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Johnson resigning as police chief and entering retirement

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Starke Police Chief Jeff Johnson submitted his letter of resignation to Mayor Scott Roberts, who read it into the record during the March 19 meeting.

Johnson's resignation will be effective May 1.

During the March 12 meeting last week, Johnson was confronted with a 104-page report from the city manager detailing the rocky transition of law enforcement authority from the police department to the sheriff's office and raising questions about his leadership.

The decision in January to contract with Sheriff Gordon Smith for law enforcement services left Johnson facing a future as a chief without a department.



Jeff Johnson

In his letter, Johnson said much thought and prayer went into his decision, which he announced with "great pride."

Before his retirement, Johnson has requested time on the city's April 2 agenda to formally thank citizens and friends who have been a "vital part" of his career.

Later in the meeting, the commission approved the first reading of an ordinance amending the duties and salary of police chief to make it a ceremonial position. Any role in enforcing the law would be erased upon final approval. The police chief would be bound to report any information regarding criminal activity to the sheriff's office.

As for pay, the starting salary of \$45,000 would be reduced to \$1 a year.

The vote on first reading was 3-2, with commissioners Danny Nugent and Shannon Smith objecting to the immediate effective date.

Neither the chief's position nor the recently vacated position of city clerk will be filled prior to the city's next election in fall of 2025.

Before that, the commission may call for a charter referendum asking voters to decide whether both jobs should remain elected positions.

City Manager Drew Mullins was appointed acting city clerk last week following the resignation of Jimmy Crosby. In response to the added responsibility, commissioners voted Tuesday to approve a 10% pay increase while fulfilling those responsibilities.

Millions included in state budget for Bradford and Union

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Some of the local requests from Bradford, Union and Clay counties made it into the state budget approved by the Florida Legislature at the end of its session earlier this month.

The \$117.46 billion budget for 2024-25 is about \$1.46 billion less than this year's budget. Gov. Ron DeSantis could use his line-item veto to cut the final spending plan, but for now several significant local projects have been funded.

That includes the third phase of funding for the Union County Public Safety Complex. Union will receive another \$6.935 million, bringing the total of this and last year's appropriation to \$13.87 million. The

county previously received \$3 million for the emergency operations and 911 center.

The public safety complex will combine EOC, 911, the jail and jail administration, and an alcohol blood testing unit.

Fire rescue in Union County was also awarded \$2.25 million for a new station. The new facility would house emergency medical services, firefighting, forestry, community paramedicine and administration.

Rep. Chuck Brannan and Sen. Jennifer Bradley provided the results of the legislative requests, saying they were pretty successful getting projects funded throughout their districts. Several were in Bradford and Union counties.

Another public safety request was included for the town of Brooker, which had sought a new fire rescue station to reduce call response times in that portion of the county. It is slated to receive \$506,096 for the station as well as \$662,600 for a fire truck.

Bradford Fire Rescue had requested \$950,000 to replace two firefighting vehicles in its aging fleet. It received half of that amount, \$475,000.

Bradford County first responders will receive \$1.25 million to replace critical radio communication equipment necessary to access the statewide law enforcement radio communication system as the state moves toward a new platform. (The request was \$2.5 million.)

Starke is set to receive another

\$500,000 to improve and expand its drinking water system as part of a plan to attract and serve economic growth and development. (The request was \$1 million.)

Hampton also has a water project funded at \$550,000. According to the (originally \$1.1 million) request, the funding will help renovate and rehabilitate the aging potable water facility, which has a failing backup well that needs to be replaced. A number of other improvements are needed to bring the system up to code, including installation of a new pump and electrical wiring, replacement of the chlorination tank, weather protection coverage and security.

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FDLE: Woman had hundreds of child sex abuse images

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Florida Department of Law Enforcement Agents arrested a 47-year-old Bradford County woman after claiming in an arrest warrant affidavit that she stored 470 images and videos of child sexual abuse on her Verizon Cloud account.

Andrea Dare Crawford was arrested on 12 counts of possession of child pornography and one count of unlawful use of a two-way communications device.

According to the affidavit, an FDLE agent working in the Cyber/High Tech Crimes Unit received a tip from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children on Oct. 23, 2023.

The tip involved an incident on September 14 and came from the company that provides Verizon with cloud services. The report involved six files, two of which were deemed as child pornography.

The agent wrote that the two pornographic files depicted an adult male engaging in sexual activity with a male child.

The tip included the Verizon Cloud account owner's phone number, geolocation, and Gmail address, which agents traced to the defendant.

Agents then obtained subpoenas for the defendant's Verizon subscriber information, Gmail account, and Yahoo email account.

After executing a search warrant of



Andrea Dare Crawford

Crawford's Verizon Cloud account, agents categorized 470 images within the account as child sexual abuse material.

"Several hundred images, videos, documents, and messaging threads were located identifying Andrea Crawford as the owner of the content," wrote an agent in the affidavit. "At least 10 of the 470 files mentioned above contained child pornography."

The affidavit also describes smartphone screenshots stored on Crawford's cloud account in which she appears to be buying or selling images with Bitcoin utilizing an encrypted messaging app like Telegram.

Primary election results

While former President Donald Trump had received enough delegates to win the Republican nomination prior to Florida's primary, Tuesday's results added to that count.

With 2,071 votes in Bradford County, Trump received 92.9% of the vote. Gov. Nikki Haley received 85 votes, and Gov. Ron DeSantis received 64 votes. Voter turnout was 12.6%.

In Union County, Trump received 879 votes, or 93.5%. DeSantis received 37 votes, and Haley received 20 votes. Voter turnout was 19.73%.

In Clay County, Trump received 11,608 votes, or 85.3%. Voters leaned a little more toward Haley, giving her 1,404 votes, or 10.3%. DeSantis received 481 votes. Voter turnout was 16.4%.

Two permanent road closures in Starke at railroad crossings

As part of the Florida Department of Transportation's Starke Railroad Overpass Interchange Improvements project, South and East Adkins streets are scheduled to permanently close at the railroad crossings Monday, March 18.

The permanent road closure locations are South Street between Thompson and South Cherry streets and on East Adkins Street between North Walnut and North Cherry streets.

Additionally, southbound South Waters Street will now permanently terminate at Call Street.

Yard sale postponed

The yard sale announced last week by the Bradford Democrats for March 23 has to be postponed due to the tragedy in Lawtey. Our new date is April 13. For further information, call 904-612-3942.

Democratic Women's annual wine and cheese party

The Democratic Women's Club of the Lakes Area hosts its annual wine and cheese party on Saturday, March 23, at 4 p.m. Interested Democrats are invited to join members at Melrose Center, 309 S.R. 26 in the heart of Melrose, for conversation and refreshments. For more information, email info@dwcla.org.

Keystone's Lake Brooklyn reaches 25-year high

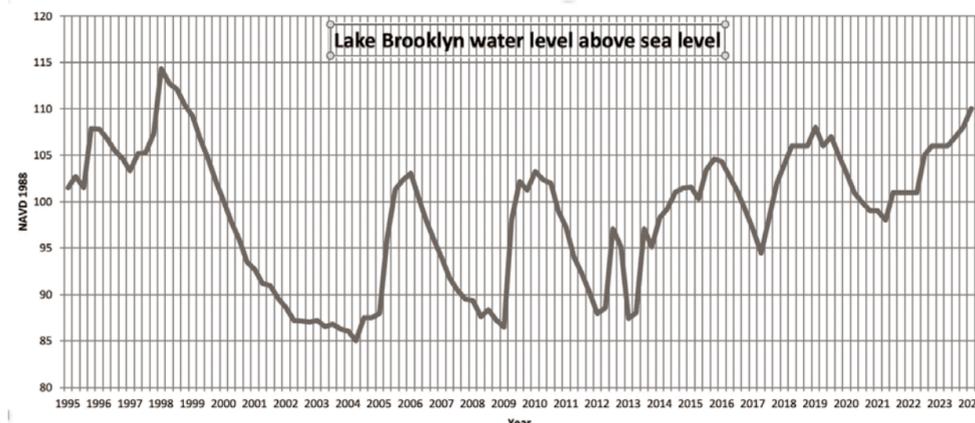
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For the first time since April 7, 1999, the water level on Lake Brooklyn exceeded 109 feet above sea level in February, according to data from the St. Johns River Water Management District. As of March 17, the level stood at 109.57 feet.

Tim Miller, the district's chief of Bureau of Water Resource Information, told the agency's governing board on March 12 that the lake's water level rose by four-tenths of a foot during February. He also said rainfall totals across the 18-county district were slightly below average for the month.

"All counties were within an inch of their monthly average with the exception of Alachua County," he said, "which was 1.3 inches below its February average. Countywide rainfall totals ranged from a high of 3.79 inches for Lake County to a low of two inches for Okeechobee County."

Lake Brooklyn's highest point since 1957, when records began tracking it,



was on October 1, 1960, when the level reached 116.36 feet. The water body's lowest point came on June 6, 2004, at 84.99 feet.

The \$100 million Black Creek Water Resource Development Project, consisting of intake pumps in the

south prong of Black Creek, 17 miles of 30-inch transmission pipe, and a 20-acre treatment area within Camp Blanding, is under construction.

According to district models, the project could recharge the Floridan Aquifer with up to 4.5 million gallons

of water daily. In addition, the project could increase the open water in Lake Brooklyn by up to 387 acres and expand the emergent marsh in the lake by up to 91 acres.



BUDGET

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The Arc of Bradford County was successful in its request for \$500,000 to expand work opportunities for its clients. The funding will pay for two new full-time employees and 10 part-

time employees to increase its workforce by 100%. It will also pay for new equipment and a vehicle to increase the capacity for more production and delivery of product, expanding work opportunities for individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities or mental health issues.

Brannan said he and Bradley work in their respective chambers on behalf of the counties they represent, many of which they share. They also shared committee memberships in common this year. Each served as chair of criminal justice appropriations in their respective chambers, so they had

an advantage helping fund those projects.

"I'm think probably we had more success than a lot of people. Of course, you know, this is all pending the governor's signature," he said.

Legislative funding requests from the Telegraph-Times-Monitor coverage area totaled nearly \$46 million, but not all made the final list.

Some requests that did not make the cut include:

—Bradford County Emergency Operations Center, \$8 million. According to the request, the current EOC is housed in a facility that falls short of meeting the hurricane safety standards required to respond to natural disasters and emergencies. The available workspace is also insufficient to accommodate the personnel and equipment required for efficient and coordinated response efforts during times of crisis.

