Cole 2:51; and 1600m — Clayton Cason 6:32.24, Fitzpatrick 6:32.74, Cole 6:40.

# Legal Notices

Legals for the week of March 13, 2025

## UNION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 24000081CAAXMX DIVISION: PLANET HOME LENDING, LLC, Plaintiff,

vs. PAUL HUFFER AKA PAUL E. HUFFER AKA PAUL ELIOTT HUFFER, et al, Defendant(s).

### NOTICE OF ACTION

To: TAYLOR HUFFER AKA T. HUFFER AKA TAYLOR L. HUFFER Last Known Address:: 5821 SW 52nd Terrace, Lake Butler, FL 32054 Current Address: Unknown

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Union County, Florida: ALL THAT CERTAIN LAND SITUATE IN UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO-WIT:

LOT 49-B OF UPLAND PINES PLANTATION, AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION DESCRIPTION A TRACT OF LAND LYING IN SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 18 EAST, UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 20 (ALSO BEING THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 21) AND THENCE RUN N 86 DEGREES 27' 24" E ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SECTION 21, A DISTANCE OF 2021.94 FEET; THENCE S 2 DEGREES 46' 29" E, A DISTANCE OF 619.62 FEET TO THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE (R/W) OF SARA LANE; THENCE S 3 DEGREES 32' 36" E, A DISTANCE OF 60 FEET TO THE SOUTH R/W LINE OF SARA LANE; THENCE S 86 DEGREES 27' 24" W, ALONG SAID SOUTH R/W LINE, A DISTANCE OF 1955.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF CURVATURE OF A TANGENT CURVE, CONCAVE TO THE SOUTH, HAVING A RADIUS OF 1115.92 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 23 DEGREES 42' 25"; THENCE WESTERLY ALONG SAID R/W CURVE, A DISTANCE OF 461.73 FEET TO THE END OF SAID CURVE; THENCE S 3 DEGREES 32' 38" E, A DISTANCE OF 174.41 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING S 3 DEGREES 32' 38" E, A DISTANCE OF 309.40 FEET TO THE NORTH R/W LINE OF A 40 FOOT COUNTY ROAD; THENCE S 87 DEGREES 13' 09" W, ALONG SAID R/W LINE, A DISTANCE OF 142.23 FEET; THENCE N 3 DEGREES 32' 38" W, A DISTANCE OF 309.40 FEET; THENCE N 87 DEGREES 13' 09" E, A DISTANCE OF 142.23 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

TOGETHER WITH A MOBILE HOME LOCATED THEREON AS A PERMANENT FIXTURE AND APPURTENANCE THERETO, DESCRIBED AS A 1999 LIBERTY WINDMERE PLUS DOUBLEWIDE PALM MOBILE HOME BEARING SERIAL NUMBERS: 10L27073X AND 10L27073U. A/K/A 5821 SW 52ND TERRACE LAKE BUTLER FL 32054

has been filed against you and you are required to file written defenses with the clerk of court and to serve a copy within 30 days after the first publication of the Notice of Action, on Albertelli Law, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 23028, Tampa, FL 33623; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or petition.

This notice shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in the Union County Times. WITNESS my hand and the seal of this court on this 21st day of February, 2025.

Clerk of the Circuit Court  
By: C. HOLLINGSWORTH  
Deputy Clerk  
Please send invoice and copy to:  
Albertelli Law  
P.O. Box 23028  
Tampa, FL 33623  
NL - 24-010322

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

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UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 23000078CAAXMX UNITED WHOLESALE MORTGAGE, LLC, Plaintiff,

vs. HONAR MZORY; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF HONAR MZORY; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE (Please publish in THE UNION COUNTY TIMES)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure filed February 24, 2025 and entered in Case No. 23000078CAAXMX, of the Circuit Court of the 8th Judicial Circuit in and for UNION County, Florida, wherein UNITED WHOLESALE MORTGAGE, LLC is Plaintiff and HONAR MZORY; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF HONAR MZORY; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; are defendants. KELLIE HENDRICKS RHOADES, the Clerk of the Circuit Court, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash IN THE FRONT LOBBY OF THE COURTHOUSE, at 55 WEST MAIN STREET, LAKE BUTLER IN UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA 32054, at 11:00 A.M., on March 27, 2025, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

