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## Starke Wawa opening on Thursday, ribbon cutting on Friday

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Wawa said it would officially open its Starke store on Thursday, March 20, and celebrate the new outlet with a grand opening ceremony the following day.

The Pennsylvania-based company said the 8 a.m. grand opening would feature free “Sizzlis & Smiles” T-shirts for the first 100 customers. That would be followed at 8:30 by remarks from Wawa leaders, a ribbon cutting, a Milestone Parade, and a hoagie-building competition between first responders.

Company leaders expected at the event include Wawa Director of Store Operations Nancy Dulany, Area Manager Angela Reynolds, and General Manager Breanne Quintana. A company mascot, Wally Goose, will also be on hand.

The Thursday opening will feature free hot coffee of any size. That offer will extend through April 5. The company said the new store would also give away samples of French Toast and Sausage, Egg, and Cheese Sizzlis while supplies last.

The opening will also incorporate Wawa’s “Making Mornings Easy” campaign, which features a Sizzli, hot or iced coffee, and hash browns for \$5. That promotion is currently running throughout Wawa’s 1,100 stores.



Starke’s Wawa is at the corner of Edwards Road and U.S. 301.

### From New Jersey iron to Florida stores

The company traced its origins to an 1803 New Jersey iron foundry in a news release.

“Toward the end of the 19th century,” the company said, “owner George Wood took an interest in dairy farming, and the family began a small processing plant in Wawa, Pennsylvania in 1902.”

The company said the milk business was a huge success, delivering milk and ice cream throughout the Philadelphia area. However, as milk delivery declined in the 1960s, Grahame Wood, George’s grandson, opened the first Wawa Food Market in 1964 in Folsom, Pennsylvania,

to distribute the family’s principal products. Five years later, stores had been opened in New Jersey and Delaware, and the company launched its in-store kitchens, which featured hamburgers and fried chicken.

In the 1970s, the company introduced its premade hoagies and sandwiches. It further enhanced the deli in the next decade by offering built-to-order sandwiches and hot foods.

In 2010, Wawa launched its in-store coffee bar, offering lattes, macchiatos, and hot chocolates.

Two years later, it invaded the Sunshine State, beginning with a store on the Central Florida Parkway across from SeaWorld Orlando. By 2023, it had 250 stores in the

peninsula. Last year, Wawa pushed into the panhandle, opening its first Tallahassee, Pensacola, and Panama City stores.

Now, the privately held Wawa has locations in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, Florida, North Carolina, Alabama, Georgia, and Washington, D.C.

Forbes.com ranks the Wawa, Pennsylvania-headquartered firm as the 22<sup>nd</sup> largest private company in the U.S., and it is listed among Forbes’s 2023 America’s Best Employers for Women and New College Graduates.

### 24-hour deli, free ATM

Things to know about Wawa

—Wawa is a native American word for wild goose.

—It never closes. 24 hours, 365 days a year.

—Order at the kiosk and pay at checkout. After you order at the kiosk, it will produce a receipt, which you can use to pay at checkout. They won’t make your food in the deli if you don’t pay. After you pay, wait for your number to be called in the deli.

—Use the self-checkouts. They don’t accept cash, which explains why you will sometimes see the cashier line four or five deep with no one at the self-checkout.

—Use the app. Sometimes, the wait at the deli can reach to 15 minutes. Save time by ordering ahead of time using the app.

—The ATM is free.

## KH Golf Course closing March 31

BY JENN SAMSEL  
Special to the Monitor

The co-owner of the Keystone Heights Golf and Country Club said he is closing the facility’s doors at the end of March.

Brad Harvey said he has been trying to sell the course for a year, because the costs of keeping it open is exceeding the course’s revenues.

“It’s been a financial setback and has been unable to recoup its funds. I have been working for free,” he said. “I have builders coming into the area this week looking at potentially buying parcels of the golf course, making those sections into a development. We’re going to sign a contract and put houses on it.”

Harvey said Bradford County officials told him the land is already zoned for single-family housing.

Some residents around the course are expressing their strong dissatisfaction with the current situation. One concerned resident has suggested that it may be worthwhile for Tallahassee to consider purchasing the course, potentially preserving it for the community and safeguarding an important local asset.

“If the State could invest millions of dollars in taking our state parks and converting them into golf courses, then why couldn’t they save a 108-year-old golf course?” asked Jim Skiles. “My suggestion would be for Tallahassee to consider if golfing was of interest to them, they look into the potential of buying this course.”

The city of Keystone Heights, on March 3, voted to cease discussion of purchasing the course.

## New business will offer speedy oil changes

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD  
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Promising walk-ins a 10-minute oil change, Express Oil Change and Tire Engineers has chosen Starke for a new location.

Property has been cleared next to the Dollar Tree on U.S. 301 at the intersection of Alexander Road. The single-family home on the 2.15-acre parcel has been demolished.

Lance Campbell in Starke’s building and zoning office said Express Oil has submitted plans, which have been reviewed, and applied for the necessary permits to begin construction. He said that should begin sooner rather than later. The prior commercial rezoning

fits with the rest of the development along the corridor.

Express Oil is well known for its 10-minute oil change, according to the company. Although they do take appointments for other services, no appointments are necessary for an oil change, which also includes a free 20-point courtesy inspection. This includes checking fluids, belts, hoses, filters, lights, wipers and tire wear. They can perform maintenance as needed. Prices vary by the type and amount of oil, plus any additional services requested.

Additional services include maintenance and repair of multiple systems including air conditioning recharge; tire rotation, balancing

and repair; battery testing and replacement; brake pad and rotor replacement; coolant replacement and leak repair; fixing drivetrain issues and more. They can run car diagnostics and inspect the flagged system for needed repairs.

There are also tire experts at every location as well as an online search tool to determine what tires you need when it’s time to replace them. They offer several well-known varieties like Goodyear and Firestone and many other trusted brands.

Express Oil Change and Tire Engineers has dozens of locations in 21 states, with most located in Alabama, Georgia and Florida.

## Save Our Lakes members discuss Black Creek, Geneva, fishing pier

BY JENN SAMSEL  
Special to the Monitor

The Save Our Lakes meeting, held on Tuesday, March 11, at the First Baptist Church, began with statistics on Lake Brooklyn’s water level.

President Vivian Katz-James said rainfall over the last 12 months reached 52.48 inches. Lake Brooklyn is situated at an elevation of 111.5 feet.

### Black Creek Project

Next, the Save Our Lakes president discussed the Black Creek Water Resource Development Project.

She said the pump station, intake pump, and pipeline are all 99% complete.

The first water treatment cell has begun testing and filtering. Once complete and approved, it will start filling Lake Brooklyn.

Katz-James said, “Eventually, all six will be operational and be able to pump up to 10 million gallons a day basically. Expect to be 7.5 million gallons a day.”

By June, they’re hopeful that the water will be flowing smoothly.



Save Our Lakes President Vivian Katz-James

### Lake Geneva restoration

Regarding the Lake Geneva restoration project, Katz-James stated that the Water Management District has 30 days to respond to an Environmental Resource Permit application. They are currently awaiting the county’s approval of the permit. Once approved, they will be able to list the permit for public input

or comment for 21 days.

She said she’s confident they’ll receive a response by the end of March.

Katz-James mentioned that anyone with questions regarding the Lake Geneva Restoration Project should reach out, but it’s important to allow time for the consultant to respond. A list of questions and answers is available on the Save Our Lakes website.

There was a conversation about the lake’s water levels, which are set to hold steady at 102.9 feet.

Katz-James reiterated that Lake Geneva was never entirely covered in trees. In the 1950s, Lake Geneva was one large lake filled with boats. It only became how it is now after the lake levels receded and have not returned to their original state.

Once the permit is approved, the timber company and their surveyors will place stakes along the 102.9-foot line, indicating where the trees will be removed and where the water will rise on the property.

Scott Slater, a board member, reminded everyone that once the pumps are activated and Lake Geneva rises to 102.9 feet, natural factors, such as storms and hurricanes, could

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## 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.

## Scholarship available for medical studies

The Shirley Ann Brown Livingstone Scholarship is available for the 2025-26 school year. Students must apply by Friday, May 30, to be considered for this coming fall and spring semesters.

This scholarship is for students going into any field of study related to medicine, e.g. nursing, pharmacy, radiology, or any other health care related fields of study, including medical research, cancer research, or clinical psychology or sociology. The scholarship is provided in memory of the late Shirley Ann Brown Livingstone, a registered nurse who died from breast cancer.

Applications are available at the Santa Fe College Andrews Center in Starke, Bradford High School guidance office, North Florida Technical College, Starke City Hall and CareerSource North Central Florida’s Starke Office.

For further information you may contact Carolyn Brown Spooner at 904-964-5807.

## 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.



### Sponsor a day camper

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Concerned Citizens of Bradford County's Summer Day Camp returns this year from June 9 to July 3 for kids in kindergarten through eighth grade at the RJE Complex in Starke. The cost is \$200, which includes four weeks of camp — from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day — plus a special field trip.

In addition to free breakfast and lunch, there will be math and language labs, arts and crafts, healthy cooking and baking classes, athletics, and more.

Sign up or sponsor a child for \$200, which can be paid at once or in installments through May 31. Please contact one of the listed CCBC member for more information: Sherry Williams at 352-278-3540, Alica McMillian at 904-966-1100 or Glenda Ruise

### 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 takes place 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.

### Market at Melrose

The Market at Melrose Farmers and Crafts Sale place the second Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Mossman Hall in Melrose, 310 S.R. 26. The market features local artists, homemade crafts, one-of-a-kind gifts, a farmers market, plants and animals.

To become a vendor, reach out to "Grumpa Curtis" on Facebook

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### Hillandale recognized as school district business partner

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
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Union County School Superintendent Mike Ripplinger recognized Hillandale Quality Feeds as a school district business partner during the March 11 school board meeting.

Jordan Davis represented the Lake Butler-based, family-owned livestock feed manufacturer during the presentation.

"If you go to any of our ballfields or look at any of our programs," the superintendent said, "they've been a longtime supporter of the students of Union County."

"They are always there to answer the call," Ripplinger continued, "and their generosity has helped so many people in so many different ways."



Union County School Superintendent Mike Ripplinger With Jordan Davis of Hillandale Quality Feeds .

### 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.

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# Union students show goats

BY TRACY LEE TATE  
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The Union County Livestock Association held its first competitive live animal event on Monday, Mar. 17 with the 2025 goat show.

The event began with two classes for dairy goats. In the first class, Cadence Collins won first-place honors, with Weston Daniel placing second and Wave Croft taking third place. In the second class, Shaw Daniel was selected as the first-place winner by Judge Mason Bishop, with Clairabelle Martin (who showed two goats in the class, taking second place for one of her goats and fourth for the other. Addyson Kelley placed third in the second class.

In the overall dairy goat judging, Shaw Daniel took Grand Champion honors, while Cadence Collins took the Reserve Champion title.

There was a single class for pygmy goats with only two entrants. Jacee Box took first place honors and the Grand Champion title while Charley Box placed second and was named Reserve Champion.

Meat goats were shown in three classes. In the first class, Kassi Kadlec took first place, with Lane Hartley in second, Sawyer Dyal in third and Raylan Dyal finishing fourth. In the second class, Jolene Moore placed first, Grace Box second, Wayne Hartley in third, Kali Kadlec in fourth and Lane Hartley in fifth. In the third class, Grace Box was placed first, with Jolene Moore in second and Wayne Hartley in third. In the overall meat goat judging, Grand Champion honors went to Jolene Moore, with Reserve Grand Champion going to Grace Box.