—Starke Collection System Upgrades, \$5 million. This would have helped pay for future phases of the wastewater collection system repair and

rehabilitation which is currently underway. The city is under an environmental consent order to mitigate overflows of the sanitary sewer system and compliance violations for discharges into Alligator Creek.

—Starke Alligator Creek Discharge Elimination, \$1 million. These were planning funds to evaluate alternatives for disposing of treated wastewater into the creek.

—Starke Historic District Upgrade to Improve Economic Opportunity, \$5 million. A response to business lost to the bypass, this project reimagines downtown as a regional destination with a focus on interconnectivity with lakes, bike trails, public parks and local businesses. Funding would have upgraded the downtown water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure beneath the streets.

—Starke Emergency Operations Center and City Hall, \$5 million. This would have been an opportunity to build a facility to house all city personnel and operations. (The request preceded the closure of

the police department.)

—RJE Phase III, \$900,911. Phase III would have continued the renovation of the historic Black high school.

—Keystone Heights Airport S.R. 100 Infrastructure, \$3.5 million. This money would have added turn lanes, a new driveway and reconstructed the existing driveway.

—Camp Freedom Improvement Project, \$267,243.

The camp offers alternative treatment for active-duty service members and veterans suffering from PTSD and traumatic brain injuries. Amenities include, fishing, hunting, horseback riding, and other outdoor activities designed to build confidence within the group and to start an organic therapeutic conversation without the stigma of the traditional therapist or prescription of medications. Funds would have supported programs and provided capital outlay for an outdoor kitchen, walk-in cooler, fencing, barn roof repair a new pole barn, etc.



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Food distribution at RJE

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New hardiness zone map available

BY LUKE HARLOW
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Some may have heard about the newly updated USDA plant hardiness zone maps, and others may be wondering exactly what a hardiness zone is.

The USDA Hardiness Zone maps provide a standardized tool for farmers, foresters, landscapers and gardeners to select plant species based on their specific geographic regions. Essentially, these zones delineate geographic ranges of expected plant survival, determined by the average annual extreme minimum winter temperature. The numbers assigned to each zone indicate a progression in temperatures, with Zone 1 being the coldest and Zone 13 the warmest.

So, why is this important for plant growers and enthusiasts? Certain plants thrive in specific zones but may struggle in others. For instance, during a vacation trip to Miami (Zone 10A-11), you might encounter a visually appealing Lychee tree (*Litchi chinensis*) thriving. However, due to its low resistance to cold, growing the same tree in Starke would be challenging. The hardiness zones serve as guidelines for growers and homeowners, helping them select the right plant materials for their specific regions.

These maps undergo reassessment every 10 years based on changing temperatures. With the last update in 2012, we were definitely due for revisions. The good news for Bradford County residents is that there isn't much change for us. Historically, most of Bradford County has been in Zone 9a, with a small portion towards Raiford and Lake Butler falling under Zone 8b.

Under the new changes, Bradford County is now entirely located in Zone 9a.

I want to reassure anyone who was in Zone 8b not to be alarmed. If you are thinking that I can no longer grow my favorite plants

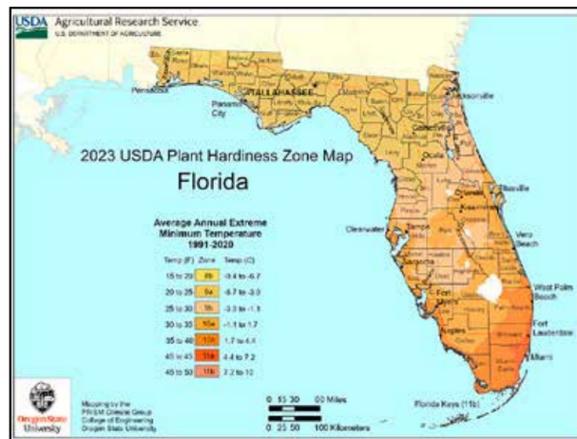
because I am in a new hardiness zone, you can ease your mind. Typically, plants can survive in a range of zones. For example, the crape myrtle tree (*Lagerstroemia indica*) can thrive in Zones 7a to 9a.

Most plants commonly recommended for Northeast Florida will continue to grow well despite these changes. If anything, this may open possibilities for new plant varieties that you may not have considered before. So, the next time you're at the local nursery searching for a new fruit tree, shrub, or seed packet, check the tag for the hardiness zone and ensure it will thrive in your location.

To find your specific hardiness zone, you can visit the USDA's website at <https://planthardiness.ars.usda.gov>.



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The Bradford County Master Gardener Program: Should you consider it?

BY LUKE HARLOW
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At its core, Master Gardeners are volunteers – residents of Bradford County who aim to assist others in landscaping, gardening, cultivating edible fruits and vegetables, and beyond.

The Florida Master Gardener Volunteer Program has been active since 1979. Annually, approximately 4,700 volunteers collectively contribute 420,000 hours of service, enriching their communities with knowledge, sustainability, and beauty.

With training from the University of Florida/Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences Extension, Master Gardener volunteers actively engage in their communities, providing leadership and guidance for gardening projects of various scales and types.

Locally in Bradford County,

the Master Gardener Volunteer Program supports local groups and organizations in horticultural projects, offering advice on plant selection and maintenance. We also collaborate with Bradford County schools to cultivate foods in school gardens and educate youth on all things related to plants. You'll find us at the Bradford County Fair, offering advice and recommendations for plant-related issues, and yes, even commiserating over the occasional plant casualty!

Leveraging the resources of the University of Florida, we ensure you receive the answers you need, whether it's about the best tomato variety suited for local conditions, identifying a mysterious caterpillar devouring your plants, or understanding the differences between dripline, drip tape, or soaker hose. And for the burning question – did UF create lovebugs? The short answer: No! As Master Gardeners, we assist

you in finding solutions to your horticultural queries and offer guidance for your gardening endeavors. As volunteers, we're constantly seeking like-minded individuals who share our passion for educating others about gardening.

To become a Bradford County Master Gardener volunteer, you'll undergo an application process and training program, equipping you with the necessary tools and horticultural knowledge.

If you're one of those like-minded individuals or enjoy volunteering to enhance the lives of your neighbors, and the Master Gardener Volunteer Program sounds appealing, then the answer is: Yes, you should consider joining!

Annual training commences in May, and applications are open until April 1. Contact the UF/IFAS Bradford County Extension Office at 904-966-6299 for more details.



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Counteroffer accepted on downtown property

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
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Starke city commissioners accepted a counteroffer to acquire a property downtown.

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

John and Elizabeth Jarmon

offered 320 E. Call St. for \$225,000. The city voted to move forward and conduct an environmental analysis of the property, then offered to purchase the lot for \$175,000.

City Manager Drew Mullins delivered the counteroffer of \$200,000 to commissioners March 12.

The vote was 3-1 to accept the offer, with Commissioner Janice Mortimer voting against the purchase once again. (Commissioner Shannon Smith,

who previously voted against the purchase, was absent.)

Mullins' presentation included some conceptual renderings from engineers at Woodward and Cullen for how the property could be used.

The concept preserves the storefront on Call Street while tearing down a wooden structure in the back. Inside there are public restrooms as well as a bar from which food and drinks could be served. Outside on a patio, picnic tables are shown with

string lighting for illumination. Beyond that is space for parking food trucks or playing games. It is a beer garden aesthetic, and Mullins said it could serve as a rental space for events.

This is just a concept, however, as nothing about the property use has been decided. The interest in acquiring this and perhaps additional properties is to control what could happen, Mayor Scott Roberts has said.

"I think there's a number of things that we could use it for,"

Roberts said at a meeting last month. It has more potential than demolishing everything to create more parking, he said.

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

The property will be paid for with funding allocated to Starke through the American Rescue Plan Act.

Spring yard sale at Kingsley Lake

Back by popular demand, the Kingsley Lake Community is gearing up for another neighborhood-wide yard sale to be held March 23 from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. All homes in

the Kingsley Lake Community beginning at Scott Ave (off Hwy 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 slightly used treasures.

There will be toys, games, clothes (ranging from baby to adult plus sizes and everything in-between), kitchenware, yard

and power tools, and more. Many sellers will offer 50% off during the final hour of the sale.

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

Food distribution at True Vine

A communitywide food distribution hosted by Farm Share and True Vine Ministry will take Tuesday, March 26, at 10 a.m. at True Vine Outreach Ministry in Starke.

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

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END TIMES

In Matthew 24:3 the disciples of Jesus asked Him a few questions. "What shall be the sign of your coming.....and of the end of the world?" Regardless of our age, if we're still breathing our future is still before us. It's not clear to us just exactly how that will eventually play out nor do our minds comprehend it perfectly. One thing for sure, we all will eventually face death or live long enough to personally witness the return of our Lord, Jesus Christ. For Christians, people who have made Jesus the Lord of their lives and have been born again, we face the future with hope, confidence, and an everlasting assurance. Most of humanity has an inward drive to know the future and like most of us, the disciples wanted to know the future as well. In Matthew 24 :4, Jesus began answering their question. Concerning the return of Jesus, the disciples wanted to know what to expect, what would signal or what would be a sign to let them know His return was near. Jesus gave them several signs as to that great event and it would behoove us who are alive today to be aware and familiar with these signs. As I stated in our previous article, God gives us revelation from His Word concerning end time events, not to frighten us but to enlighten us. As we look to God's Word and put out trust in Him, we can have confidence that we will be able by His Grace to face the future, and face it without fear. You can find the events that Jesus spoke about concerning the last days in three of the four Gospels. Matthew 24:4-14; Mark 13:5-13 and Luke 21:8-19. I would encourage you to read these as soon as possible. Some of events listed have been occurring for many years but Jesus said that these events would increase in intensity before His return. I want to give you a list of things Jesus said

we would see, things that would happen just before His return. I am sure you are familiar and are already witnessing most of them. Widespread deception; famines; economic instability; wars; signs in the heavens; increase in earthquakes; corrupt political system (political leaders); persecution, prosecution of Christians and even imprisonment (many people in America hate Christians and the Church); pestilence; ethnic conflicts (hatred abounding); a waning love; unknown disease; false prophets and teachers; and things that cause people to fear greatly. We are now experiencing firsthand what many generations never personally witnessed. You and I are now living in the last moments of what the Bible calls the last days. These things that are happening in America and the world today are pointing to the fact that the imminent return of our Lord and Savior is upon us. In His Sovereignty, God has placed you and I here, right now, for such a time as this. If you believe the Bible, should be little doubt that God is about to wrap things up and everything is pointing to the event that we've longed for, the return of the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords! End time messages may trouble you, cause you to be anxious or even fearful, but if you are a born-again Christian, you should be excited with hope and faith abounding. I Thessalonians 4:16-17 says "For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord." Ready or not, the last days are here. Welcome to the END TIME.