A parcel of land lying, being and situate in Section 17, Township 5 South, range 21 East, Union County, Florida, more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCE at the Northwest corner of the Southeast 1/4 of Northwest 1/4 of said Section 17, and run South 01 degree 39 minutes 35 seconds East, along the West line of said Southeast 1/4 of Northwest 1/4 of Section 17, a distance of 1332.41 feet to Southwest corner of said Southeast 1/4 of Northwest 1/4 of Section 17; thence run North 88 degrees 54 minutes 46 seconds East, along the South line of said Southeast 1/4 of Northwest 1/4 of Section 17, a distance of 552.18 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING of the hereinafter described parcel of land: Thence run North 00 degrees 57 minutes 18 seconds West a distance of 628.40 feet; thence run North 88 degrees 54 minutes 46 seconds East a distance of 346.59 feet; thence run South 00 degrees 57 minutes 18 seconds East a distance of 628.40 feet to the intersection with the aforesaid South line of the Southeast 1/4 of Northwest 1/4 of Section 17; thence run South 88 degrees 54 minutes 46 seconds West, along said South line of the Southeast 1/4 of Northwest 1/4 of Section 17, a distance of 346.59 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

SUBJECT TO A County Maintained Limerock Road over, across and along the Southerly boundary thereof. a/k/a 13135 NE 235TH CT, RAIFORD, FLORIDA 32083

Any person claiming an interest in

the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim before the Clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed. Dated this day 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025

KELLIE HENDRICKS RHOADES As Clerk of said Court  
By: C. HOLLINGSWORTH As Deputy Clerk

This notice is provided pursuant to Administrative Order No.2.065. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to provisions of certain assistance. Please contact the Court Administrator at 55 West Main Street, Rm.103, Lake Butler, FL 32054, Phone No. (352)374-3648 within 2 working days of your receipt of this notice or pleading; if you are hearing impaired, call 1-800-955-8771 (TDD); if you are voice impaired, call 1-800-995-8770 (V) (Via Florida Relay Services).

Submitted by:  
Kahane & Associates, P.A.  
1619 NW 136th Avenue, Suite D-220 Sunrise, Florida 33323  
Telephone: (954) 382-3486  
Telefacsimile: (954) 382-5380  
Designated service email: notice@kahaneandassociates.com

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION

CASE NO.: 24000047CAAXMX PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION PLAINTIFF,

vs. REBECCA M. NETTLES, AGNES R. HODGES A/K/A AGNUS RUTH HODGES A/K/A AGNUS RUTH SAPP F/K/A AGNES R. COMBS, ROBIN CAPRICE JOHNS ET AL., DEFENDANTS.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE (Please publish in Union County Times)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025, and entered in Case No. 24000047CAAXMX, of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Union County, Florida, wherein PHH Mortgage Corporation is the Plaintiff and AGNES R. HODGES A/K/A AGNUS RUTH HODGES A/K/A AGNUS RUTH SAPP F/K/A AGNES R. COMBS, REBECCA M. NETTLES, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF REBECCA M. NETTLES, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ROBIN CAPRICE JOHNS, ROBIN CAPRICE JOHNS, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY N/K/A LORETTA MERRITT are Defendants. Kelly Hendricks Rhoades as the Clerk of the Circuit Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the lobby of the Union County Courthouse, 55 West Main Street, Lake Butler, FL 32054 at 11:00 A.M. on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

Part of the South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section

15, Township 5 South, Range 20 East, Union County, Florida, containing one-acre, more or less, as defined by four concrete monuments. These monuments are located as follows: Running Southerly along the supposed East boundary of the above 20 acre tract to a monument said to be the Southeast corner thereof, run right through a deflection angle of 86°15'; Thence 163.33 feet to a point, at which turn right through a deflection angle of 48°05'; Thence Northwesterly along this course a distance of 512.00 feet, to a monument, this monument being the East corner monument of the one-acre tract herein described, thence run left through a deflection angle of 89°59'; Thence along this line, being a boundary of the one-acre tract herein described for a distance of 209.00 feet to a monument, being the Southern corner of the one-acre tract herein described, thence turning right through a deflection angle of 90°03'; Thence along this course being a boundary of the one-acre tract herein described, a distance of 210.00 feet to a monument, being the West corner of the aforesaid one-acre tract, thence turning right through a deflection angle of 89°50'; Thence along this course, being a boundary of the one-acre tract herein described, a distance of 210.00 feet to a monument, being the North corner of the aforesaid one-acre tract, and thence turning right through a deflection angle of 90°07'; Thence along this course, being a boundary of the aforesaid one-acre tract, a distance of 210.00 feet to a monument, being the East corner previously mentioned; It being specifically understood the aforesaid monuments are and remain the boundaries of the parcel herein described. AND Commence at the Northwest corner of the South 1/2 of Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4, Section 15, Township 5 South, Range 20 East, Union County, Florida, and run North 84° 30' 27" East along the North line of said South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4, 146.89 feet, thence South 44° 32' 28" East, 420.69 feet to the point of beginning, thence South 42° 52' 17" West 122.00 feet, thence South 47° 08' 43" East, 210.00 feet, thence North 47° 08' 43" West 210.00 feet, thence South 42° 52' 17" West, 88.00 feet to the Point of Beginning.