The next class was for weathers. Seven handlers vied for the titles of Grand Champion and



Jacee Box with her Grand Champion pygmy goat.



Jolene Moore with her Overall Grand Champion goat with Judge Mason Bishop to the side. On the left, Bradford-Union Strawberry Shortcake Charley Box, Queen Cailyn Boggs and Princess Ellie Bay, helped with the awards.

Reserve Grand Champion. After showing their animals, Jolene Moore took Grand Champion honors, while Grace Box took the Reserve Grand Champion title. Other handlers in the competition were Shaw Daniel, Weston Daniel, Ava Redd, Alden Southwell, and Colt Williams.

In the Showmanship competitions, there were two classes of 4-H Clover Buds. After careful consideration of all of the competitors and their animals, Judge Bishop said that, due to all the competitor's strengths, skills and attitude he was declaring them all winners. Class one handlers were Weston Androlevich, Jace Hampton, Jepson Howard, Sawyer Stalnaker, Dallas Williams, Kimber Williams and Drake Willis. Class two handlers were Bristol Benton, Malia Hampton, Blaine Hartley, Joy-Del Howard, Jackson McCallister and Peyton Williams.



Shaw Daniel and his fourth overall goat.



Senior Showmanship winners: third overall Cadence Collins, Grand Champion Overall Jolene Moore and Reserve Grand Champion Overall Jacee Box.



Meat Goat Overall Reserve Grand Champion goat and her kid. RGC handler is Grace Box, the kid is handled by Jacee Box.



Meat Goat Grand Champion Jolene Moore and Reserve Grand Champion Grace Box.

## Caterpillar gardening tips

Do you enjoy butterflies? Do you plant flowers for them? 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 (U.S. 301 North in

front of the health department). They will have refreshments and a plant exchange. For more information, contact Pat Caren at 352-339-3673.

There were also two classes for Junior Showmanship. In the first class, Grace Box took first place. Wave Croft took second and Wayne Hartley took third. Other competitors were Colt Williams and Clairabelle Martin. In the second class, Lane Hartley won first place with Kassi Kadlec in second and Shaw Daniel in third.

Other competitors in the class were Sawyer Dyal and Alden Southwell. The overall top three of the junior class were Kassi Kadlec, Wayne Hartley and Lane Hartley.

In the Intermediate Showmanship class, Weston Daniel took top honors, with Addyson Kelley in second and

Kalli Kadlec in third. Other competitors were Charley Box, Ava Redd and Raylan Dyal.

The final class of the evening was Senior Showmanship. Jolene Moore placed first with Jacee Box in second and Cadence Collins in third.

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## Fines increasing for false alarms

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD  
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Starke is raising the penalty on false alarms to encourage property owners — mostly businesses — to repair their systems.

Chief Administrative Officer Jimmy Crosby said the current “pain is not sufficient to create the gain” when introducing the ordinance, which was approved on first reading March 4.

Crosby said staff was told to share ideas that would make their jobs easier, and this was Fire Chief Jason Clemons’ first request.

Raising the financial penalty for repeated false fire alarms to get the attention of property owners was one reason to update the city’s rules. Clemons said the other was to reassign enforcement powers away from the police department, which no longer exists. The ordinance assigns responsibility to the chief administrative officer.

Clemons’ recommendations were based on his survey of other municipalities, although his proposed fines were more conservative.

The ordinance grants four false alarms per calendar year without penalty. That’s enough time for the problem to be identified and corrected.

Each false alarm after the fourth will result in a fine. The fines start at \$250 per incident. After the ninth incident, the fine increases to \$500 for each false alarm.

Clemons gave examples for why this is necessary, saying there was one property Starke Fire Department responded to 18 times last year — each time a false alarm due to a faulty

detector in their HVAC system.

“They know about it. They won’t fix it. So, if we sting them a little bit, give them some motivation to maintain and repair their systems appropriately — you know, it’s not that often that we respond to those type calls and then have a delayed response to a real emergency, but it does happen,” he said.

He added that a lot of the calls are from nursing facilities or apartment complexes that are required to have functional alarm systems for the safety of the residents. If something is not working, it needs to be repaired.

“Hopefully this will be some incentive or motivation or deterrence for those,” Clemons said.

According to the fire chief, false alarms at private homes are rare. The top five commercial offenders on his list, however, were responsible for 49 false alarm responses from the fire department in 2024. He calculated the cost of those responses to be \$11,000.

Commissioner Bob Milner said he agreed with Clemons that — just like with code enforcement — the fines don’t exist to create revenue but to demand compliance. At the same time, he wanted to make sure facilities like nursing homes wouldn’t be penalized when their elderly residents pull the alarm. Clemons agreed that would not qualify as a malfunctioning alarm. He also mentioned alarms triggered during a storm being an exception.

“So, this is for, like Mr. Milner said, for noncompliant folks that just aren’t going to do the right thing. They’re just not doing the right thing and maintaining their

systems,” Commissioner Janice Mortimer said.

Based on an observation from Mayor Andy Redding, the ordinance will be amended before final approval to remove language about disconnecting systems for noncompliance because, as Clemons had said, some facilities are required to have fire alarm systems.

Sheriff Gordon Smith — who plans on getting the county’s ordinance updated as well — also interjected if the problem is with a facility required to maintain a functional fire alarm system, their noncompliance could be reported to the state.

Crosby said that problem should be resolved once an owner is being charged \$500 per false alarm.

“We’ll run the truck for \$500. We’re not that busy,” Crosby said.

Per the ordinance, Crosby or his designee will keep a record of every alarm response and whether it was valid. Property owners will be notified of each false alarm reported. This will serve as notice that after four false alarm responses, the property owner will be fined for every subsequent false alarm response.

The ordinance does not limit false alarm responses to fire department responses. It states response from any public safety agency. It does include an appeals process through the chief administrative officer, who would examine the case and make the final decision.

Fees collected will be used for enforcement of the ordinance, with any remaining revenue going to the fire department.

## Starke holds special election by mail

In an effort to streamline governmental operations, the city of Starke is holding a special mail-in election to remove the position of city clerk.

The present charter which has been in place for over 100 years designated the city clerk as the tax assessor, tax collector and supervisor of elections among other duties. It even calls for the clerk to issue warrants charging criminal offenses and attend trials, keeping “a record of all fines and sentences.”

Current acting City Clerk Drew Mullins points out that “most of these functions have long since been removed from the city’s operations and are now handled by the county.”

The city no longer holds city court, assesses properties or collects property taxes, and elections — including this special ballot referendum — are handled by the county supervisor of elections.

Recently the city commission moved the finance department under the newly created administrative officer and finance director.

“For the last year basically all I have done as acting city clerk is sign the dotted line on ordinances and resolutions,” said Mullins.

With fewer than 7% of Florida cities now having an elected clerk, the commission believes that this update represents a logical step forward in ensuring

the city commission can be held accountable for the city’s operations.

“Having the city’s administrative functions being performed by the city’s administrative staff will place the responsibility directly under the five elected commissioners, ensuring everyone is moving in the same direction,” said Mayor Andy Redding.

“Ultimately, it’s up to the voters, and we encourage all residents to participate in this important decision,” said Redding.

Ballots have been mailed and must be returned to the Bradford County Supervisor of Elections Office no later than 7 p.m. on April 8, 2025.

## Letters

### Bills bad for public safety

Dear Editor:

There are currently two bills in Congress that pose a real and present danger to public safety. One is the Regulatory Decimation Act, and the other is the REINS act. Sponsors claim these bills are designed to “rein in the regulatory state” by reducing unnecessary, burdensome regulations imposed by unelected bureaucrats. Actually, regulations are designed to implement laws passed by both

houses of Congress.

Both bills are redundant, since regulatory agencies already undergo rigorous reviews of their proposed rules and solicit comments from the public, business interests, and other agencies. The Congressional Review Act passed in 1996 gives Congress the authority to review and nullify any regulation. Regulations are also subject to review by the courts.

Passage of either of these bills could delay or eliminate regulations that prevent irresponsible practices that endanger public safety, including

unsafe working conditions, contaminated food, polluted air, land and water. The high cost of these assaults on public health and safety would be borne by American taxpayers.

Please call or write our U.S. representative (Kat Cammack) and senators (Rick Scott and Ashley Moody) and urge them to vote no on both of these bills. We can only hope they will see the light, and decide not to sacrifice the health and safety of their constituents upon the altar of corporate profits.

Marc Frazer  
Bradford County resident

## Giant Kingsley Lake yard sale

The Kingsley Lake Community is gearing up for another neighborhood yard sale to be held Saturday, March 22,

from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. All homes in the Kingsley Lake Community beginning at Scott Avenue (off S.R. 230) down to and including Kingsley Lake Drive and homes in The Cove, where the gate will be open from 8 a.m.-1 p.m., are geared up to

offer buyers their often new and slightly used treasures.

There will be toys, games, clothes (ranging from baby to adult plus sizes), kitchenware, yard and power tools, and more. And some sellers will start Friday morning and others will offer

50% off during the final hour of the sale on Saturday. Tasty Temptations food truck will be serving breakfast/brunch at the Civic Center, 6110 Kingsley Lake Drive, Saturday morning till 12:30 p.m.

Kingsley Lake Property Owners Association is proud to sponsor this community event.

## Bingo for schools

Join Bradford Communities for Schools for a night of bingo at The Downtown Grill. Sponsored by Florida Twin Theatre, Bingo Night will raise money for Bradford students through the

games as well 20% of food and beverage sales. Doors open at 5 p.m. on Monday, March 31, and the games begin at 5:30. Nine rounds of the classic game will be followed by a tenth blackout game with a \$100 prize.

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## Bradford High Class of 1964

Will meet at Cedar River Restaurant (Starke) on Thursday, APR. 10, 2025 at 1 PM. All graduates & spouses are invited.

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# Infrastructure improvements include Starke electric

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD  
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Starke Utilities Manager Drew Mullins said upgrades to the city's electric infrastructure are improving system reliability and reducing outages as well as the length of those outages.

The installation of reclosers is one reason. A recloser is a switch that can open and close a circuit until a temporary fault caused by lightning, falling limbs or wildlife like squirrels is cleared. When a fault is detected, the recloser opens the circuit to cut power, then after a short delay, closes to restore power. It can do this a number of times until a temporary fault is cleared, and this reduces the time of a power outage for customers.

This combined with the tree trimming program over the past few years and other improvements has made a difference, Mullins said.

"Just pay attention at home. You don't see outages nearly as much, and that's through, again, a proactive approach," he said. He also discussed capacitor installation at the substation, which balances the electric load coming into the city, reducing stress and extending the life of the lines and transformers. It also has the potential to lower the city's wholesale power bill, he said.

This modernization means the city is finally looking to the future, Mullins said. Measures like installing SCADA

supervisory controls and GIS mapping the utility system are further proof that the city has moved from a reactive to a proactive approach to its infrastructure, he said.

Every electric pole in the city is being mapped and assigned a code specific to the city so as not to be confused with number assigned to poles by a telephone company. The SCADA controls help the city to pinpoint the location of an outage.

"This is modernization. I know these seem like small steps when I'm explaining it, but these things go miles. I mean, it's amazing how far these things will go," Mullins said.

The manager said FMPA's Leased Employee program, which hires experienced individuals to work on special projects with members like Starke, put him in touch with David Sparks from GRU. Asked about his vision, Mullins said just because Starke is the oldest municipal electric provider in the state doesn't mean the system should be antiquated.