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Lake Region

High school honors Vietnam veterans

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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Keystone Heights High School celebrated Vietnam Veterans Day with a ceremony honoring local veterans.

Jeannie Blaylock of First Coast News organized the event. The evening anchor and winner of 26 Emmys said she began honoring Vietnam veterans after a trip to Normandy, where she reported on the 75th anniversary of D-Day. She then met with a group of Vietnam veterans.

"I said, I promise I'll do something for you," she said before the Keystone Heights event, recalling her meeting with the Vietnam service members. "Well, as I started learning their stories, I had already heard the disrespect they endured after returning, but I didn't realize how pervasive it was. And when you sit and talk to these veterans, you realize that they never really felt honored."

Blaylock added that she also realized younger generations needed to be educated about the Southeast Asian conflict.

Last year, Blaylock and fellow reporter Lewis Turner produced the documentary "Voices of Bravery," coinciding with the 50th anniversary of the end of the conflict. Blaylock showed the documentary during the



Keystone Heights Mayor Nina Rodenroth said her father completed two tours of duty in Vietnam.

Keystone Heights event.

The anchor said she plans to take the program to 15 high schools and Flagler College throughout the spring.

KHHS principal Laurie Burke thanked the school's JROTC program for producing the event.

Cadet Second Lieutenant Reagan Sames was the master of ceremonies, and Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Trista

Harrison delivered the opening remarks. Cadet Captain Sylvia Hunter led the color guard.

Keystone Heights Mayor Nina Rodenroth told the crowd that her father is an Air Force veteran.

"My Dad completed two tours in Vietnam, all of which I stand here today with huge pride," she said. "Having personally experienced the role that families like yourselves play when



Albert Hayes walks through the JROTC color guard. An infantry sergeant, Hayes served in Vietnam from March 1969 through April 1970.

supporting your loved one and our country as their hometown team."

"Let Freedom Ring," she continued. "You'll find it in the Bill of Rights, Declaration of

Independence, and the Pledge of Allegiance. We have to fight to keep our freedoms. On behalf of the City of Keystone Heights, I'm honored to be your mayor."

The school's JROTC honored

each veteran in attendance by inviting them to walk through the unit's color guard while Sames described their tours of duty.



JROTC Instructor (left) Sgt. First Class Todd Blatchford escorts Veteran Robert Conley through the JROTC color guard. The U.S. Navy Senior Chief and Aviation Mechanic served in Vietnam from 1966 to 1970.



Event organizer Jeannie Blaylock of First Coast News records video of Principal Laurie Burke welcoming guests to the event while master of ceremonies Cadet Second Lieutenant Reagan Sames (center) looks on.



Veterans (l-r) Anthony Dale, Klaus Maurer, Tommy Tittle, Kevin Hansen, and Rick Morris eat breakfast before the ceremony. Also pictured in the background is JROTC Senior Instructor Lt. Col. Richard Hall.

Sheriff speaks to Historical Society

Sheriff Brad Whitehead will be the guest speaker at the Historical Society Meeting on Tuesday, March 26, at 6:30 p.m. The sheriff will talk about the Whitehead Legacy — three consecutive sheriffs from the same family in Union County. He will explain how the current law enforcement program is organized and the new jail that is soon to be constructed.

This will be a very interesting and informing program. It will be at the Historical Museum, which is located at 410 W. Main St. in Lake Butler. Refreshments will be served.

Democratic Women meet March 28

The Democratic Women's Club of the Lakes Area will hold its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, March 28. The speaker will be Bradford County Commission Chairwoman

Carolyn Spooner. All Democrats are welcome, and doors open at 5:30 p.m. for the program beginning at 6 p.m. The club will meet at its new location, Melrose Center, 309 S.R. 26 in Melrose. For further information: 352-235-4161 or Info@dwc-la.org.

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Swine Show Grand Champion and Homegrown Grand Champion, Wyatt Barber (center).

2024 Union County Agricultural Fair in the record books

BY TRACY LEE TATE

Special to the Times

The 2024 Union County Livestock Association Fair ended Saturday, March 16 with the livestock auctions, but it is now down in the record books as a successful event conducted in the interest of supporting youth in agriculture in the county.

Events began Wed., March 13 with the Swine Show. Sixty-six swine were displayed in the show ring by FFA and 4-H members in eight classes. Swine varied in weight from 242-292 pounds. The event was judged by Wyatt Woff. Exhibitors not only showed their animals to be judged but also competed in showmanship, and with their 4-H and FFA record books.

Show award winners were as follows: Grand Champion – Wyatt Barber; Reserve Grand Champion – Jamie-Lynn Courson; Third Overall – Addisyn Worrell; Fourth Overall – Hagen Thomas; Fifth Overall – Latoya Hampton; Home Grown Grand Champion – Wyatt Barber; Home Grown Reserve Grand Champion – Latoya Hampton and Home Grown Champion Breeder – Thompson Show Pigs.

4-H Record Book winners for swine were: First Place Junior – Everett Emery; Second Place Junior – Kylee Thomas; Third Place Junior – Clay Emery; First Place Intermediate – Emmy Croft; Second Place Intermediate – Latoya Hampton; Third Place Intermediate – Naomi Croft; First Place Senior – Cadence Collins; Second Place Senior – Celia Elixson and Third Place Senior – Cuyler Collins.

FFA Record Book winners for swine were: First Place Jr. Chapter – Jayden Johnson; Second Place Jr. Chapter – Wyatt Wilson; Third Place Jr. Chapter – Brylee Elixson; First Place Sr. Chapter – Peyton Kilgore; Second Place Sr. Chapter – Ava Westmoreland and Third Place Sr. Chapter – Kane Middleton.

Swine Showmanship Awards were: First Place Junior – Raylan Dyal; Second Place Junior – Tinley Moates; Third Place Junior – Clay Emery; First Place Intermediate – Jamie Lynn Courson; Second Place Intermediate – Brylee Elixson; Third Place Intermediate – Paisley Schitt-Theus; First Place Senior – Bayley Staier; Second Place Senior – Joseph Harris and Third Place Senior – Brailyn Rose. Joseph Harris took home honors as Reserve Champion Showman, Bayley Staier took Champion Showman honors and Brailyn Rosen was Third Place Showman.

In the Beef Breed Show there were 34 exhibitors in eight classes, ranging in weight from 430-1610 pounds. The event was judged by Lynn Davis. Show award winners were: Grand Champion Heifer – Regan Broome; Reserve Grand Champion – Kody Stalnaker; Third Overall Heifer – Sydney Box; Fourth Overall Heifer – Addisyn Worrell; Fifth Overall Heifer – Savannah Miller; Homegrown Grand Champion – Regan Broome; Homegrown Reserve Grand Champion – Sydney Box and Home Grown Champion Breeder – Whitehead Family Cattle.

4-H Record Book winners

for the Breed Show were: First Place Junior – Braxton Johnson; Second Place Junior – Cain Addison; Third Place Junior – Lawson Roddenberry; First Place Intermediate – Pamela Dobbs; Second Place Intermediate – Kalyn Reynolds and Third Intermediate – Cole Welch.

FFA Record Book winners were: First Place Jr. Chapter – Cain Addison; Second Place Jr. Chapter – Addyson Kelley; First Place Senior Chapter – Ryleigh Rhodon; Second Place Senior Chapter – Kendyl Brannen and Third Place Sr. Chapter – Macie Wilson.

Breed Showmanship winners were: First Place Junior – Cain Addison; Second Place Junior – Braxton Johnson; Third Place Junior – Brentley Blanton; First Place Intermediate – Rylee McDowall; Second Place Intermediate – Addyson Kelley; First Place Senior – Addisyn Worrell; Second Place Senior – Kody Stalnaker and Third Place Senior Jacee Box.

Forty steers were put on display in the Steer Show, ranging in weight from 1025-1465 pounds. The Event was judged by Lynn Davis.

Steer Show Awards were: Grand Champion Steer – Sydney Box; Reserve Grand Champion Steer – Cain Addison; Home Grown Grand Champion Steer – Paislee Jo Stalnaker; Home Grown Reserve Grand Champion Steer – Miley Wilson; Third Overall – Paislee Jo Stalnaker; Fourth Overall – Miley Wilson; Fifth Overall – Lawson Roddenberry; Home Grown Champion Breeder – Whitehead Family Cattle and Weight Gain Contest – Peyton Welch.

4-H Record Book winners were: First Place Junior – Lane Hartley; Second Place Junior – Braxton Johnson; Third Place Junior – Landon Douglas; First Place Intermediate – Farrah Elixson; Second Place Intermediate – Weston Daniel; Third Place Intermediate – Alayah Jefferson and First Place Senior – Marcus Jefferson.

FFA Record Book winners were: First Place Jr. Chapter – Paislee Jo Stalnaker; Second Place Jr. Chapter – Vivian Hunt; Third Place Jr. Chapter Addyson Kelley; First Place Sr. Chapter – Miley Wilson; Second Place Sr. Chapter – Macie Wilson and Third Place Sr. Chapter Brady Tetstone.

Steer Show Showmanship award winners were: First Place Junior – Vivian Hunt; Second Place Junior – Lawson Roddenberry; Third Place Junior – Lane Hartley; First Place Intermediate – Paislee Jo Stalnaker; Second Place Intermediate – Farrah Elixson; Third Place Intermediate – Alayah Jefferson; First Place Senior – Noah Williams, Second Place Senior – Savannah Miller and Third Place Senior – Blayne Hendricks.

There were a total of 46 goats shown in the Goat Show, representing five breeds plus crosses. The goat show was judged by Kyle Mendez.

Goat show award winners were: Supreme Overall Goat – Jolene Moore; Reserve Grand Champion Goat – Cadence Collins; Third Overall Goat –

Kalli Kadlec; Meat Goat Division Champion – Jolene Moore; Dairy Goat Division Champion – Kalyn Reynolds; Wether Goat Division Champion – Jolene Moore and Dwarf Goat Division Champion – Jacee Box.