IF YOU ARE A PERSON CLAIMING A RIGHT TO FUNDS REMAINING AFTER THE SALE, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK NO LATER THAN THE DATE THAT THE CLERK REPORTS THE FUNDS AS UNCLAIMED. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A CLAIM, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY REMAINING FUNDS. AFTER THE FUNDS ARE REPORTED AS UNCLAIMED, ONLY THE OWNER OF RECORD AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MAY CLAIM THE SURPLUS. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Persons with a disability who need any accommodation in order to participate should call Jan Phillips, ADA Coordinator, Alachua County Courthouse, 201 E. University Ave., Gainesville, FL 32601 at (352) 337-6237 within two (2) working days of

your receipt of this notice; if you are hearing impaired call (800) 955-8771; if you are voice impaired, call (800) 955-8770.

Dated this 26th day of February, 2025.

Kelly Hendricks Rhoades Clerk of The Circuit Court  
By: C. HOLLINGSWORTH Deputy Clerk  
Submitted by:  
Miller, George & Suggs, PLLC ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF  
210 N. University Drive, Suite 900 Coral Springs, FL 33071  
DESIGNATED PRIMARY E-MAIL FOR SERVICE  
PURSUANT TO FLA. R. JUD. ADMIN 2.516  
ESERVICE@MGS-LEGAL.COM

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ENGINEER'S PROJECT NUMBER L230215UCC

UNION COUNTY WILL RECEIVE BIDS FOR THE FOLLOWING: Courthouse Security Upgrades Pre-Bid Meeting Date: March 27, 2025, 11:00 AM

Pre-Bid Location: Union County Courthouse Board Room, 55 West Main Street, Lake Butler, FL 32054  
Deadline for Questions: April 4, 2025, 5:00 PM, LOCAL TIME

Date & Time for Receiving Bids: 12:00 PM, LOCAL TIME, April 14, 2025 Late bids will not be considered.  
Place for Receiving Bids: Union County Board of County Commissioners, Board Office-BOCC Office Secretary, 15th Northeast 1st Street, Lake Butler, FL 32054  
Date & Time for Bid Opening: April 14, 2025, 12:00 PM or as soon thereafter.

Place for Opening Bids: Union County Courthouse Board Room, 55 West Main Street, Lake Butler, FL 32054  
Bid Documents Available From: North Florida Professional Services, Inc., P.O. Box 3823, Lake City, FL 32056, (386) 752-4675, FAX (386) 752-4674  
Contact: Debbie Fotes (dnotes@nfps.net)  
www.nfps.net/bid/opportunities/

Deposit for Bid Documents: Payment of \$200.00 per paper set with a two (2) set maximum or the bidding documents may be retrieved at no cost to the Contractor via the NFPS website at <http://www.nfps.net/bid-opportunities/>. Payments from Contractors are non-refundable. Bidders using partial sets of Documents are fully responsible for any errors or omissions made due to not reviewing the entire set of Construction Documents.

Project Description: This project consists of modifications to the northeast entrance including but not limited to demolition, interior work, concrete work, concrete curbing, and striping. Modifications to the Clerk's Office entrance and Sheriffs Office entrance are also included in the project.  
Date of Advertisement: March 13, 2025

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### REGULAR MEETING NOTICE

The City of Lake Butler City Commission will hold a **REGULAR MEETING** on Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at 6:00pm at the City Commission Chambers located in City Hall at 200 SW 1<sup>st</sup> Street Lake Butler, FL 32054.

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