"When we have people complain about high bills and stuff, again, like I said last meeting, we're low. We're also reinvesting in things here, which to me, we should be very proud of that, while still, again, maintaining low rates," he said.

In other business: —Mullins reported that the individual responsible for the theft of \$20,000 of items from

the city yard through two break-ins was caught and arrested by the sheriff's office. They were able to recover some, but not all the stolen equipment.

Through the arrest, the sheriff's office said detectives solved multiple burglaries throughout the county that involved stealing more than \$20,000 of tools and construction materials and more than \$10,000 in property damage.

—Mullins shared an update about the wastewater treatment plant. Pending testing, the plant would be fully operational, he said.

—Mullins said a Tesla charging station for electric vehicles would be installed at Deerfoot Shopping Center.

—Chief Administrative Officer Jimmy Crosby said Wainwright Park will be closed after dark to prevent vandalism and misuse. Signs will let the public know that being there after dark is trespassing. They are working with the sheriff's office on camera installation.

—Crosby said a team of employees are being trained in coordinating emergency management response for the city. They will work with the sheriff's office, which is the primary emergency response agency, but focus on impacts specific to the city, including its utilities, streets, etc. They will also help educate citizens about disaster relief.



Dreaming up Florida's next theme park

Easton Manning, Jeremiah Davis and Levi Pert with laptops in hand.

Starke Elementary School fourth- through sixth-graders tried their hand at mechanical engineering as part of their

STEAM studies, using computers and kinetic energy, transfer of energy, momentum and gravity. Prizes were awarded for the top three in each class.



Emily Porchiazzo, Alanna Winningham, Cordell Cray and Adrian Williams design away.

# Graham Post Office reopens

BY CAROL MOSLEY  
Special to the Telegraph

Local residents are not the only ones delighted that their Graham Post Office is back in business. The convenience has been missed by neighboring towns as well.

The Graham location on C.R. 18 is sometimes utilized by Brooker residents, since their own post office is only open for services until 12:30 p.m. The Brooker Post Office is a tiny building about seven miles from Graham. Even some residents from Alachua County who live along C.R. 225 use the Graham location, which has hours from noon to 4 p.m. Monday through

Friday. Both post offices are closed on Saturday and Sunday.

The Graham Post Office was closed due to a "health issue" at the end of October 2024. People with Graham P.O. boxes were instructed to pick up their mail and obtain other services at the Brooker Post Office. Sylvia Anglen, Graham's postal worker, would go to Brooker to sort and bundle the Graham mail according to box numbers.

Anglen said she is glad to be home and Graham is glad to have her back. In addition to the place where locals get and send their mail, the post office is a place to catch up with neighbors you haven't seen for a while.

At the moment, some services

are still getting up and running due to computer adjustments. But, stamp purchases, package mailings and box renewals will be available any day now. Meanwhile, the mail is being sorted and put in the boxes at Graham once again.

The townspeople of Graham consider the post office to be a vital entity of recognition as a town. There is no town governance, no stores, but there is a 32042 zip code that identifies the town on a map. And there are a whole lot of independent folks who have a proud history of growing up and growing old in the little town of Graham. They want their address to reflect that.

# LAKES

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cause the lake to rise higher, exceeding the safe level. The pumps will automatically shut off when the lake reaches the 103-foot mark.

Colonel James L. Booth mentioned that areas with endangered species might delay tree-cutting until the migration season ends. Fishing and wildlife will determine this.

Slater also mentioned some large trees with a diameter of 20 inches. A specialized company will need to transport these trees

to Georgia because there are no mills in Florida that accept trees with a butt diameter exceeding 20 inches.

# Fishing Pier

The fishing pier project is progressing and will be ADA-compliant. The estimated cost remains around \$200,000, and the project team is actively seeking grants to help complete it.

So far, the Keystone Heights Volunteer Fire Department has donated \$105,000, and the City of Keystone Heights will also be contributing to the funding.

Unfortunately, one of their major donors, Chemours, cannot assist now.

Katz-James said, "Ultimately, we want to have the fishing pier complete as part of the 100-year celebration and have a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the City of Keystone Heights to be able to turn it over to them."

Slater announced that a debris cleanup is scheduled for May, and they are seeking volunteers. Side-by-sides and other equipment will be needed to assist with the project, so anyone who has them should please help by bringing those items.

# Cancer walk raises scholarship money

The second annual Cancer Walk in support of Breast Cancer Awareness and Education will take place Saturday, April 26, at 9:30 a.m. Sponsored by the Shirley Ann Brown Livingstone Scholarship Foundation and organized by director and breast cancer survivor Carolyn Brown Spooner, the walk will begin at Mr. Pisgah AME church located at 102 SE 44th Ave. (Steel Mill Road) in Starke.

The 2.2-mile walk will take participants down C.R. 100A where they will turn around at the steel plant and return to the church. Water and Gatorade stations will be set up at Mt. Pisgah and Ebenezer Baptist Church, and restrooms are available at Lincoln City Park, next to Ebenezer Baptist.

If anyone would like to donate, please make your donation to the Shirley Ann Brown Livingstone

Scholarship Foundation. The scholarships aid local students pursuing their college education in medical fields such as nursing, cancer research, pharmacy, physical therapy and other fields that aid cancer patients. Educational materials on breast cancer will be shared at the event. For further information, contact Carolyn Spooner at 904-364-6271.

# Church News



## 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.

## 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.

## Sunrise service for Easter

Bayless Highway Baptist Church invites you to Easter Sunday service at Water Oak Creek Ranch — 6720 NW 203rd St., Starke. The sunrise service begins at 7 a.m. and will be followed by a pancake breakfast at 8:30. The worship service begins at 10 a.m. Lunch will follow at noon, and there will be an egg hunt at 1 p.m.

## 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.

## 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.

# Letting off STEAM at Universal

According to Starke Elementary School, fifth-graders' recent trip to Universal Studios Orlando and Islands of Adventure was both fun and educational, with students exploring science, technology, engineering and mathematics while interacting with the characters, rides and entertainment. The exhibits and behind-the-scenes experiences allowed them to connect what they've been learning in the classroom to real-world applications. The school and students are grateful to the sponsors who made the trip possible.



Bentley Chamberlain with his mom, Sarah Rehberg.



Nina Steinmeyer



Baylee Cline, Caleb Smith, Sapphire Barefield and Noah Smith.



Mykhia Simmons



Jalessia Carter and Emily Porchiazio.



Kaidence Hodges and Raelyn Aviles.



Emily Porchiazio and her grandmother.

## FIRST PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

**AVISO DE PRIMERA AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA ESTÁ DISPONIBLE EN ESPAÑOL EN EL SITIO WEB DE LA CIUDAD DE LAKE BUTLER.** (<https://www.avonpark.city>)

The City of Lake Butler, Florida is considering applying to the Florida Commerce Department for a FFY 2023/2024 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) combined funding cycle. The City is eligible to apply for funding in the neighborhood revitalization, commercial revitalization, housing rehabilitation, and economic development categories. Construction activities funded through the CDBG program must meet one of the following National Objectives:

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

The categories of activities for which these funds may be used are in the areas of housing, neighborhood revitalization, commercial revitalization or economic development and include improvement activities such as acquisition of real property, loans to private-for-profit businesses, purchase of machinery and equipment, construction of infrastructure, rehabilitation of houses and commercial buildings and energy conservation. Additional information regarding the range of activities that may be undertaken will be provided at the public hearing. For each activity that is proposed, at least 70% of the funds must benefit low-and-moderate-income persons.

In developing an application for submission to the Florida Commerce Department, the City of Lake Butler must plan to minimize displacement of persons as a result of planned CDBG activities. In addition, the City of Lake Butler is required to develop a plan to assist displaced persons.

A public hearing to receive citizen views concerning the community's economic and community development needs will be held at the City of Lake Butler's City Commission Chamber, located at 200 SW 1st Street, Lake Butler Florida 32054 on Wednesday, April 2, 2025 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible. For information concerning the public hearing contact Kimberly Hayes, City Manager, City of Lake Butler at (386) 496-3401 or by e-mail at [khayes@cityoflakebutler.com](mailto:khayes@cityoflakebutler.com).

The public hearing is being conducted in a handicapped accessible location. Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop is asked to advise the agency at least 48 hours-before the workshop by contacting: Kimberly Hayes, City Manager, City of Lake Butler at (386) 496-3401 or by e-mail at [khayes@cityoflakebutler.com](mailto:khayes@cityoflakebutler.com).

Any non-English speaking person wishing to attend the public hearing should contact Ms. Hayes at (386) 496-3401 or by e-mail at [khayes@cityoflakebutler.com](mailto:khayes@cityoflakebutler.com) at least five calendar days prior to the meeting and a language interpreter will be provided. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

The City of Lake Butler is a Fair Housing/Equal Opportunity/Handicap Accessible Jurisdiction.

## BHS Class of 1975 planning reunion

The Bradford County High School Class of 1975 will hold its 50-year reunion on Saturday, June 21, at the Starke Woman's Club. The social will begin at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 7.

The next planning meeting will be on Monday, April 14, at Beef O'Brady's in Starke beginning at 11 a.m. If you have not been

to a prior meeting, you are encouraged you to attend as plans are finalized. Help with locating classmates is also needed. Please contact Joy Tetstone at 352-745-6672 or Randy Martin at 352-235-6410.

## Celebrate May Day

Concerned Citizens of Bradford County is once again sponsoring a May Day celebration on Saturday,

May 3, beginning at 11 a.m. Celebrate the spring alongside a Community Health and Wellness Resource Fair. Activities include softball games, a kids corner with bounce houses, a senior citizens corner with bingo, food trucks and vendors, and the plating of the maypole.

All this will take place at the RJE Complex ballfield, N. 1080 Pine St. in Starke. For more information or to sponsor, please call 904-966-1100 or email [ccbc\\_inc@yahoo.com](mailto:ccbc_inc@yahoo.com).

## CITIZENS ADVISORY TASK FORCE MEETING NOTICE

**AVISO DE PRIMERA AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA ESTÁ DISPONIBLE EN ESPAÑOL EN EL SITIO WEB DE LA CIUDAD DE LAKE BUTLER.** (<https://www.cityoflakebutler.com>)

The City of Lake Butler's Citizen's Advisory Task Force will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, April 2, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the City applying for a grant under Florida Commerce's Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program for the FFY 2023/2024 funding cycle.

The Citizen's Advisory Task Force will hold the meeting at the City of Lake Butler's City Hall Council Meeting Room, located at 200 SW 1st Street, Lake Butler, Florida 32054. The public is invited to attend.

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# Crime

## Recent arrests in Bradford, Union and Clay

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

### Bradford

Charles Corbett, 47, of Jacksonville, was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 14 for a probation violation.

Rounak Dey, 27, of Palatka, was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 14 for battery.

Vertine Green, 38, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 10 for a probation violation.

Levi Hayes, 42, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 14 for a probation violation.

Cori Hudson, 44, of Rainsville, Alabama, was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 11 for a probation violation.

Loriell Luallen, 40, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 14 for delivering or distributing drugs, child neglect, and obstructing justice.

Sensueray Martin, 41, of St. George, Georgia, was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 10 for withholding support.

Michael McCarter, 26, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 10 for possession of drugs.

Tellas Mobley, 23, of Jacksonville, was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 13 for a probation violation.

Kelli Perry, 43, of Hampton, was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 14 for trespassing.

Debra Prevatt, 65, was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 10 for disorderly intoxication and battery.

Ivan Reynolds, 35, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 13 for battery.