Showmanship Award winners were: First Place Junior – Kalli Kadlec; Second Place Junior – Charley Cox; Third Place Winner – Weston Daniel; First Place Intermediate – Jacee Box; Second Place Intermediate – Cuyler Collins; Third Place Intermediate – Callen Collins; First Place Senior – Jolene Moore; Second Place Senior – Cadence Collins and Third Place Senior – Sydney Box.

4-H Record Book winners were: First Place Junior – Dallas Salter; Second Place Junior – Raylan Dyal; Third Place Junior – Grace Box; First Place Intermediate – Mandy Schaafsma; Second Place Intermediate – Weston Daniel; Third Place Intermediate – Kalli Kadlec; First Place Senior – Cadence Collins; Second Place Senior – Jacee Box and Third Place Senior – Cuyler Collins.

FFA Record Book Winners were: First Place Junior – Addyson Kelley; First Place Senior – Jolene Moore; Second Place Senior – Sydney Box and Third Place Senior – Cailynn Boggs. Cloverbud Record Book awards went to: Clairabelle Martin, Colt Williams, Kimber Williams, Shaw Daniel, Tinley DeNunzio, Wayne Hartley, Jace Hampton, Cadence Duniven and Wave Croft.

Rabbit Awards were Reserve Grand Champion Rabbit – Ethan Jerrels and Reserve Grand Champion Rabbit – Kaylie Parrish. Poultry Awards were Reserve Grand Champion Poultry – Reagan Douglas and Reserve Grand Champion Poultry – Dallas Williams.

UCLA Award winners were – Spirit of Agriculture Award in Memory of Mrs. Mary Virginia Williams – Blaine Hendricks; Workhorse Award in Memory of Mr. Canova Howard – Case Denison; Mike Rich Memorial Scholarship – Noah Williams and the Union County Livestock Association Scholarship – Kody Stalnaker.

Judges and other participants not mentioned above included: Poultry Show Judge – Danny Padgett; Show Announcer – Benji Bennett; Livestock Judging Official – Allison Tremble and Auctioneer – Daniel Jerrels. The Buyer's Dinner was prepared by Nanette's Wedding & Party Catering and Rentals and was sponsored by Farm Credit. The UCLA Board of Directors includes Benji Bennett, Kenneth Cox, Tad Durrance, Richard Kelley, Pam Williams, Heith Box, Matt Denson, George Dyal, Kristi McCallister, Eric Wilson, Kevin Box, Brad Dicks, Lisa Holtzendorf and Jason Stalnaker.

The organizers and participants would like to thank the following fair sponsors: Andrews Site Prep – Overall Fair Sponsor; Hobo Tractor – Cattle Breed Show; Shadd Trucking and Liberty Trucking – Steer Show and Williams Gas – Goat Show.

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Swine Show Reserve Grand Champion, Jamie-Lynn Courson.



Swine Show Homegrown Reserve Grand Champion, Latoya Hampton (center).



Breed Show Grand Champion and Homegrown Grand Champion Breeding Heifer, Regan Broome.



Breed Show Reserve Grand Champion Breeding Heifer, Kody Stalnaker.



Breed Show Homegrown Reserve Grand Champion, Sydney Box.



Steer Show Grand Champion Steer, Sydney Box.



Steer Show Reserve Grand Champion, Cain Addison.



Steer Show Homegrown Grand Champion Steer, Paislee Jo Stalnaker.



Steer Show Reserve Homegrown Grand Champion Steer, Miley Wilson.



Goat Show Supreme Overall Goat, Jolene Moore.



Goat Show Reserve Champion Goat, Grace Box.

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

Brandon Lee Bailey, 38, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 15 for failure to appear.

Terry Renna Crawford, 41, of Hampton was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 11 for a probation violation.

William Tyler Flowers, 28, of Jacksonville was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 11 for a probation violation.

Bryan Joseph Hapgood, 22, of Green Cove Springs was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 14 for DUI and possession of drug equipment.

Joseph Lee Mitchell, 55, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 14 for withholding support.

Ryan Cain Newell, 37, of Melrose was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 14 for failure to appear.

Dallas Dalton Robinson, 21, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 14 for an out-of-county warrant.

Brenda Kay Rodgers, 63, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 15 for an out-of-county warrant.

Joshua Francis Spaulding, 30, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 14 for simple assault.

Kenneth Donald Taylor, 36, of Deltona was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 14 for possession of drugs, driving with a suspended or revoked license, and possession of drug equipment.

Union

Jasmine Sierra Janice Copeland, 25, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on March 17 for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Brandon Scott Cramer, 33, was arrested by Union deputies on March 12 for failure to appear and for negligent vehicular manslaughter.

Grayson Edge Hampton, 21, of Lake City was arrested by Union deputies on March 17 for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Colin Michael Harden, 18, of Live Oak was arrested by Union deputies on March 17 for an out-of-county warrant.

Melissa Helene Knight, 39, of Fort White was arrested by Union deputies on March 15 for

a probation violation.

Adrian Terrell Robinson, 27, was arrested by Union deputies on March 11 for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Justin Kyle Rogers, 38, of Raiford was arrested by Union deputies on March 14 for attaching a registration license plate not assigned, possession of drugs, and possession of drug equipment.

Bradlie Joe Seay, 29, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on March 11 for a probation violation.

Clay

Colten Levy Chivers, 20, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on March 12 for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Nickey Allen Gambrel, 48, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on March 12 for domestic battery and on March 13 for criminal mischief with property damage.

Clinton Russell Helmer, 39, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on March 15 for a probation violation.

Kymerly Sierra Smith, 34, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on March 15 for domestic battery.

Dale Edward Thomas, 29, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on March 9 for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Last Supper reenactments in Starke and Melrose

First Presbyterian Church of Starke and Faith Presbyterian Church of Melrose will present dramatic reenactments of The Last Supper on Maundy Thursday, March 28, and Good Friday, March 29. The Thursday service is in Starke at 921 E. Call St. The Friday service is in Melrose at 2738 SE S.R. 21.

Both performances take place at 7 p.m. and are free to attend. Open communion will be served, and a reception will follow.

Swing into Spring and raise money for band

Bradford High School's bands are presenting Swing into Spring, a semiformal night of dinner, music and dancing at Belle Oaks Barn on Thursday, April 4, at 7 p.m. (Doors open at 6:30 p.m.) Tickets are \$30 each, with tables of eight for \$215 and tables of 10 for \$250.

Funds raised through ticket sales as well as the silent auction and the cake and dessert auction will help fulfill the goal of all new band uniforms next year. Business donations for the auction are welcome.

Come enjoy a delicious dinner from BlueLine Q and your favorite music performed by the concert and jazz bands, as well as the drumline. There will be plenty of room to get up and dance.

Please RSVP by emailing scarletstormboosterpresident@gmail.com or calling 904-263-2312.

Marker unveiling ceremony for historic Black school

The Consolidated High School Committee of Lake Butler is inviting the community to attend the former Consolidated High School Historical Marker Unveiling Ceremony at the Lake Butler Elementary School on Saturday, April 6, at 1 p.m. This was the former location of the school that was built for the Black students from first through 12th grade during 1957-1967.

This is a free event and open to the public. For more information, please contact Alicia Maxwell at 386-496-2336.

Work day at Dedan Cemetery

A work day is scheduled at Dedan Cemetery for Saturday, April 6, beginning at 8 a.m. General cleaning to include removal of all loose decorations and floral pieces not attached to monument or base. Spray washing of headstones. Removal of all trash and debris from cemetery grounds. Evaluation and restoration as within means to sites in need of attention.

Volunteer help is needed and would be appreciated. Please bring your own tools and supplies. There is no installed

water supply for consumption. There will be water for cleaning.

Please contact Margaret Dyal at 352-258-0947 to volunteer or if you have questions.

New Covenant Baptist anniversary

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

Easter egg hunt and more in Melrose

Mossman Hall will present and "Easter Eggstravaganza," including an egg hunt with 1,000 eggs, on Saturday, March 30, from noon to 2 p.m. There will also be family games, children's arts and crafts and Joanie's hot dogs.

It all takes place at Mossman Hall, 301 S.R. 26 in Melrose.

Lake Butler VFW egg hunt

Lake Butler VFW Post 10082 is having its annual Easter Egg Hunt on March 30. The hunt will be at the Post and will start at 11:00 a.m. with lunch afterward. For information, please call Barbara Fischer at 904-263-0647.

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McKenzie sisters, Ward receive best-overall awards for 4-H projects

Kaitlyn McKenzie, Kierstyn McKenzie and Shawn Ward received best-overall awards in their respective age divisions for the projects they submitted for the Bradford County 4-H display at the Bradford Agricultural Fair.

A paper-mache shark earned Kaitlyn McKenzie the top award in the senior division. In all, she entered three projects that earned blue ribbons. The other two were for dinosaurs in the area of decorated items.

Kierstyn McKenzie's painting of flowers earned best overall in the intermediate division. She also received a blue ribbon and best in area for a sunset embroidery in fiber arts as well as an additional blue ribbon for a painting of flowers.

The intermediate division had two other exhibitors in Nicholas Ward and Adaleigh Wainwright.

Ward earned three best-in-area awards for a photo of a hen, a tie-dyed shirt and a tumbled-rock key chain. He received an additional blue ribbon for a photo of a dog.

Wainwright received a blue ribbon for a photo of a bull, while her Brahman painting earned a red ribbon.

Shawn Ward entered four



Kaitlyn McKenzie (left) and Kierstyn McKenzie exhibited two of the best-overall 4-H projects at the Bradford Agricultural Fair. Kaitlyn's paper-mache shark earned her the top award in the senior division, while Kierstyn's painting of flowers was best in the intermediate division.

projects in the junior division, with his photo of a flower earning the division's best-overall award. He received an additional two best-in-area awards for a tie-dyed shirt and a tumbled-rock keychain.

Ward received a red ribbon for a photo of a cow.



Shawn Ward's photo of a flower earned him the best-overall award in the Bradford County 4-H junior division.

Weeks, Sapp receive best-overall rosettes at the fair in arts and crafts

Cyndy Weeks and Elijah Sapp earned best-overall rosettes in the adult and youth divisions, respectively, for their arts-and-crafts projects at the Bradford Agricultural Fair.

Weeks received her rosette in the dolls-cloth area for her Raggedy-Ann doll. Sapp's award was for a star with lights in woodwork.

Sapp was one of six who entered projects in the youth division. Apphia Cook had four entries that all earned blue ribbons: a lantern done in charcoal, a peach done in watercolors, an eagle flag done in pen/pencil and a dirt bike in miscellaneous.

Abigail Cook received blue ribbons for three projects: "Sunrise on the Atlantic" in color photography, "Drinks on the Roof" in black-and-white photography and "Blaze of Fire" in miscellaneous.

Adrenna Robinett earned blue ribbons for a wood-carved buck and a glass-art Florida shadowbox in recycled oddities.

Nicholas Ward earned two blue ribbons as well, both in the area of miscellaneous: a paper-mache volcano and a tumbled-rock ring.

Ezra Cook entered three projects, with a color photo of a torch with sunset receiving a blue ribbon. Cook received white ribbons for a black-and-white photo of a rose as well as a clouds-at-sunset miscellaneous entry.

Three earned multiple blue ribbons in the adult division, including Sheila Jackson, who had three. Jackson's projects were a napkin-transfer painted with glitter in mixed medium, a mesh wreath and quilled bees and flowers in miscellaneous.

Elisabeth Summers received two blue ribbons for a flag-garden peace totem in woodwork and a flower in recycled oddities.

Kaitlin Van Heusen also earned two blue ribbons, one for a color photo of an owl and the other in miscellaneous for turquoise earrings.

Elizabeth Cook entered one project, which received a blue ribbon: a color photo of stormy surf.



Elijah Sapp earned a best-overall rosette for his project in woodwork.



Cyndy Weeks earned a best-overall rosette for her doll.

Denmark earns rosette in fair's home division

Peggy Denmark earned a best-overall rosette for an embroidered, white quilt in the home division's adult division at the Bradford Agricultural Fair.

It was one of three projects entered by Denmark. She received a red ribbon for her appliqué table runner and a white ribbon for another table runner.

Three others submitted projects in needlework, garments and needlecraft, including Carol Wise, who earned two blue ribbons for a machine-made sampler quilt and a pair of chicken pin cushions. Wise also earned a red ribbon for a July 4/patriot quilt and a white ribbon for an Easter-themed table runner.

Vicki Hay received a blue ribbon for a Christmas-tree skirt, while Kimberly Miller earned a red ribbon for a machine-made Carpenter's Star quilt.

Youth exhibitors Nicholas Ward and Shawn Ward each earned a white ribbon for their tie-dyed shirts.



Peggy Denmark earned the home division's lone best-overall rosette for her quilt. It was one of three projects she had in the display at the Bradford Agricultural Fair.

Two adults had entries Carol Beck received a red in the home division's food ribbon for ultimate-oatmeal department, including Hay, cookies. who earned a blue ribbon for chocolate-chip cookies.

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CIS of Bradford will host bingo on March 25

Communities in Schools of Bradford County will host Bingo Family Night on Monday, March 25, from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. at The Downtown Grill in Starke.

The cost is \$20 for 10 games. A \$100 prize will be awarded for a last-game blackout.

All proceeds will go toward students benefitting from CIS.

and beverage sales at The Downtown Grill during the event will go to CIS.

The event is sponsored by Smith Brothers Body Shop.

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Rhoman earns best in show in horticulture at Bradford Fair

This year's horticulture exhibits at the Bradford Agricultural Fair included one best-in-show award, which was received by Celina Rohman for a bromeliad in the amateur-adult division.

It was one of nine entries for Rohman. Her rabbit's-foot fern earned best in class, while an additional six received blue ribbons: maiden-hair fern, succulent garden, Mexican dish garden, dish garden, green and white hoyia and green hoyia.

Rohman also received a red ribbon for a heart-shaped hoyia.

Two received nine blue ribbons each in the amateur-adult division, including Beckie Burkett, who had four blue-ribbon entries also earn best in class: orchid, walking iris, basil and cherry tomato.

Burkett's other five blue-ribbon entries were coleus, leopard plant, staghorn fern, inch plant and cranberry hibiscus.

Pat Caren earned nine blue ribbons for the following: oxalis, crown of thorns, lemon sedum, zebra haworthia, agave, rabbit's-foot fern, arrowhead, peace lily and maranta. She also earned red ribbons for impatiens and sedum.

Donna Solze had two best-in-class entries: trailing jade and staghorn/elkhorn. She had another five entries earn blue ribbons: kalanchoe, bird's-nest fern, dwarf snake plant, corkscrew and zebra spider.

Carol Wise received five blue ribbons for Chinese aloe, jade, Shaw's aloe, dish garden and special dish. The Chinese aloe also earned her best in class.

Wise received a red ribbon for an elephant plant.

Elisabeth Summers earned four blue ribbons: peperomia, dwarf snake plant, snake plant and schefflera. She received best in class for the snake plant.

The following earned two blue ribbons each: Murley Blankenship for night-blooming siris and crown of thorns, Amanda Hoffer for a basket plant and jade, Tracy Meadows for china doll and a dish garden and Dottie Yarbrough for bromeliad



Celina Rohman earned a best-in-show award for her bromeliad in the horticulture exhibits at the Bradford Agricultural Fair. She also earned a best-in-class award and eight blue ribbons overall.

and zonal geranium.

Meadows' dish garden also earned best in class. She also earned red ribbons for blooming succulent, coleus and hanging begonia.

Yarbrough earned one red ribbon for a geranium.

The amateur-adult division also included Linda Klein, who earned best in class for double impatiens.

Four youth exhibitors earned best-in-class awards: Carson Cox for a variegated spider plant, Emalyn Crawford for pinto beans, Ansley Smith for chicken eggs and Nicholas Ward for thornless blackberry.

The following earned one blue ribbon each in the youth division for variegated spider plants: Berkley Reddish, Matthew Stafford and Kayden (last name not provided). Tristan Jones, Kolee LeMire, Matthew McDonough, Conner Rowe, Cody Spratlin and Oscar Stephens each earned one red ribbon for variegated spider plants.

A total of 16 earned one blue ribbon each for pinto beans. Besides Emalyn Crawford, they were Lydia Bland, Kelsey Burgin, Alexander Crawford, Ashley Estep, Callie Harris, Kendall Hyatt, Rebekah Knowles, Vincent Marclano, Owen McKinney, Raylen McLamey, Leilani Morales, Peyton Simmons, Addison Thornton, Michael Tierney and Elisabeth Wagner.

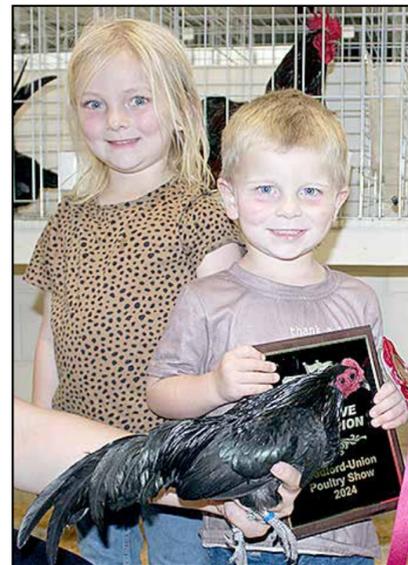
Earning one red ribbon each for pinto beans were Joseph Austin, Jhailaa Coleman, Ezra Green, Nooy Hedges, Marlene Merlo, Jackson Miller, Gage Moody, Ashley Steed, Samantha Stucky, Tristan (no last name provided) and (no first name provided) Ireland.

Shawn Ward received a red ribbon for chives.

Landon Brown and Cayman Brown earned a blue ribbon and red ribbon, respectively, for chicken eggs.



Nicholas Ward's Porcelain d'Uccle hen earned him the grand championship in poultry at the Bradford Agricultural Fair.



Memphis Benton (right) earned the reserve grand championship in the Bradford Agricultural Fair's poultry exhibits. He's pictured with his prize winner and his sister, Bristol.

Ward and Benton show top poultry at Bradford Fair

Nicholas Ward and Memphis Benton had the top poultry exhibits at the Bradford Agricultural Fair.

Ward's grand champion was a Porcelain d'Uccle hen. It was one of two blue-ribbon entries for Ward, with the other being a Calico Cochin hen.

Benton exhibited both a Black Old English hen and rooster, earning blue ribbons for both and the grand championship for one.

Andre Frank and Julia Zurfluh each earned three blue ribbons. Frank exhibited a Black Orpington hen, a Columbian Rock hen and a Columbian Rock rooster. Zurfluh had a Belgian d'Uccle rooster and two Belgian d'Uccle hens.

Five exhibitors earned two blue ribbons each: Liam

Arledge for a Frizzle Cochin hen and a Golden-Laced Polish hen, Adeline DeKorver for a Black Silkie hen and a Sapphire Gem hen, Kyndell Henley for a Columbian Rock hen and a Columbian Rock rooster, Blakeleigh Smith for a Red Bantam Rooster and a Rhode Island hen and Shawn Ward for a White-Crested Polish hen and a White-Crested Polish rooster.

Arledge also earned a red ribbon for a Silver-Laced Wyandotte he, while Henley received a red ribbon for a White Old English rooster.

Avery DeKorver earned a blue ribbon for a Naked-Neck Turken rooster and a red ribbon for a Naked-Neck Turken hen.

Alli Gray received one blue ribbon for a Black Australorp

hen and white ribbons for an Ameraucana hen and an Easter Egger-Opal hen.

Kylie Kerr earned a blue ribbon for a Columbian Rock hen.

Cayman Brown and James Orton each received two red ribbons: Brown for a pair of American Bresse roosters and Orton for a Cemani hen and a Naked-Neck Turken hen.

Blayne Orton earned a red ribbon for a Naked-Neck Turken rooster and a white ribbon for a Blue Old English hen.

Peyton Simmons' Columbian Rock rooster received a red ribbon.

McKynzie Stopka earned white ribbons for two Cream Legbar hens and a White Ameraucana hen.



Shayna Durrance, joined by Regan Broome (left), exhibited the grand-champion rabbit, a Mini Rex buck.



McKynzie Stopka showed the reserve grand champion, a Florida White doe.

Durrance, Stopka exhibit top rabbits

Shayna Durrance exhibited the grand champion, while McKynzie Stopka exhibited the reserve grand champion at the Bradford Agricultural Fair's rabbit show.

Durrance's top rabbit was a Mini Rex buck. She earned an additional two blue ribbons for a pair of Mini Rex does.