Trevor Richardson, 30, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 14 for trespassing, larceny, and burglary.

Michael Rutledge, 36, of Gainesville, was arrested by FHP troopers on March 12 for possession of a weapon by a convicted felon, driving with a suspended or revoked license, possession of drug equipment, and possession of marijuana.

Jeffrey Starling, 40, of Hampton, was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 10 for resisting an officer and disorderly intoxication.

Koby Stone, 24, of Starke, was arrested by FHP troopers on March 10 for DUI.

Linda Sweat, 57, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 10 for larceny.

Dakota Swendsen, 23, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 14 for delivering or distributing opium, child neglect, and child cruelty.

Kevin Sykes, 54, of Sanderson, was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 13 for a parole violation.

Malissa Tuberville, 40, of Macclenny, was arrested by probation and parole officers for a probation violation.

Trejan Tyson, 19, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 10 for lewd and lascivious behavior and child cruelty.

Michael Walker, 59, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 10 for failure to appear.

Anthony Wesley, 26, of St. Petersburg, was arrested by FHP troopers on March 9 for driving with a suspended or revoked license and a vehicle without registration.

Travis Westberry, 33, of Melrose, was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 14 for criminal mischief with property damage.

Rontach Williams, 44, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 14 for possession of drugs and possession of drug equipment.

Alfred Womble, 28, of Tampa, was arrested by FHP troopers on March 9 for driving with a suspended or revoked license and resisting an officer.

### Union

Lee Bush, 57, was arrested by Union deputies on March 11 for smuggling contraband into a prison.

Misty Currier, 44, of Jacksonville, was arrested by Union deputies on March 15 for possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and possession of drug equipment.

Anthony Daniels, 23, of Gainesville, was arrested by Union deputies on March 11 for an out-of-county warrant and failure to appear.

Michael Fagan, 40, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Union deputies on March 16 for felony domestic battery by strangulation.

Willie Gross, 58, of Macclenny, was arrested by Union deputies on March 15 for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Adams James, 45, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Union deputies on March 15 for battery.

Bryant Northington, 23, of Tampa, was arrested by Union deputies on March 10 for an out-of-county warrant.

Dumar Redfurn, 31, a Department of Corrections inmate, was arrested by Union deputies on March 11 for resisting an officer.

Taylor Strong, 25, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Union deputies on March 10 for failure to appear.

Capri Weeks, 25, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Union deputies on March 10 for an out-of-county warrant.

### Clay

Ernesto Arreguin, 43, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Clay deputies on March 12 for operating a motor vehicle without a valid license and without registration.

Christian Gonzalez, 32, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Clay deputies on March 8 for DUI and operating a motor vehicle without a valid license.

Christopher Gordon, 31, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Clay deputies on March 9 for possession of not more than 20 grams of marijuana, possession of drug equipment, and violating an injunction for protection against domestic violence.

Gregory Miller, 41, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Clay deputies on March 14 for domestic battery.

Kelsey Tidwell, 21, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Clay deputies on March 8 for failure to appear.

Cameron Yarborough, 34, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Clay deputies on March 13 for aggravated battery on a law enforcement officer, trafficking in methamphetamine, resisting an officer without violence, and driving with a suspended or revoked license.



## Nelson 10 years for 5 burglaries

BY DAN HILDEBRAN dan@bctelegraph.com

A 32-year-old Bradford County man was sentenced to 10 years with the Department of Corrections after pleading to five burglaries.

Brandon Adrian Nelson was first incarcerated by the state corrections agency in 2011 for five burglaries. He was sentenced to four years for a second batch of seven break-ins in 2014.

On March 12, Circuit Judge James M. Colaw sentenced the 31-year-old to 10 years for five more thefts.

The first occurred at a vacant house on U.S. 301 between Starke and Lawtey on October 19, 2024. According to an arrest report, deputies caught Nelson running away from the home and found stolen jewelry in his pockets.

On December 6, 2024, the owners of a commercial structure near the intersection of Edwards Road and U.S. 301 reported the theft of approximately \$2,500 worth of tools from the building. According to an arrest report, investigators traced the break-in to Nelson, who told deputies he cut a lock in the back of the building and stored the stolen property at nearby railroad tracks before selling the tools.

On December 18, 2024, a Starke plumbing contractor reported the theft of around \$2,000 in power tools and copper fittings. A deputy wrote in an arrest report that Nelson admitted to cutting a hole in the contractor's fence and stealing the property from trucks parked at the facility.

On January 16, 2025, a Keystone Heights building contractor reported thefts of copper wiring from several homes under construction in Southeastern Bradford County. According to an arrest report, Nelson admitted to the thefts.

On February 5, 2025, a Starke City official reported the theft of over \$18,000 in copper wire and tools stolen from a city yard on Orange Street. Deputies later linked the burglary to Nelson, who admitted to the theft.

The defendant's prior record included burglary, dealing in stolen property, grand theft, driving with a suspended or revoked license, and pawnbroker fraud.



## Lemaire Eviction notice turned ugly

BY DAN HILDEBRAN dan@bctelegraph.com

A 45-year-old Keystone Heights woman was sentenced to five years with the Department of Corrections after pleading to attacking her landlord while receiving an eviction notice.

Jammie Louann Lemaire pleaded to aggravated battery on a victim 65 years or older on March 12.

According to a July 11, 2024,

arrest report, two witnesses employed by the victim told deputies that they saw the 70-year-old landlord hand a 3-day notice to vacate a rental home to the defendant's husband, and the defendant responded by hitting the landlord repeatedly in the face.

The female property owner was able to break free to the front porch of the residence near the Keystone Heights RV Resort, where Lemaire attacked her again after pulling her back inside the house.

A healthcare provider at HCA Starke ER told a deputy that the victim may have suffered broken facial bones.

Both Lemaire and her husband claimed the landlord hit the defendant first. The defendant added that the two witnesses, hired by the landlord to clean the home, were not at the property at the time of the incident.

## Accused killer sentenced for theft

BY DAN HILDEBRAN dan@bctelegraph.com

A Starke man awaiting trial for murder was sentenced to a year in jail on an unrelated theft charge.

Gary Alvin Weeks, Jr., 40, pleaded to felony petit theft on March 12.

According to a December 19, 2023, arrest report, witnesses

told deputies that Weeks had been hauling a red trailer behind his Dodge Durango that he later painted white. The witnesses said the defendant's possession of the trailer seemed suspicious, and officers later matched the trailer to a stolen property report.

"My investigation revealed that the description of the trailer matched in all details except the winch was missing off the front and the trailer had been painted white," wrote Deputy Robert Malley in the report. "The winch was in the garage of the property that the suspect's residence opens into from his back door."

In April 2024, Weeks, along with 41-year-old Thomas Borland, was arrested for the stabbing death of Emery Crews Jr., 41.

According to an arrest report, Crews was found in the HCA Florida's Starke Emergency around 4:51 p.m. on Tuesday, April 23, with a stab wound to the torso from which he later died.

Deputies said that according to text messages discovered on Borland's phone, Weeks told Borland he planned to kill both Crews and 41-year-old Stephanie Brunson because Brunson and Weeks were romantically involved, and Weeks found out Crews was also in a sexual relationship with Brunson.

Weeks pleaded not guilty to the first-degree murder charge. His next court date is April 30.

## Out and about: Expo highlights the outdoors

BY AMY MORIE Chair, Bradford Soil and Water Conservation District

Bradford Soil and Water Conservation District had fun at the 2025 Northeast Florida Outdoor Expo on Feb. 22! Put together by the UF/IFAS Northeast Florida livestock agents, this family-fun event is a great way to introduce all ages to the fun of the outdoors through education, experiences and more.

Supervisor Ok Sun Burks and District Aide Frances Bradley inspired many to 'paint with pines' and create their own watercolor creation using ink made from pinecones. Take-home instructions to make your own ink were given out to extend the outdoor fun at home!

The district was able to extend their Arbor Day tree giveaway at the event, with 50 slash pine seedlings taken to new homes along with take-home planting and care instructions from our local UF/IFAS horticulture and small farms agent Luke Harlow.

BSWCD was also able to talk to folks from around the



BSWCD Supervisor Ok Sun Burks

region on their concerns and important issues in soil and water conservation. It was good to see so many folks out enjoying the

great outdoors. BSWCD hope to see you out and about soon!

## Bradford Democrats meet March 24

The Bradford County Democratic Party will meet on Monday, March 24, at 7 p.m. All registered Democrats are welcome and encouraged to attend. The meeting will be held at Capital City Bank — U.S. 301 North in Starke — in the conference room. For further information, please contact bradfordcodec@gmail.com.

## Democratic Women meet March 27

The Democratic Women's Club of the Lakes Area will meet on Thursday, March 27, at 7 p.m. (with doors opening at 6:30). The club will host the two leaders of Gainesville for Democracy, Pam Smith and Julie Thaler, speaking about local activism now. All Democrats are welcome. Meetings are held at the Melrose Center, 309 State Hwy 26 in Melrose. For further information, please call 352-235-4161.

## 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.

For more information, please contact the town of Penney Farms at penneyfarms@gmail.com.

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## UCHS softball team defeats P.K. Yonge 14-3

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
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Five batters drove in two runs or more as the Union County High School softball team earned its second straight run-rule victory, defeating visiting P.K. Yonge 14-3 in four innings.

The Tigers (8-4) scored the game's first seven runs, starting with a three-run first. Shyla Crowe drove in a run when she hit into a fielder's choice, while Courtney Manning scored on an error. Brooke Hunt drove in the inning's final run on a single. In a four-run second, Union

loaded the bases. Mia Kent reached on an error before Jaydin Alvarez singled. Mackenzie Orton then walked before Manning drove in a run on a sacrifice fly. Crowe and Campbell Webb followed with back-to-back doubles, with Crowe's hit driving in two runs and Webb's hit driving in one.

Union pushed another four runs across in the third. Kent and Alvarez hit back-to-back singles before Emma Handley walked. Orton drove in a run when she hit into a fielder's choice. Manning then drove in a run on a single, while Webb drove in two on a single of her own.

Handley hit a two-run triple as part of a three-run fourth, which also included an RBY by Orton



on a sacrifice fly.

Crowe and Webb each had three RBI, with Webb batting 2 for 3.

Handley, Manning and Orton

**Campbell Webb, showing off a home-run ball she hit in the March 7-8 Santa Fe Raider Invitational, drove in a total of five runs for the Tigers in wins over North Marion and P.K. Yonge — both run-rule victories.**

each finished with two RBI, while Hunt had one.

Alvarez batted 3 for 3, while Kent went 2 for 3.

Starting pitcher Handley gave up three runs and two hits through four innings. She struck

out nine.

Alvarez pitched the final inning, allowing one hit and striking out one.

The Tigers entered the game off a 15-3, five-inning win over visiting North Marion on March 11 in which Alvarez and Crowe each had three RBI.

Crowe pitched a complete game, giving up three runs (two earned) and four hits.

Union trailed 2-0 before scoring eight runs in the second inning. With the bases loaded, Leanne Dicks hit a fly ball that North Marion committed an error on, allowing a run to score. Kent drove in a run on a ground out, while Alvarez hit a two-run double. Manning later drew a bases-loaded walk to force a run in before the Tigers got one RBI

each from Crowe, Webb and Hunt.

A six-run fourth put the Tigers up 15-2. Alvarez and Manning each hit an RBI single, while Crowe and Hunt each drew a bases-loaded walk. Webb was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded, while another run was the result of an error.

Alvarez finished 2 for 3, while Union got two RBI each from Hunt, Manning and Webb. Kent had one RBI.