Stopka, who showed last year's grand champion, earned the reserve grand prize for a

Florida White doe. She also entered a Harlequin buck, which earned a blue ribbon.

Ethan Jerrells received three blue ribbons for an English Spot buck, a Himalayan buck and a Silver Fox buck., while Teresa Jerrells earned three blue ribbons for English Spot does.

Liam Arledge and Alli Gray each received two blue ribbons: Arledge for a Lionhead buck

and Lionhead doe and Gray for a Holland Lop doe and a Mini Rex doe.

The following earned one blue ribbon each: Bristol Benton for a Mini Rex doe, Landon Brown for Blue American doe, Ansley Smith for a White American doe and Callie Smith for a Black American doe.

Julia Zurfluh received a white ribbon for a mixed doe.

KHHS softball team falls 12-0 to undefeated Class 4A Eustis

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
cliff@bctelegraph.com

Keystone Heights High School's softball team failed to get a hit off pitchers Skyler Cloud and Carson Roden in a 12-0, six-inning loss to Class 4A Eustis on March 7 in Keystone.

The Panthers were held to one unearned run and two hits in the first three innings by Keystone starting pitcher Caitlin Frampton before scoring 11 runs in the final three innings.

Keystone (4-2) entered the game off a 5-4 win at Palatka on March 5. Alaina Kinsall's RBI double in the top of the sixth was the difference.

Delia Johnson and Frampton went 2 for 2 and 2 for 3,

respectively, while Bella Cumbo and Amber Wagner each had one RBI. Cumbo batted in her run as part of a three-run second, while Wagner drew a bases-loaded walk in the fourth to put the Indians ahead 4-3.

Kadence Massey pitched a complete game, giving up no earned runs, eight hits and two walks. She struck out six.

The Indians return to action with a road game against Santa Fe on Thursday, March 21, at 7 p.m. They then travel to play Clay on Friday, March 22, at 7 p.m. before returning home to play Bradford on Monday, March 25, at 7 p.m.

Keystone travels to play Oakleaf on Tuesday, March 26, at 7 p.m.



Alaina Kinsall's RBI double in the top of the sixth gave the Indians a 5-4 win over Palatka.

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Starke Kiwanis poker tourney set for March 22

The next Kiwanis Club of Starke Patsy Welch Memorial Poker Tournament will be held Friday, March 22, at The Downtown Grill in Starke. Registration begins at 6 p.m., followed by play at 6:30 p.m.

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

CASE NO.: 2023-CA-000236 LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, Plaintiff,

v. STEVEN JOSEPH NORSWORTHY, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE is hereby given that Denny Thompson, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Bradford County, Florida, will on April 25, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. ET, at the front Lobby of the Bradford County Courthouse, 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, FL 32091 in accordance with Chapter 45, F.S., offer for sale and sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Bradford County, Florida, to wit: Lots 2 and 3, Block 1, THE WOODS, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 3, Page(s) 44, of the Public Records of Bradford County, Florida.

Property Address: 15461 NE 15th Avenue, Starke, FL 32091 pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in a case pending in said Court, the style and case number of which is set forth above.

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.

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Under the 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. SUBMITTED on this 6th day of March, 2024.

TIFFANY & BOSCO, P.A. /s/ Kathryn I. Kasper, Esq. Anthony R. Smith, Esq. FL Bar #157147 Kathryn I. Kasper, Esq. FL Bar #621188 Attorneys for Plaintiff OF COUNSEL: Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. 1201 S. Orlando Ave, Suite 430 Winter Park, FL 32789 Telephone: (205) 930-5200 Facsimile: (407) 712-9201 3/14 2tchg 3/21-BCT

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

CASE NO. 22000023CAAXMX SELENE FINANCE LP Plaintiff,

v. SHARON R FOURTE; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SHARON DENISE ROBINSON-FOURTE A/K/A SHARON DENISE ROBINSON FOURTE A/K/A SHARON D. ROBINSON FOURTE A/K/A SHARON R. FOURTE A/K/A SHARON FOURTE; RESHARD ROBINSON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RESHARD ROBINSON; UNKNOWN TENANT 2; UNKNOWN TENANT 1; TAYLOR, BEAN & WHITAKER MORTGAGE CORP.; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on July 22, 2022, and Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale entered on February 22, 2024, in this cause, in the Circuit Court of Bradford County, Florida, the clerk shall sell the property situated in Bradford County, Florida, described as: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST

1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; RUN THENCE SOUTH 52.00 FEET TO THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF A COUNTY GRADED ROAD; RUN THENCE WESTERLY ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY 800.00 FEET FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM POINT OF BEGINNING RUN THENCE SOUTH 435.60 FEET; RUN THENCE WEST 100.00 FEET; RUN THENCE NORTH 435.60 FEET; RUN THENCE EAST 100.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 2007 SCOTBILT MANUFACTURED HOME, SERIAL NO(S): SBHGA1300702809A/B, a/k/a 5502 SE 86TH ST, HAMPTON, FL 32044-4530 at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at the east front door of the Bradford County Courthouse, 945 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, FL 32091, on April 18, 2024 beginning at 11:00 AM. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed. Dated this 7th day of March, 2024.

eXL Legal, Pllc Designated Email Address: Efilng@Exllegal.Com 12425 28th St North, Ste. 200 St. Petersburg, FL 33716-1826 Telephone No (727-536-4911 Attorney for the Plaintiff Isabel López Rivera FL Bar: 1015906

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

File No. 2023-CP-000107 Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF CHANNING LEIGH-ANNE O'HALLORAN Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS The administration of the estate of Channing Leigh-Anne O'Halloran, deceased, whose date of death was March 21, 2023, is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Drawer B, Starke, FL 32091. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this notice is March 14, 2024. Attorney for Personal Representative: R. Nadine David, Esq. Florida Bar Number: 89004 Florida Probate Law Group P.O. Box 141135 Gainesville, Florida 32614 Telephone: (352) 354-2654

Fax: (866) 740-0630 E-Mail: ndavid@floridaprobatelawgroup.com Secondary E-Mail: service@floridaprobatelawgroup.com Personal Representative Lanna Smith 5511 NW County Road 225 Lawtey, Florida 32058 3/14 2tchg 3/21-BCT

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

CASE NO. 042020CA000310CAAXMX US BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR VRMTG ASSET TRUST, Plaintiff,

vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, CREDITORS, ASSIGNEES, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF JOSEPH A. WATSON A/K/A JOSEPH WATSON, DECEASED; POLLY J. SWINDULL; GENEVA SPRINGS CONDOMINIUMS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.; TERESA GAIL SAYERS A/K/A TERESA G. SAYERS; ASHLEY DANIELLE WELLS F/K/A ASHLEY DANIELLE EDGAR; LINDSAY BROOK WALTON; MICHAEL SEAN WATSON; DEBORAH LOIS WATSON; UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION 1; UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION 2; 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 23, 2024, and entered in Case No. 042020CA000310CAAXMX of the Circuit Court in and for Bradford County, Florida, wherein US BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR VRMTG ASSET TRUST is Plaintiff and UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, CREDITORS, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF JOSEPH A. WATSON A/K/A JOSEPH WATSON, DECEASED; POLLY J. SWINDULL; GENEVA SPRINGS CONDOMINIUMS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.; TERESA GAIL SAYERS A/K/A TERESA G. SAYERS; ASHLEY DANIELLE WELLS F/K/A ASHLEY DANIELLE EDGAR; LINDSAY BROOK WALTON; MICHAEL SEAN WATSON; DEBORAH LOIS WATSON; UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION 1; UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION 2; 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, DENNY THOMPSON, 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 May 16, 2024, the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to-wit:

UNIT NO. 3 OF GENEVA SPRINGS 1, A CONDOMINIUM, ACCORDING TO THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM THEREOF AS RECORDED IN O.R. BOOK 184, PAGE 338, ET SEQ OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, TOGETHER WITH THE UNDIVIDED INTEREST IN THE COMMON ELEMENTS OF SAID CONDOMINIUM. 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 3/12/2024 By: /s/ Sheena M. Diaz Sheena M. Diaz Florida Bar No.: 97907 Roy Diaz, Attorney of Record Florida Bar No. 767700 Diaz Anselmo & Associates, P.A. Attorneys for Plaintiff 499 NW 70th Ave., Suite 309 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33317 Telephone: (954) 564-0071 Facsimile: (954) 564-9252 Service E-mail: answers@dallegal.com 3/14 2tchg 3/21-BCT

SUBJ: CIS Deployment.

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

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LEGAL NOTICE BRADFORD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD

BUSINESS MEETING The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council announces a business meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: April 9, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter the public workshop PLACE: Bradford County Emergency Operations Center Board Room located at 945 N Temple Ave # B, Starke, Florida

DIAL IN NUMBER: Toll free 1.888.585.9008 CONFERENCE CODE: 864 183 272 GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: To conduct the regular business of the Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board. For additional information or to obtain a copy of the agenda interested persons may contact: North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, 2009 NW 67th Place, Gainesville, Florida 32653-1603; godfrey@ncfrpc.org or 352.955.2200.

Any person may submit written or other physical evidence which he or she intends to offer into evidence during the business meeting to Lynn Franson, Senior Planner, at North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, 2009 NW 67th Place, Gainesville, Florida 32653-1603; or godfrey@ncfrpc.org. Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 2 business days before the meeting by contacting 352.955.2200. 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).

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.

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LEGAL NOTICE BRADFORD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD

PUBLIC WORKSHOP The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council announces a public workshop to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: April 9, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. PLACE: Bradford County Emergency Operations Center Board Room

located at 945 N Temple Ave # B, Starke, Florida DIAL IN NUMBER: Toll free 1.888.585.9008 CONFERENCE CODE: 864 183 272 GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: To conduct a public workshop for the purpose of receiving public comment relating to the local transportation services provided under Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged Program in Bradford County.

Per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines, to reduce the risk of becoming infected with the virus that causes COVID-19 and potentially spreading it to others, fully vaccinated people should wear a mask indoors in public if they are in an area of substantial or high transmission; if someone in their household is immunocompromised or at increased risk for severe disease; or if someone in their household is unvaccinated.

For additional information or to obtain a copy of the public workshop agenda interested persons may contact: North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, 2009 NW 67th Place, Gainesville, Florida 32653-1603; godfrey@ncfrpc.org or 352.955.2200. The workshop agenda will be posted at https://www.ncfrpc.org/transportation-disadvantaged.