The Tigers played Bradford on March 14, Branford on March 17 and Dixie County on March 18. They'll return to action with a road game against P.K. Yonge on Tuesday, April 1, at 7 p.m.

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## Box, Kadlec, Moore show grand champs at goat show

were as follows: Class 1 — Kassi Kadlec first, Lane Hartley second; Class 2 — Box first, Kalli Kadlec second, Moore third, Shayna Durrance fourth; Class 3 — Moore first, Box second, Jake Markham third; Class 4 —



**Bret Polk earned the reserve grand championship in dairy breeding doe. Pictured (l-r) behind Polk are 2024 Teen Miss Bradford Fest Bailey Varnes, 2024 Miss Bradford Fest Kiersten Dinkins, 2025 Bradford-Union Strawberry Pageant Shortcake Charley Box and Judge Nicole Falk.**

**BY CLIFF SMELLEY**  
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Grace Box, Kalli Kadlec and Jolene Moore showed the grand champions at the March 1 Bradford-Union Youth Goat Show at the Bradford County Fairgrounds.

Box received the meat-breeding doe grand championship, which consisted of a total of 12 animals competing in five classes. Moore exhibited the reserve grand champion.

Meat-breeding class results

Dylan Brown first; and Class 5 — Hartley first, Wayne Hartley second.

Only two exhibited goats in dairy breeding doe (both in Class 1), with Kalli Kadlec's animal earning the grand championship and Bret Polk receiving the reserve grand championship.

Four goats in two classes were judged in market wether, with Moore exhibiting the grand champion. Her goat won Class 1 ahead of Jaxson Hanson.

Box received the reserve grand



**Jolene Moore exhibited the reserve grand champion in meat breeding doe. Pictured (l-r) are 2025 Bradford-Union Strawberry Pageant Shortcake Charley Box, 2024 Teen Miss Bradford Fest Bailey Varnes, Moore, 2024 Miss Bradford Fest Kiersten Dinkins and Judge Nicole Falk.**

## Best-Overall 4-H awards go to Atticus Allen, Cassidy Brown, Michael Brown

Atticus Allen, Cassidy Brown and Michael Brown earned Best-Overall awards with projects in the 4-H exhibit room at the Bradford Agricultural Fair.

Michael Brown received Best Overall in the Senior Division area of Woodworking. That gave

him two Best-in-Area awards, with the other received in Photography.

Allen, who's in the Intermediate age range, received Best Overall in the area of Photography and earned additional Best-in-Area awards in Jewelry and Paintings and Drawings. Allen earned a blue ribbon for a second Jewelry project as well as three blue ribbons for projects in the area of Creative Arts.

Cassidy Brown had the Best-Overall project in the Junior Division for a project in Fiber Arts. She earned additional blue ribbons in Photography and Decorated Items as well as a red ribbon in Decorated Items and a



**Jolene Moore won the grand championship in market wether. Pictured (l-r) are 2024 Miss Bradford Fest Kiersten Dinkins, 2025 Bradford-Union Strawberry Pageant Shortcake Charley Box, Moore, 2024 Teen Miss Bradford Fest Bailey Varnes and Judge Nicole Falk.**

championship in market wether. Her goat won Class 2, with Kassi Kadlec placing second.

The show also included the showmanship competition. Shayna Durrance won in the senior division, while Moore and Kalli Kadlec placed second and third, respectively.

Brown and Markham also competed in senior showmanship.

Box was the winner in junior showmanship, with Kassi Kadlec

and Lane Hartley finishing second and third, respectively.

Hanson and Wayne Hartley also competed in the junior division.

Pee-wee showmanship allowed ages 5-7 to gain experience before they're old enough to compete in the junior division. The event consisted of seven participants: Easton Atteberry, Cash Collins, Kingsley Best, Cadence Duniven, Ava Durrance,



**Grace Box exhibited the grand champion in meat breeding doe. Pictured (l-r) are 2025 Bradford-Union Strawberry Pageant Shortcake Charley Box, 2024 Teen Miss Bradford Fest Bailey Varnes, Grace Box, 2024 Miss Bradford Fest Kiersten Dinkins and Judge Nicole Falk.**



**Kalli Kadlec exhibited the grand-champion goat in dairy breeding doe. Pictured (l-r) behind Kadlec are 2024 Teen Miss Bradford Fest Bailey Varnes, 2024 Miss Bradford Fest Kiersten Dinkins, 2025 Bradford-Union Strawberry Pageant Shortcake Charley Box and Judge Nicole Falk.**

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**Grace Box exhibited the reserve grand champion in market wether. Pictured (l-r) are 2024 Miss Bradford Fest Kiersten Dinkins, 2025 Bradford-Union Strawberry Pageant Shortcake Charley Box, 2024 Teen Miss Bradford Fest Bailey Varnes, Grace Box and Judge Nicole Falk.**

red ribbon in Canned Goods.

### Senior awards

Four participants each earned one Best-in-Area award: Jason Borgner in Decorated Items, Tatum Burkhalter in Ornamental Plants (Flowering), Rylee Dixon in Creative Arts and Makel Peterson in Canned Goods.

Burkhalter also earned a red ribbon in Edible Plants, while Peterson received a red ribbon in Photography.

Borgner earned a white ribbon in Edible Plants.

Hattie F. (last name withheld upon request) received two blue ribbons in Edible Plants and Ornamental Plants (Flowering).

Byrle Cadle and Elijah Sapp each earned a blue ribbon in Photography, while the following earned one blue ribbon each in Edible Plants: Devontae Campbell, Kaylee Kinnard, William Lilly, Kendall Mort and Chason Van Allen.

Kinnard and Lilly also earned one red ribbon each in

**See 4-H, page 13**

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Ballots were mailed out in late February, and all completed ballots must be received by 7:00 PM on April 8th to be counted. Voters must sign the back of the return envelope and fill in their residential address to ensure their vote is valid. This election is only for residents of the City of Starke, and there will be no in-person voting options.

Below is the Sample Ballot.

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Yes / Sí

No / No

**Sample Ballot Only  
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**KHHS flag football team loses 34-6 to Ocala Forest**

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
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Keystone Heights High School fell to 4-5 in flag football after a

34-6 loss to visiting Forest on March 11. Alee Horton completed 7 of 21 passes for 142 yards, with Riley Shuford catching two passes for 65 yards. Aubre Miller had two receptions for 35 yards, while Ashley McCarthy had two for 32 yards. Alex Papaianou caught one

pass for 20 yards. Miller was the leading rusher with just one carry, which went for 35 yards. The defense got four tackles each from McCarthy, Ashlyn Brown and Melanie Crabtree. The Indians went 1-1 in their two previous games, with the loss coming against visiting Middleburg by a score of 14-7

on March 6. Horton completed 15 of 24 passes for 228 yards and a touchdown, while also rushing for 77 yards on eight carries. Miller caught the scoring pass and finished with five receptions for 68 yards. Brown caught four passes for 75 yards, while Papaianou had four receptions for 47 yards.

Alyssa Sanford led the defense with four tackles. Keystone defeated visiting Oakleaf 20-13 on March 10, getting three touchdown passes from Horton, who completed 10 of 22 passes. Miller caught two of the scoring passes and finished with four receptions for 23 yards. Brown caught four passes for

103 yards and one touchdown. Horton rushed for 63 yards on 11 carries. McCarthy and Tatum Hall led the defense with three tackles each. The Indians, who played Suwannee on March 13, will return to action on Tuesday, March 25, when they travel to play Palatka at 6 p.m.



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CASE NO.: 04-2024-CA-000363  
RICHARD DAVIS, JR. A/K/A RICHARD DAVIS AND SHARON DAVIS, PLAINTIFFS, VS.

UNKNOWN TENANTS, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING ANY ESTATE, RIGHT, TITLE, OR INTEREST BY, THROUGH, OR AGAINST ANDREW TIMMONS, DECEASED; NATALIE THOMAS, A/K/A NATALIE THOMAS, DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF ACTION TO: UNKNOWN TENANTS, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING ANY ESTATE, RIGHT, TITLE, OR INTEREST BY, THROUGH, OR AGAINST ANDREW TIMMONS, DECEASED

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you, and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Richard Davis, Jr. a/k/a Richard Davis and Sharon Davis, c/o Owens Penrod, P.A., whose address is 189 S. Lawrence Blvd., Keystone Heights, FL 32656, on or before 30 days from the first day of publication, and file the original with the Clerk of the Court, Bradford County, 945 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida 32091, before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request. You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the clerk's office.

Dated: February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025.  
DENNY THOMPSON  
CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT  
BY: Kanetra Jenkins  
Deputy Clerk

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### NOTICE OF ACTION

Bradford County BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING IN RE: The license to practice Licensed Practical Nursing Mary Ann Salvatore, L.P.N. 12700 SW 84<sup>th</sup> Ave. Starke, FL 32091

CASE NO.: 2023-28698  
LICENSE NO.: PN5216050  
The Department of Health has filed an Administrative Complaint against you, a copy of which may be obtained by contacting, Nicole DiBartolomeo, Assistant General Counsel, Prosecution Services Unit, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C65, Tallahassee Florida 32399-3265, (850) 558-9845. If no contact has been made by you concerning the above by April 17, 2025, the matter of the Administrative Complaint will be presented at an ensuing meeting of the Board of Nursing in an informal proceeding.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the individual or agency sending this notice not later than seven days prior to the proceeding at the address given on the notice. Telephone: (850) 245-4640, 1-800-955-8771 (TDD) or 1-800-955-8770 (V), via Florida Relay Service.

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

CASE NO.: 04-2024-CP-129  
In Re: The Estate of IRVING TAYLOR YOUNG  
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS The administration of the estate of IRVING TAYLOR YOUNG, deceased, whose date of death was June 13, 2024, and whose last four digits of his social security number are 7423, is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 904 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, FL 32091. The names and addresses of the personal representative and 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 the court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY

CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is March 13, 2025  
Attorney for Personal Representative: JOHN D. MIDDLETON, ESQUIRE

Florida Bar No.: 224553  
303 State Road 26  
Melrose, FL 32666  
Telephone: 352/475-1611  
Fax: 352/475-5968  
Primary E-mail: service@fightingforall.com  
Personal Representative: BRANDON A. COLEMAN  
Personal Representative 4806 Emmons Road  
Oregonia, Ohio, 45054

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### 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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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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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, 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, 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.