Any person may submit written or other physical evidence which he or she intends to offer into evidence during the public workshop to Lynn Franson, Senior Planner, at North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, 2009 NW 67th Place, Gainesville, Florida 32653-1603; or godfrey@ncfrpc.org. Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this public workshop is asked to advise the agency at least 2 business days before the public workshop by contacting 352.955.2200. 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).

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the public workshop, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

File No. 2024-CP-000032 Division : Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF THOMAS ROBERT ASA IV Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS The administration of the estate of Thomas Robert Asa IV, deceased, whose date of death was October 9, 2023, is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 945 N. Temple Avenue Starke, FL, 32091. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

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The date of first publication of this notice is March 21, 2024. Attorney for Personal Representative: JENNIFER F. W. STICHA, ESQ. Florida Bar No.: 1010878 LISA A. DIFRANZA, ESQ. Florida Bar No.: 0087566 3840 Belfort Road, Suite 301 Jacksonville, FL 32216 Telephone: (904) 372-0216 Facsimile: (904) 800-1241

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Email:Jen@DiFranzaLaw.com, Lisa@difranzalaw.com Attorneys for Petitioner Personal Representative: Thomas Robert Asa IV 3/21 2tchg 3/28-BCT

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA CLAY COUNTY

In the District Court In the matters of Brianne Leigh Norviel and Triston Lee Norviel, two juveniles. CLAY COUNTY FILE NUMBERS 24 JT 3 and 24 JT 4

TO: RESPONDENT JENNIFER INEZ CONE NORVIEL;

Take notice that petitions in the above referenced cases seeking relief against you has been filed on January 31, 2024. That nature of the relief being sought is termination of your parental rights of the minor children that are the subject of these actions by the petitioners.

You may obtain a copy of the summons in proceeding for termination of parental rights, petitions seeking termination of parental rights with attachments, and servicemembers declarations, from the Clerk of Superior Court in Clay County, Hayesville, North Carolina. That you are entitled to appointed counsel if you are indigent, that provisional counsel in this matter has been appointed to you, and that the appointment of said provisional counsel shall be reviewed by the Court at the first hearing after service. You are required to make defense to such petitions not later than May 3, 2024, and upon your failure to do so the petitioners will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This, the 14th day of March, 2024,

By: William R. Shilling Attorney at Law PO Box 677 Murphy, NC 28906 NC Bar # 33073

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COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Bradford County Board of County Commissioners will have a board meeting on April 2, 2024, at 9:30 AM inside the county commission meeting room, located in the north wing section of the Bradford County Courthouse, 945 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, FL. A copy of the meeting agenda may be obtained from the Bradford County website: www.bradfordcountyfl.gov. Said meeting location is secured – no firearms or weapons are permitted.

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SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, the following application for permit was received on March 8, 2024:

America's Best Storage of Lawtey, 5124 CRC 218, Middleburg, FL 32068 has submitted environmental resource permit (ERP) application number ERP-007-248250-1. The project is located in Bradford County, Section 13, Township 5 South, Range 22 East, and includes 0.9 acres of impervious on a 2.79-acre project area.

Interested persons may comment upon the application or submit a written request for a staff report containing proposed agency action regarding the application by writing to the Suwannee River Water Management District, Attn: Resource Management, 9225 C.R. 49, Live Oak, Florida 32060. Such comments or requests must be received by 5:00 PM within 14 days from the date of publication.

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

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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 17, 2024. The personal property in the below-listed units, which may include but are not limited to: Household goods, boxes/totes/

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bags, clothing, bedding, tools and toys. The public sale of these items will begin at 10AM on April 10, 2024 and end at 2PM on April 17, 2024. The public sale will take place on www.storage-treasures.com. KO Storage of Starke - S Walnut St, 1650 South Walnut Street, Starke FL 32091, (952) 314-7121 Time: 02:00PM CST A20, JOHNSON, Elizabeth Public sale terms, rules, and regulations will be made available on www.storage-treasures.com. All sales are subject to cancellation. We reserve the right to refuse any bid. Payment must be by credit/debit card, we do not accept checks or cash. Buyers must secure the units with their own personal locks. To claim tax-exempt status, original RESALE certificates for each space purchased is required. By KO Storage LLC, 10301 Wayzata Blvd, Minnetonka, MN 55305. (952)-314-7121.

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LEGAL NOTICE:

The Bradford County Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) Planning Committee/Workgroup will meet Thursday, April 4, 2024 at 3:00 pm in the Bradford County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) located in the Bradford County Sheriff's Office at 945B North Temple Avenue, Starke, FL 32091. Bradford County Emergency Management encourages any interested citizens and business owners to attend and provide input. The Committee guides the preparation and contents of the Bradford County Local Mitigation Strategy which serves as the plan submitted to the Florida Division of Emergency Management to reduce the community's long-term risk for protecting people and property from the effects of natural disasters and to build a safer and stronger community. This public meeting is being conducted in a handicapped accessible location. Any handicapped person wanting to attend the meeting and requires assistance with accessibility and/or interpretation should contact the Bradford County Sheriff's Office, Emergency Management Division at (904) 966-6336 at least 5 calendar days prior to the meeting date. Any person wishing to provide comments who cannot attend the meeting may do so by submitting written comments via email to bceem@bradfordsheriff.org at least 5 calendar days prior to the meeting date. The meeting agenda may be obtained within 5 days of the meeting date via email request as well, or by visiting www.bradfordsheriff.org/emergency-management/lms/. Please contact the Bradford County Sheriff's Office, Emergency Management Division at (904) 966-6336 for more information.

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NOTICE OF ENACTMENT OF AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STARKE, FLORIDA

The City of Starke Florida will hold

a City Commission Meeting on April 2, 2024 at 5:30 pm at City Hall, 209 North Thompson Street, Starke, Florida 32091 during which the second reading and a vote will occur for the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2024-07
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STARKE, FLORIDA, RELATING TO CHAPTER 62, ARTICLE II, DIVISIONS 1 AND 2, SECTIONS 62-31 AND 62-51 THROUGH 62-53; PROVIDING FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE DUTIES AND SALARY OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE IN THE CITY OF STARKE, FLORIDA; AMENDING THE DUTIES, CUSTODY OF CITY PROPERTY, AND SALARY OF THE POLICE CHIEF WITHIN THE CITY OF STARKE; PROVIDING DIRECTION FOR CODIFICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE
This ordinance is available for public inspection at City Hall, 209 North Thompson Street, Starke, Florida 32091. Interested parties may appear and have an opportunity to be heard at the meeting with respect to the proposed ordinance.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 23000371CA

DIVISION: Mortgage Foreclosures
METRO NORTH FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, a Florida credit union, Plaintiff,

VS. JESSICA LYNN BROWN, an individual; AUDREY MARLENE CLEMONS, an individual; BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; and ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the final judgment entered on March 4, 2024 in Case No. 23000371CA of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Bradford County, Florida, in which METRO NORTH FEDERAL CREDIT UNION is Plaintiff, and JESSICA LYNN BROWN, AUDREY MARLENE CLEMONS, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; and ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION, are Defendants, I, the Bradford County Clerk of the Court, will sell to the highest bidder for cash at: Bradford County Courthouse, 945 N. Temple Ave, Starke, FL 32091, at the hour of 11:00 a.m. on the 25th day

of April, 2024 the following described real property:

PARCEL 21
A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN THE NW1/4 OF THE NW1/4 OF SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID NW 1/4 OF NW 1/4 AND RUN NORTH 88 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 09 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY THEREOF, 454.53 FEET TO A SET 1/2" IRON ROD AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING, FROM POINT OF BEGINNING THUS DESCRIBED CONTINUE NORTH 88 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 09 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID NORTHERLY BOUNDARY, 127.82 FEET TO A SET 1/2" IRON ROD; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREE 01 MINUTE 07 SECONDS EAST, 448.78 FEET TO A SET IRON ROD; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 36 SECONDS WEST, 127.82 FEET TO A SET IRON ROD; THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREE 01 MINUTE 07 SECONDS WEST, 448.78 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.
ABOVE DESCRIBED PARCEL BEING SUBJECT TO AND TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS OVER AN EXISTING ROADWAY ALONG THE NORTHERLY 25 FEET OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PARCEL AND EXTENDING EASTERLY TO THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF THE RIGHT OF WAY OF COUNTY ROAD 225.
TOGETHER WITH A 1998 HICK TRIPLEWIDE MOBILE HOME WITH THE ID#S GAFLW35A14358HH21, GAFLW35B14358HH21, AND GAFLW35C14358HH21 WHICH IS LOCATED THEREON.
Property address: 8118 NW 183rd Terrace, Starke, Florida 32091.
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in 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.
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UNION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NUMBER: 63-2024-CA-0008
J.R. DAVIS, as Trustee of the J.R. DAVIS TRUST,
Plaintiff,

vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND ANY OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST LOUISE FIELDS a/k/a LOUISE FIELDS GLOVER, deceased, Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION
TO ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED OF the filing of a Complaint against you to quiet title to the following property in Union County, Florida:
TOGETHER WITH:

A parcel of land containing a total area of 0.50 acres, more or less, lying, being and situate in Section 31, Township 5 South, Range 20 East, City of Lake Butler, Union County, Florida, more particularly described as follows:
COMMENCE at the Southeast corner of the North 1/2 of Government Lot 1, said Section 31, and run North 01 degree 46 minutes 19 seconds West, along the East line of said Section 31, a distance of 103.48 feet to the intersection with the North right of way line of State Road Number 121 (Southeast 6th Street); thence run South 85 degrees 12 minutes 21 seconds West, along said North right of way line, a distance of 210.66 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING of the hereinafter described parcel of land; Thence continue running South 85 degrees 12 minutes 21 seconds West, continuing along said North right of way line, a distance of 210.24 feet; thence run North 01 degree 43 minutes 32 seconds West a distance of 105.17 feet; thence run North 85 degrees 30 minutes 03 seconds East a distance of 210.19 feet; thence run South 01 degree 43 minutes 32 seconds East a distance of 104.08 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.
SUBJECT TO all existing easements, rights of way, restrictions, reservations, covenants and jurisdictional areas, whether of record or not of record.
Union County Parcel Identification Number: 31-05-20-00-000-0040-0
You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, on M. Aaron Dukes, the Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is Post Office Box 328, Lake Butler, Florida 32054, on or before the 11th day of April 2024, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either immediately before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
DATED this 5th day of March, 2024.
KELLIE H. RHOADES
Deputy Clerk
Clerk of the Circuit Court
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LEGAL NOTICE
UNION COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION
DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD