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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, 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 20.15 FEET, THENCE NORTH 83 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 56 SECONDS WEST, 37.50 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 45 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 14 SECONDS WEST, 228.38 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING

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 WITH 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  
Ian R. Norych, Esq.  
Bar Number: 65615  
Submitted by: DELUCA LAW GROUP, PLLC.  
Attorney for the Plaintiff  
2101 NE 26<sup>th</sup> Street  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33305  
Telephone (954) 368-1311  
Fax: (954) 200-8649  
DESIGNATED PRIMARY E-MAIL FOR SERVICE  
PURSUANT TO FLA. R. JUD. ADMIN 2.516  
service@delucalawgroup.com  
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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@atauselaw.com  
Secondary E-Mail: thianna@atauselaw.com  
Personal Representative: Christopher Marc Rivera  
255 W. Martin Luther King Boulevard  
Unit 2204  
Charlotte, North Carolina 28202  
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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 SAID 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: fmail@raslg.com  
THIS NOTICE SHALL BE PUBLISHED ONCE A WEEK FOR TWO (2) CONSECUTIVE WEEKS.  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL DIVISION  
CASE NO. 042024CA000203CAAXMX  
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS LEGAL TITLE TRUSTEE FOR TRUMAN 2016 SC6 TITLE TRUST, Plaintiff,

vs. TAMMY T. DAVIS A/K/A TAMMY DAVIS A/K/A TAMMY T. DAVIS SANDERS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF TAMMY T. DAVIS A/K/A TAMMY DAVIS A/K/A TAMMY T. DAVIS SANDERS; EDITH THOMAS; KENDRA YVETTE THOMAS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF KENDRA YVETTE THOMAS; STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF EDITH THOMAS; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated February 24, 2025, and entered in Case No. 042024CA000203CAAXMX of the Circuit Court in and for Bradford County, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS LEGAL TITLE TRUSTEE FOR TRUMAN 2016 SC6 TITLE TRUST is Plaintiff and TAMMY T. DAVIS A/K/A TAMMY DAVIS A/K/A TAMMY T. DAVIS SANDERS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF TAMMY T. DAVIS A/K/A TAMMY DAVIS A/K/A TAMMY T. DAVIS SANDERS; EDITH THOMAS; KENDRA YVETTE THOMAS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF KENDRA YVETTE THOMAS; STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF EDITH THOMAS; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, are Defendants, RAY NORMAN, Clerk of the Circuit Court, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Lobby of the Bradford County Courthouse, 945 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, FL 32091, 11:00 a.m., on April 17, 2025, the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to-wit:

COMMENCE AT THE SW CORNER OF W 1/2 OF SW 1/4 OF SW 1/4 OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, RUN EAST 39.45 FEET TO EAST LINE OF OLD LAWLEY ROAD, THENCE RUN NORTH ALONG EAST LINE OF SAID ROAD 212.5 FEET; THENCE RUN EAST AND PARALLEL TO THE S'LY BOUNDARY OF SAID SW 1/4 OF SW 1/4 A DISTANCE OF 170.55 FEET TO THE POB. FROM POB THUS DESCRIBED CONTINUE EAST 75 FEET THENCE RUN SOUTH 93.75 FEET; THENCE RUN WEST 75 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 93.75 FEET TO THE POB. TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 1977 PEACHTREE MOTOR HOME, VIN #'S: 9554A AND 9554B; TITLE #'S: 14720349 AND 14720350.

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. THE COURT, IN ITS DISCRETION, MAY ENLARGE THE TIME OF THE SALE. NOTICE OF THE CHANGED TIME OF SALE SHALL BE PUBLISHED AS PROVIDED HEREIN.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, persons needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Clerk of the Court not later than five business days prior to the proceeding at the Bradford County Courthouse. Telephone 904-964-6280 or 1-800-955-8770 via Florida Relay Service.

DATED March 10, 2025.  
By: /s/ Ian Dolan  
Ian C. Dolan  
Florida Bar No.: 757071  
Roy Diaz, Attorney of Record  
Florida Bar No. 767700  
Diaz Anselmo & Associates, P.A.  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
499 NW 70th Ave., Suite 309  
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Publish in: Bradford County Telegraph  
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ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STARKE, FLORIDA  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ordinance, which title hereinafter appears, will be considered for enactment by the City Commission of the City of Starke, Florida, hereinafter referred to as the City Commission, at a public hearing on April 1, 2025 at 5:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the City Commission Meeting Room, City Hall located at 209 North Thompson Street, Starke, Florida. A copy of said ordinance may be inspected by any member of the public at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, located at 209 North Thompson Street, Starke, Florida, during regular business hours. On the date, time and place first above mentioned, all interested parties may appear and be heard with respect to the ordinance. The title of said ordinance reads, as follows:

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-06**  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF STARKE, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN MAP OF THE CITY OF STARKE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO AN AMENDMENT OF 50 OR LESS ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, 1S250206A, BY THE PROPERTY OWNER OF SAID ACREAGE, UNDER THE AMENDMENT PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN SECTIONS 163.3161 THROUGH 163.3248, FLORIDA STATUTES, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR A CHANGE IN THE LAND USE CLASSIFICATION FROM COMMERCIAL TO HIGH DENSITY, RESIDENTIAL (MORE THAN 8 LESS THAN 20 UNITS PER ACRE) ON CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF STARKE, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decisions made at the above referenced public hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings, and that for such purpose they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact the Office of the City Clerk at 904.964.5027 or via the Florida Relay Service 800.955.8770 (voice) or 800.955.8771 (TTY) at least 48 hours prior to the date of the public hearing.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-07**  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF STARKE, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF STARKE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, AS AMENDED; RELATING TO THE REZONING OF LESS THAN TEN CONTIGUOUS ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, Z 25-01, BY THE PROPERTY OWNER OF SAID ACREAGE; PROVIDING FOR REZONING FROM COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT (B-2) TO MULTI-FAMILY, RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (R-2B) OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF STARKE, FLORIDA; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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# Obituaries

## James Cooper

James Albert Cooper, 71, of Keystone Heights died Monday, March 3, 2025, in Gainesville. He was a veteran.

Survivors are his wife, Mary Jackson-Cooper; children, Joshua Cooper (Ashton), Perry (Lindsey) Bergman, Charli Cooper, Cathy (Kevin) Lamoureux, and Benjamin (Angela) Ratliff; and extended family members.

Services will be Friday, March 21, at 2 p.m. (CTS) at Barrancas National Cemetery in Pensacola.

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

## Geneva Day

Mrs. Geneva M. Day, 80, of Keystone Heights died at her home Tuesday, March 4, 2025, following a long illness.

Survivors are daughters, Kelley (Owen) Hudnal and Lorena Day; and extended family members.

There are no scheduled services at this time.

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

## "Shan" Edwards

On Saturday, March 8, 2025, Parecia "Shan" Edwards passed away peacefully with her children by her side, after battling dementia. She was a beloved teacher and administrator for 30 years and touched the lives of so many middle-schoolers through her sharp wit and dry sense of humor. She was Pine Mountain Middle School Teacher of the Year, a cheer-leading coach, a member of the Miss Florida Pageant Board as a regional director, and she coached many young women through the pageant system including Miss America, Leanza Cornett. She loved reading, especially her daily devotionals, and was an extremely talented piano player. She was a member of the Church of Christ. She was preceded in death by her parents, Curtis and Velmie (Dukes) Edwards; and her granddaughter, Elin DeGuzman.

She was a wonderful mother and "GaGa," leaving behind two daughters, Parecia Leigh Johns of Melrose and Brittany Johns of Milford, Ohio; three grandchildren, Micah Wright, Paecyn DeGuzman, and Charley Johns; two great-grandchildren, Silas and Kenji Wright; and her sister and brother-in-law, Rhonda and Brian Pulling of Lakeland.

The family will receive friends at DeWitt C. Johns Chapel Friday, March 21, from 4:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. with memorial services beginning at 5:30 p.m. Interment will be private at Crosby Lake Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke 904-964-6200 www.jonesgallagherfh.com.



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## Jacquelin Grider

Mrs. Jacquelin Ann "Jackie" (Parker) Grider, 86, a lifelong resident of Starke, passed away Monday, March 10, 2025 at her home, surrounded by her loving daughters and grand-cats. She was born Aug. 5, 1938 in Jacksonville, to Jack Jim and Ann (McRae) Parker. She was a graduate with the class of 1956 from Bradford High School, where she participated in the marching band as a majorette, as well as being a member of the Glee Club, Pep Club, BETA Club, and Little Woman's Club. In September of 1956, she married the love of her life, Kenneth Grider, which was only the beginning of a wonderful 67-year journey together. For several years, she worked in the office for Dr. Pete Felos,

prior to becoming Bradford County's first female rural letter carrier, serving the post office for 30 years. She enjoyed regularly volunteering for holiday projects in Nancy's classroom until COVID, where she was lovingly known as "Ms. Jackie" by hundreds of elementary-aged children. She was an active member of the Starke Woman's Club and a devoted member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, where she served on the altar guild, sang in the choir and enjoyed being the organist for 20 plus years, and continued to be an active member of the Daughters of the King. She looked forward to the weekly card games with the ladies of the church. She enjoyed being one of the Green Acres "Moms," loved fellow-shiping with friends and her neighborhood family, spending time with her family and friends at Kingsley Lake and George's Lake, hosting post office picnics, baking specialty birthday cakes and more. As well as watching and feeding the birds, fishing, watching sunsets, and anything else to do with nature, especially seeing God's handy work in her flowers throughout the yard. Her home and heart were open to all. Her devotion to her family, her church, and all her friends will never be forgotten. They "broke the mold" when they made her. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her loving and devoted husband of 67 years, Kenneth Grider; and her sister, Pamala Parker Tison.

Left behind to cherish her memory are her daughters, Catherine Grider of Monticello and Nancy Grider of Gainesville and Starke; brother-in-law, Lloyd Grider of Starke; and multiple fur babies, who gave her great joy and comfort. Also left behind are two nephews and a niece, Billy, Amy, and Andy, whom she adored; in addition to great-nieces and nephews, who will miss her dearly.

The family will receive friends at St. Mark's Episcopal Church Parish Hall on Friday, March 21, from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 22, at St. Mark's Episcopal Church with Rev. Mark Atkinson officiating. A reception will immediately follow the services at the Parish Hall. A private interment will be at Crosby Lake Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Mark's Episcopal Legacy Fund, P.O. Box 487, Starke, 32091.

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

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## Paul A. Jones

Paul Allen Jones, 77, of Starke died at his residence Friday, March 7, 2025. He was employed as a correctional officer for over 28 years.

Survivors are daughters, Sherri Cole, Deidra (David) Holten and Kimberly (Doug) Frantz. He was called "Papa" by River Cole, Brittany Frantz, Karra Frantz, and Castiel Jones.

There are no scheduled services at this time.

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

## Anita A. Lee

Anita "Annette" A. Lee was born Sept. 8, 1949 in the Bronx, New York. She passed away peacefully Wednesday, March 12, 2025, at Haven Hospice in Lake City, surrounded by her loving family. She lived a life devoted to those she loved. She will be fondly remembered for her deep love of family, her unwavering tenacity, and her passion for caring for others. Her affection for cats and her talent in the kitchen brought joy to many, no one ever left her home hungry. Her famous baked ziti was a cherished favorite among family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, Ettore and Yolanda Samblich; and her sisters, Mary and Yolanda.

She is survived by her husband of 45 years, James C. Lee of Lake Butler; their children and families, Sandra and Chris Kennelly, Laura Lee, Debra Valladares, Jay Lee, Justin and Tarah Lee, Rachel and Cody Collins; grandchildren, Mercedes Stevens, Jonny and Tommy Valladares, Curtis and Renee Lee, Levi Collins; and great-grandchildren, Miranda Ecohardt and Carson Turner.

Honoring Annette's wishes, she will be cremated, and a private memorial will be held at a family residence. In much loving memory to our beloved matriarch, you will forever be missed.



PAID OBITUARY

## Charles Meister

Charles Lewis "Chuck" Meister, son, brother, husband, father grandfather and great-grandfather, passed away Sunday, March 2, 2025. He was born Jan. 1, 1936 in Fargo, North Dakota to Walter Helmut and Alice Topping Meister. After graduating from the University of Florida, Civil Engineering, he worked on many projects, ranging from launch pads of Kennedy Space Center to Walt Disney World. He went on to establish Meister & Associates Consulting Engineers in Pensacola, completing numerous projects before accepting the position of City Engineer and Public Works Director in Destin in 1995. He retired in 2008 to enjoy life. Along the way, he was involved in countless programs with Gulf Breeze Rotary Club and Gulf Breeze United Methodist Church. His wife, Jeannette, is the daughter of Florence McClendon, who was the sister of Eugene S. Matthews, long-time owner and editor of the Bradford County Telegraph.

He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Jeannette; sons, Mark (Karen) and Matt (Suzanne); grandchildren, Brian (Natalie), Adam (Kelly), Daniel (Katie), Hannah (Sean), and Lacy (Jarrett); and 6 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Friday, March 7, at Gulf Breeze United Methodist Church in Gulf Breeze. Services were officiated by Pastor Josh McLamb. Interment followed at Rose Lawn Cemetery in Gulf Breeze. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Gulf Breeze United Methodist Church in Gulf Breeze.

Services were under the care of Rose Lawn Funeral Home, Gulf Breeze.



## Perry Nicula

Perry Dean Nicula, 65, of Lawtey passed away Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at Mayo Hospital in Jacksonville following a brief illness. He was born Oct. 31, 1959, in Bridgeport, West Virginia to Octavian "Nick" and Vera (Hyde) Nicula. He graduated from Bradford High School in 1977 and then attended Santa Fe Community College Electrical Apprenticeship Program. He worked at DuPont as a process control technician, super tech, and E/I technician and retired 38 years later from Chemours. He was also an electrical contractor for the State of Florida and would help his friends and family with electrical work around their homes and businesses. He was an active member of Madison Street Baptist Church. His hobbies were riding his motorcycle, hunting, fishing, taking care of his cattle, and gardening. He was known for staying busy working, going out to eat, spending time with his family, and his love for America. He was best known for always putting God, family, and friends first. He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his high school sweetheart of 45 years and the love of his life, Gayle (Shuford) Nicula; their children, Laura (Dusty) Griffin and John (Kaitlyn) Nicula; sister, Vickie (Jay) Eaves; and his mother-in-law Valaria Shuford, all of Lawtey. He was lovingly called "Papa" by his grandchildren, Ally, Colby, Baylor, Brix, Banx, and Beacon. He was known to be a devoted husband, loving father, papa, and friend.

The family received friends Sunday, March 16, at Madison Street Baptist Church. A celebration of life followed with Pastor Richard Cason and Pastor Charles Warren officiating.

The arrangements were by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke, 904-964-6200 www.jonesgallagherfh.com

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## Hendricks, Bradford FFA have fair's top poultry exhibits

Blayne Hendricks showed the grand champion in poultry at the Bradford Agricultural Fair, while Bradford FFA received the reserve grand championship.

Hendricks earned the top prize for a Crele Old English Bantam. He also exhibited a Birchen Modern Game, a Blue Red Old English Game Bantam and a Chocolate Bantam Cochon. Overall, Hendricks earned two blue ribbons and two red ribbons.

Bradford FFA received the reserve grand championship for a White Plymouth Rock pullet, which was shown by Ireland Box. Box also exhibited a Rock and a Showgirl Silkie, earning an additional two blue ribbons for FFA.

Kolee Lemire and Summer Rhoden each earned two blue ribbons for Bradford FFA. Lemire exhibited a Partridge Wyandotte Bantam rooster and a Millie Fleur D'Uccle rooster, while Rhoden showed a White Plymouth Rock pullet and a Millie Fleur D'Uccle hen.

December Ruis earned one blue ribbon and one red ribbon for Bradford FFA, exhibiting a Golden Seabright and a Red Cochon Bantam.

Eli Sapp received a total of six blue ribbons for showing a Rhode Island Red Bantam, Black Old English Game Bantams and Millie Fleur D'Uccle Bantams.

Audrey Franks and Kyndell Henley each earned four blue ribbons, with Henley also receiving two red ribbons and Franks receiving one red ribbon. Franks exhibited Columbian Rock Bantams and a White Old English Game

Bantam hen. Henley exhibited Columbian Rock Bantams and Black and Red Pyle Old English Game Bantams.

Jovie McDonald earned two blue ribbons for showing Black Modern Game Bantams.

Allie Grey and Nicholas Ward each received two blue



Blayne Hendricks exhibited the grand champion in the Bradford-Union Poultry Show at the Bradford Agricultural Fair.



Ireland Box showed the reserve grand champion for Bradford FFA in the Bradford-Union Poultry Show.

ribbons and one red ribbon. Grey exhibited a Black Australorp hen and a pair of Serama Bantams, while Ward exhibited a pair of Rhode Island Red Bantams and a Black Runner duck.

Everly McDonald earned one blue ribbon and two red ribbons for a Black Modern Game and two Barred Cochon Bantams.

Liam Arledge and Shawn Ward each received three red ribbons. Arledge showed a pair of Columbian Rocks and a Blue Wheaten Large Fowl Americana rooster, while Ward showed a pair of Barred Rocks and a Black Swedish duck.

## Bradford FFA, Durrance show top rabbits

Bradford FFA exhibited the grand-champion rabbit at the Bradford Agricultural Fair, while Shayna Durrance exhibited the reserve grand champion.

The FFA rabbit — a Florida white — was raised by Lacy Padgett and shown by Bailey Smith.

A Himalayan shown by Smith earned Bradford FFA an additional blue ribbon.

Durrance earned her reserve grand championship for a mini rex. She earned a total of four



Shayna Durrance earned the reserve grand championship in the Bradford-Union Rabbit Show.

blue ribbons for mini-rex rabbits. Ethan Jerrels received seven blue ribbons, exhibiting Himalayans, English spots and mini lops.

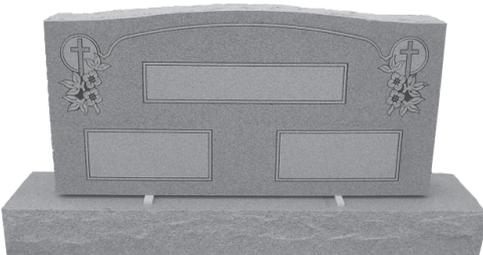
Alli Gray, who showed Dutch and Florida-white rabbits, earned three blue ribbons.

Liam Arledge, Cassidy Brown and Blayne Hendricks each received two blue ribbons. All exhibited mini-rex rabbits.

Earning one blue ribbon each were Bristol Benton (mini rex), Eli Sapp (Dutch), Destin Brown (mini rex), Dylan Brown (mini rex), Jake Markham (English spot) and Kimber Whitehead (Himalayan).

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Ornamental Plants (Flowering), while Campbell received a white ribbon in Ornamental Plants (Flowering).

Lillian Conner and Kassi Kanady each earned a blue ribbon in Ornamental Plants (Flowering), with Conner also earning red ribbon in Edible Plants.

Grayson Jennings received a blue ribbon in Ornamental Plants (Non-Flowering).

The following earned two red ribbons each: Kryslin Arguello in Edible Plants, Bralyn Johnson in Edible Plants and Ornamental Plants (Flowering), Jacquise Mitchell in Edible Plants and Ornamental Plants (Flowering) and Hunter Wooten in Edible Plants.

Kelsey Reddish received a red ribbon in Decorated Items, while Kandan Crawford, Ayana Peterson and Luke Sapp each earned one red ribbon in Photography.

Earning one red ribbon each in Edible Plants were Shyann Breese, Trinity Fasano, Emme Henley, Max Orgosell, Patrick Pendarvis, Conner Rowe and

Chrishon Sharpe.

Jerry Baxter and Marquise Hayes each earned one red ribbon in Ornamental Plants (Non-Flowering), while the following received one red ribbon each in Ornamental Plants (Flowering): Johnathan Armstrong, Caleb Barber, Caleb Brooks, Darsyn Brooks, Jaden Hankerson, Nicholas Mata, Kaleb Mott, Luke Powell, Nicholas Salazar and Troy Tetstone.

Mott, Powell, Salazar, Kadynce Brown, Case Clemons, Steven Demers, Brandy Hall, Tenly Hardee, Ty Keim, Tearany Mathis, Neveah McCullough, Michael Miller, Derek Ramirez, Lucas Seigerwalt, Oscar Stevens, Shane Stokes and Ethan Tinsley each earned a white ribbon in Edible Plants.

Hardee and Keim also earned one white ribbon each in Ornamental Plants (Flowering).

The following received one white ribbon each in Ornamental Plants (Flowering) as well: Antonio Florence, Logan Lee, Mikayla Pernel and Hailey Starling.

Krystin Cornwall earned a white ribbon in Ornamental Plants (Non-Flowering), while Ashton Kilosky and Jake Markham received white ribbons in Photography and

Decorated Items, respectively.

## Intermediate awards

Four exhibitors earned one Best-in-Area award each: Destin Brown in Creative Arts, Sophie Elkins in Ornamental Plants (Non-Flowering), Greyson Johns in Woodworking and Nicolas Ward in Edible Plants.

Elkins received two additional blue ribbons in Creative Arts and also had one red ribbon in Photography and one red ribbon in Jewelry.

Johns earned an additional blue ribbon in Creative Arts as well as one red ribbon in Photography.

Ward received two red ribbons in Woodworking and Ornamental Plants (Non-Flowering), while Brown received a red ribbon in Photography.

Allison Tetstone earned two blue ribbons in Photography and Creative Arts and one red ribbon in Canned Goods.

Nicolas Stanaland received one blue ribbon in Ornamental Plants (Non-Flowering), while the following earned one blue ribbon each in Photography: Jarin Borgner, Dylan Brown and Jordan Ritchie. Brown

also received a red ribbon in Educational Materials, while Borgner and Stanaland each earned one red ribbon in Paintings and Drawings.

## Junior awards

Lola Allen earned three Best-in-Area awards in Jewelry, Paintings and Drawings and Edible Plants. She earned a blue ribbon for an additional project in Jewelry as well as one blue ribbon in Photography.

Trenton Johns earned Best in Area for projects in Photography and Woodworking. He earned one additional blue ribbon in the area of Paintings and Drawings.

Garrett Lee earned Best in Area for a project in Decorated Items.

Earning one blue ribbon each in Ornamental Plants (Non-Flowering) were Ella Darby, Lucy Nash and Bensen Roberts. Darby and Roberts also earned one white ribbon each in Paintings and Drawings.

Jaydin Borgner received one blue ribbon in Photography, while Shawn Ward earned three red ribbons in Woodworking, Ornamental Plants (Non-Flowering) and Edible Plants.

Tyrus Boyette received

one red ribbon in Ornamental Plants (Non-Flowering), while Christopher Breese received one red ribbon in Paintings and Drawings.

Jase Bishop earned one white ribbon in Paintings and Drawings.

## Cloverbuds

Those 4-H members who aren't old enough to be part of the Junior Division are allowed to participate as Cloverbuds. They all receive green ribbons for their projects.

Ethan Jerrels received three ribbons in Decorated Items, while Kingsley Best received two in the same area.

The following earned one ribbon in Paintings and Drawings and one ribbon in Ornamental Plants (Non-Flowering): David Breese, Kyndall Langston, Hattie McRee, Johanna McRee, Pierce Nash, Shaelyn Rogers and Chloe Williams.

Ember Beville, Isaiah Boyette and Tate Ward each received a ribbon in Ornamental Plants (Non-Flowering), while Noah Morris received a ribbon in Paintings and Drawings.

## Remaining events for Union County Livestock Fair

The Union County Livestock Association's 7th Annual Livestock Fair continues this week with the rabbit and poultry show and awards on Thursday, March 20, from 1-4 p.m., followed by the Cattle Breed Show at 6 p.m.

Friday March 21 will be a busy day for show organizers, with the Livestock Judging Contest at 9 a.m., followed by the Exhibitor Lunch and Fun Day at 12 p.m. The day's activities will conclude with the Market Steer Show at 6 p.m.

On Saturday, March 22, the last day of the fair, events will begin at 10 a.m. with the exhibitor awards, followed by the buyer's luncheon at noon. The Market Cattle Swine Sale will be at 1 p.m.

## LEGALS

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furnishing all labor and materials for the construction of:

CITY OF STARKE DOWNTOWN MUSIC PAVILION ENHANCEMENT STARKE, FLORIDA

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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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### CITY OF STARKE ORDINANCE NO. 2025-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STARKE UPDATING INVESTIGATION FEES FOR FALSE ALARM CALLS FROM ALARM SYSTEMS WITHIN THE CITY OF STARKE; PROVIDING FOR SUSPENSION OF ALARM SYSTEMS; PROHIBITING AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE DIALING SYSTEMS; PROVIDING FOR APPEALS; ALLOCATING REVENUES GENERATED BY INVESTIGATIVE FEES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERANCE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission finds that the number of false alarm calls within the City of Starke are unduly burdening the city's public safety agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Starke previous adopted a policy and investigation fee schedule for false alarm calls from alarm systems within the City of Starke via Ordinance No. 2005-0452;

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission finds that updating the investigation fee encourages diligent maintenance of alarm systems and will allow for the more efficient allocation of public safety resources;

**THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF STARKE, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Purpose

This ordinance regulates the operation and maintenance of alarm systems and provides cost of investigation fees for false alarms within the City of Starke, Florida in order to prevent the overburdening of the public safety agencies required to respond to such false alarms, and thereby allowing these resources to be accessible and available in the event these resources are truly needed by the community.

Section 2. Definitions

The following words, terms and

phrases, when used in this article shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this article, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

a. "Alarm operator" means any owner, tenant or other person or entity that uses or is in control of an alarm system.

b. "Alarm site" means the individual location of each alarm system.

c. "Alarm system" means any device that emits, transmits or relays a signal intended to summon, or that would reasonably be expected to summon a public safety agency to the alarm site.

"Alarm system" does not include:

i. A device installed on a vehicle, unless the vehicle is permanently located at the site; or

ii. A device designed to alert only the inhabitants of the device site, and that is not audible or visible from the exterior of the structure; or

iii. A device designed for a purpose other than to alert for intrusion, burglary or robbery.

d. "Automated dialing device" means an alarm system which automatically sends, via telephone, a prerecorded voice message or coded signal indicating the existence of an emergency situation, for the purpose of summoning a public safety agency to the alarm site;

e. "Chief Administrative Officer" means the Chief Administrative Officer of the City of Starke or his designee.

f. "Commercial premises" means any structure or area which is not defined in this section as governmental or residential premises.

g. "Deactivated alarm" means an alarm system that has the primary and secondary power and the telephone line disconnected at the alarm control panel.

h. "False alarm" means the activation of an alarm system for any reason other than a burglary, robbery, or other unauthorized entry, and a subsequent response by a public safety agency to the alarm site. A false alarm does not include:

i. An alarm caused by physical damage to the alarm system as a result of lightning, wind, or other meteorological event, where there is clear evidence of physical damage to the alarm system; or

ii. An alarm caused by disconnection of a telephone circuit beyond the control of the alarm operator or his agents, verified by written communication from the telephone company; or

iii. An alarm caused by continuous electrical power disruption in excess of four hours.

i. "Fire chief" means the Chief of the Starke Fire Department or his designee.

j. "Governmental premises" means a structure or area operated by a governmental entity, exclusive of premises leased to non-government entities.

k. "Public safety agency" means the Bradford County Sheriff's Department as represented by the chief of police, the Starke Fire Department as represented by the fire chief, or any of their employees, agents, or designees.

l. "Residential premises" means any structure serving as a home, residence, or sleeping place by one person or by two or more persons who maintain a common household.

### Section 3. False alarm investigative fees.

a. For each response by a public safety agency to an alarm site, the Chief Administrative Officer or his designee shall receive a report from the public safety agency and maintain in his records said report classifying the alarm as either:

I. A false alarm or system test without notification; or

II. A valid alarm.

b. No later than ten (10) days following a false alarm, the Chief Administrative Officer or his designee shall serve a copy of the report of a false alarm to the alarm operator by certified U.S.

mail, hand delivery, or by posting a copy of the report in a conspicuous location on the main entrance door of the alarm site. The report of the false alarm shall serve as notice for the provisions of subsections (c) and (d). c. For the first four responses by a public safety agency to an alarm site where a false alarm has occurred during any 12-month period, no cost of investigation shall be imposed, but the alarm operator shall, no later than ten (10) working days after notice of the false alarm is served, make a written report to the Chief Administrative Officer setting forth the cause of such false alarm, the corrective action taken, whether such alarm system has been inspected by an authorized serviceman, and such other information as the Chief Administrative Officer may reasonably require to determine the cause of such false alarm and corrective action necessary.

d. For every response by a public safety agency to an alarm site during any 12-month period where there have already occurred four responses to false alarms during that same period, the Chief Administrative Officer shall assess a cost of investigation fee in the amount of \$250.00, to be paid by the alarm operator no later than ten (10) days after the assessment. For every response by a public safety agency to an alarm site during any 12-month period where there have occurred nine responses to false alarms during that same period, the Chief Administrative Officer shall assess a cost of investigation fee in the amount of \$500.00, to be paid by the alarm operator no later than ten (10) days after the assessment.

e. Upon the failure of an alarm operator to pay a fee specified within ten (10) days after the assessment, the Chief Administrative Officer shall order the disconnection of the alarm system, and it shall be unlawful to reconnect or fail to disconnect such alarm system unless and until appropriate corrective action has been taken and such connection of an alarm system is authorized by the Chief Administrative Officer. No disconnection or deactivation shall be ordered or made as to any premises required by law to have an alarm system in operation. The alarm operator shall be responsible for all costs incurred in collecting the service fee, including attorney's fees.

### Section 4. Appeals of fees and suspensions.

a. An alarm operator who receives an invoice for a false alarm fee or an order to disconnect an alarm system shall be entitled to an appeal to the Chief Administrative Officer or his designee. An appeal must be in writing, stating the reasons why the fee or disconnection should not be imposed, and shall be made no later than fifteen (15) days after the date of the invoice or order served by the Chief Administrative Officer.

b. The Chief Administrative Officer shall review the facts and circumstances of the assessment of an investigative fee or order to disconnect an alarm system, and shall determine whether the alarm operator has shown good cause why the fee and/or disconnection order should be withdrawn. The Chief Administrative Officer shall render a decision on the appeal within five days of receipt of the appeal. The decision of the Chief Administrative Officer shall be the final administrative action by the city. Upon making a decision on the matter, the Chief Administrative Officer shall notify the alarm operator of the decision in writing.

### Section 5. Automatic dialing devices prohibited.

a. An alarm operator shall not operate an alarm system equipped with an automatic dialing device programmed to connect directly to a public safety agency of the City of Starke.

### Section 6. No public duty.

a. The permitting of an alarm system is not intended to, nor will it create a contract, duty or obligation,

either expressed or implied, of response. Any and all liability and consequential damage resulting from the failure to respond to a notification is hereby disclaimed and governmental immunity as provided by law is retained. By registering an alarm system, an alarm operator acknowledges that law enforcement response may be based on factors such as availability of law enforcement units; priority of calls; weather conditions; traffic conditions; emergency conditions; and/or staffing levels.

### Section 7. Disposition of fees.

a. Investigative fees collected by the Chief Administrative Officer pursuant to this article shall be allocated to the Starke Fire Department but shall first be applied to the administration of this article. The Chief Administrative Officer shall create and store, by October 31st of each year, a statement of the previous fiscal year's activities, confirming the total fees collected and their allocation to the Starke Fire Department.

### Section 8. Severability.

a. If any subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held or declared to be unconstitutional, invalid or void, such holding or invalidity shall not affect the remaining portions of this ordinance, and the unconstitutional, invalid or void provisions shall be deemed to have been severed here from, and the remainder of this ordinance, after the exclusion of such part or parts, shall be deemed to be valid, as if such part or parts has not been included herein. If this ordinance or any provisions hereof shall be held inapplicable to any person, group of persons, property, or kind of property, circumstances, or set of circumstances, such holdings shall not affect the application hereof to any other person, property, or circumstances.

### Section 9. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall become effective upon its filing with the Secretary of State. APPROVED, UPON THE FIRST READING, by the City Commission of the City of Starke at a regular meeting, on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025.

PUBLICLY NOTICED, in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Starke, Florida, by the City Clerk of the City of Starke, Florida on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025.

APPROVED UPON THE SECOND READING, AND ADOPTED ON FINAL PASSAGE, by an affirmative vote of a majority of a quorum present of the Starke City Commission, at a regularly scheduled meeting this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2025.

BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF STARKE, FLORIDA

R. Andy Redding, Mayor

ATTEST, BY THE CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF STARKE:

Russell A. Mullins, Interim City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

S. Scott Walker, City Attorney

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

To satisfy the owner's storage lien, KO Storage LLC will sell at public lien sale on April 15, 2025. The personal property in the below-listed units, which may include but are not limited to: Household goods, boxes/totes/bags, clothing, bedding, tools and toys. The public sale of these items will begin at 10AM on April 08, 2025 and end at 10AM on April 15, 2025. The public sale will take place on [www.storage-treasures.com](http://www.storage-treasures.com).

KO Storage of Starke - S Walnut St, 1650 South Walnut Street, Starke FL 32091, (952)-491-6837

Time: 10:00AM CST

A31, Mathews, Trey, B47, Schell, Debra, C09, Munnerlyn, Francesca

Public sale terms, rules, and regulations will be made available on [www.storage-treasures.com](http://www.storage-treasures.com). All sales are subject to cancellation. We

reserve the right to refuse any bid. Payment must be by credit/debit card, we do not accept checks or cash.

Buyers must secure the units with their own personal locks. To claim tax-exempt status, original RESALE certificates for each space purchased is required. By KO Storage LLC, 10301 Wayzata Blvd, Minnetonka, MN 55305. (952)-491-6837.

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### NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REGISTER FICTITIOUS NAME

Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes, notice is hereby given that the undersigned: ANEL G. ESCOBAR, 15611 NE 16<sup>th</sup> Ave., Starke, FL 32091, SOLE owner, doing business under the firm name of: ANEL'S NOTARY SERVICE, 15611 NE 16<sup>th</sup> Ave., Starke, FL 32091, intends to register fictitious name under the aforesaid statute. Dated this 11th day of March A.D., 2025, in BRADFORD COUNTY.

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

Case No.: 04-2025-CP-0023

PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF JOSEPH WESLEY KELLEY JR.,

Deceased.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of JOSEPH WESLEY KELLEY JR., deceased, is pending in the Circuit Court for the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Bradford County, Florida, the address of which is 945 N Temple Ave; Starke, FL 32091. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this Notice is March 20, 2025.

ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE:

Russell A. Wade III

Florida Bar No. 251460

wadelaw@gmail.com

P.O. Box 172

Lake Butler, FL 32054

Telephone: 386.496.9656

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE:

WILLARD KELLEY

219 SE Fontana Glen

Lake City, FL 32025

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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, GRANTEEES, ADMINISTRATORS, CREDITORS, ASSIGNS; AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST RONALD WRIGHT OR ANY OF THE FOREGOING UNKNOWN PERSONS OR PARTIES:

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a 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.

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