PUBLIC WORKSHOP
The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council announces a public workshop to which all persons are invited.
DATE AND TIME: April 10, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.
PLACE: Union County Transportation Facility located at 255 SW 9th Avenue, Lake Butler, Florida
DIAL IN NUMBER: Toll free 1.888.585.9008
CONFERENCE CODE: 864 183 272
GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: To conduct a public workshop for the purpose of receiving public comment relating to the local transportation services provided under Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged Program in Union County.
Per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines, to reduce the risk of becoming infected with the virus that causes COVID-19 and potentially spreading it to others, fully vaccinated people should wear a mask indoors in public if they are in an area of substantial or high

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BOARD BUSINESS MEETING
The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council announces a business meeting to which all persons are invited.
DATE AND TIME: April 9, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter the public workshop
PLACE: Union County Transportation Facility located at 255 SW 9th Avenue, Lake Butler, Florida
DIAL IN NUMBER: Toll free 1.888.585.9008
CONFERENCE CODE: 864 183 272
GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: To conduct the regular business of the Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.
For additional information or to obtain a copy of the agenda interested persons may contact: North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, 2009 NW 67th Place, Gainesville, Florida 32653-1603; godfrey@ncfrpc.org or 352.955.2200.
Any person may submit written or other physical evidence which he or she intends to offer into evidence during the meeting to Lynn Franson, Senior Planner, at North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, 2009 NW 67th Place, Gainesville, Florida 32653-1603; or godfrey@ncfrpc.org.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 2 business days before the meeting by contacting 352.955.2200. 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).
If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.
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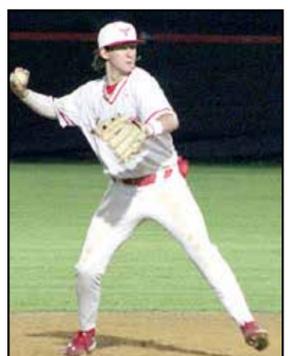
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NOTICE OF SELF STORAGE SALE
Please take notice Lake Butler Mini Storage, located at 1015 SW 3rd St. Lake Butler, FL, 32054 intends to hold an auction of goods stored in the following units in default for non-payment of rent on Lockerfox.com. The sale will occur on 05/06/2024 at 12:00 am on Lockerfox.com. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings.
Unit #49 Matt Whitehead
Unit #54 Kiara Randolph
All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. See manager for details.
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NEW RIVER BOARD MEETING
The New River Community Health Center Board of Directors will meet Thursday, March 28, 2024 at the DLP Bank, 811 S. Walnut St., Starke, FL 32091 from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm.
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LAKE REGION

Notice of Public Auction
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Florida Self Storage Facility Act Statutes (Section 83.801, 83.809), Lake Area Storage, LLC, will sell the following items to the highest and best bidder on Monday, April 1, 2024 at 9:00 A.M. (EST) at 7101 SR 21, Keystone Heights, Florida 32656; Unit# 330, containing misc. household items.
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Luke Stucky makes a throw from his position at shortstop. He went 2 for 2 with three RBI in the win over Interlachen.

Burgin, Stucky each drive in 3 runs in 12-2 BHS victory

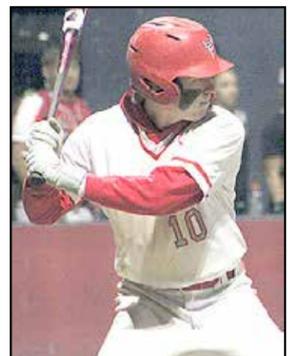
BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Denver Hudson, Ryland Rike and Luke Stucky each drove in two runs as part of a seven-run second inning, helping the Bradford High School baseball team defeat visiting Interlachen 12-2 in five innings on March 13.

Rike pitched all five innings, giving up six hits and striking out seven as the Tornadoes (5-3) snapped a two-game losing streak.

Interlachen scored the game's first two runs with two outs in the second, taking advantage of three straight singles and a passed ball.

The Tornadoes had the bases with one out in the bottom of the



Mattox Burgin had three RBI against Interlachen.

inning when Jeffrey Brugh drew a walk to force a run in. Rike and Stucky then hit back-to-back doubles that scored two runs each, putting Bradford ahead 5-2. Mattox Burgin and Ryder Thompson each drew a walk to load the bases again, setting the stage for Hudson's two-run single.

Bradford pushed four more runs across in the third to go up 11-2. Brugh and Rike walked, while Stucky was hit by a pitch to load the bases. Burgin hit a double that scored all three runners. An error on a pickoff attempt at second allowed Burgin to advance to third. He later scored on a wild pitch.

Stucky, who went 2 for 2, put an end to the game by the mercy rule in the bottom of the fifth. Brugh drew a leadoff walk, stole second and advanced to third on an error before scoring on Stucky's walkoff single.

The Tornadoes entered the game off a 12-9 loss to visiting Middleburg on March 12.

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Summer Sutton receives a throw at first base in the win over Bishop Snyder.

BHS softball team makes it 2 in a row

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Three batters drove in two runs each as the Bradford High School softball team defeated visiting Bishop Snyder 12-4 on March 14.

The Tornadoes (3-6) held a 4-3 lead before scoring eight runs in the fourth. Bradford loaded the bases with one out on a Rylie Blankenship single, an error on a fly ball hit by Tinsley Higginbotham and a walk by Keegan Yowell. Summer Sutton drove in two runs on a single. Madison Highland, after Kallie Yowell was hit by



Tinsley Higginbotham makes a play from her second-base position in the win over Bishop Snyder.

a pitch, drew a bases-loaded walk, while Carly Beggs drove in another run on a ground out.

Beggs reached safely on an error, which kept the bases loaded. Kellsie Cochran hit a double to score two runs, while an Amber Wynn ground out made the score 11-3.

An error on a ground ball hit by Higginbotham pushed Bradford's final run across.

Cochran, Highland and Sutton (2 for 5) each had two RBI, while Beggs, Wynn (2 for 4) and Keegan Yowell each had one.

Blankenship, who went 2 for 2, started in the circle, giving up four runs (two earned) and four hits through 5.1 innings.

Emy Crawford closed it out, allowing no hits and striking out three.

See SOFTBALL, page 12

UCHS baseball team scores 20 again in win over Trenton

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Union County High School's baseball team scored in every inning and got a grand slam from Ayden Andrelevich as part of a five-run fourth in defeating host Trenton 20-7 on March 14.

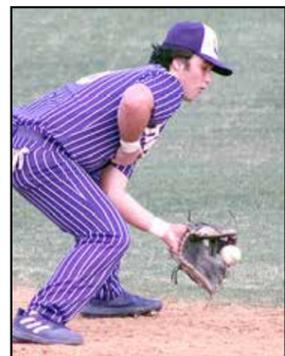
Andrelevich's long ball put the Tigers up 12-3 as they went on to score 20 runs for the second time in four days. They defeated Nease 20-6 on March 11.

Union () got off to a fast start, scoring four runs in the first. Preston Bonsall hit a leadoff double and eventually scored on a passed ball. Devin Diggs and Foster Smith each hit an RBI single, while Erick Lasseter, who walked, scored on a wild pitch.

The Tigers had two outs and no one on in the fourth when Smith was hit by a pitch. Jake Walker singled before Kacen Thomassen hit a double to score Smith. Diggs then drew a walk to load the bases, setting the stage for Andrelevich's grand slam, which came off a 2-1 pitch and went over the fence in center.

Andrelevich finished 2 for 4 with four RBI.

Union scored its final six runs in the seventh inning, with Bonsall and Jesse Chaiken each hitting an RBI double. Riggs Davis drove in a run on a single, while the Tigers also scored runs on a bases-loaded balk and a bases-loaded walk drawn by



Jake Walker went 3 for 4 with two RBI in the 20-7 win over Trenton and is a combined 6 for 9 with two RBI and four runs scored in the Tigers' last two games.

Walker. Diggs finished with three RBI, while Davis and Walker (3 for 4) each had two. Bonsall (3 for 5), Chaiken, Smith, Thomassen and Trenton Klein (2 for 4) each drove in one run.

Andrelevich started on the mound, allowing four runs (three earned) and five hits through four innings. Davis and Diggs each threw one scoreless inning, with Diggs striking out two of the game's final three batters.

The Tigers entered the game off a 15-8, 11-inning loss to visiting Suwannee on March 12.

Davis, who went 4 for 5 with three RBI, hit a bases-loaded double in the third to score all three runners and put Union ahead 5-2.

Suwannee took advantage of a hit batter, a walk and a sacrifice fly to score two runs in the top of the seventh to go up 6-5.

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Obituaries

Kenneth Hampton Sr.

Mr. Kenneth C. Hampton Sr., 65, passed away on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 in Atlantic City, New Jersey. He was a graduate of Bradford High School Class of 1978. Following his graduation he moved to Atlantic City, New Jersey where he worked for various organizations such as the Greyhound Bus Company, Ballys, Tropicana Casino, The State of New Jersey and Barrett Outdoor Living.

He is survived by his wife, Yvonne Hampton; his children: Settia, Kenneth Jr., LaToya and O'Keima (bonus daughter); grandchildren, Cayson and Liberti; his mother, Sylvia Hampton; siblings, Evelyn, Elva Jr., Mikal, Lenora, Cecil, Lord Nubian, Terry and Temika.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 23 at the Starke Church of God by Faith with Rev. Alvin Green, eulogist, and Bishop James E. Mcknight, presiding. Interment will be at Peetsville Cemetery in Lawtey, under the direction of Haile Funeral Home Inc., 802 N. Oak St. Starke, 904-964-7905. Visitation will be on Saturday, March 23, from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. at the church. (1 hour prior to the service.)

PAID OBITUARY

Scott Maas

Scott Alan Maas passed on to be with our Lord on Saturday, Feb. 24, 2024 in Rockledge after a brief illness. He was born May 18, 1964 in Des Moines, Iowa, and was baptized Dec. 5, 1976 at Scenic Bay Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his father, Roger W. Maas.

Survivors are his mother, Anne E. Maas; two daughters, Summer Dawn and Sunnie Day, both of Las Vegas, Nevada; brother, Bret J. (Cheryl) Hines; sister, Rene (Kurt) Nall; several grandchildren; nieces; nephews; and extended family members.

A service honoring his life will be held Saturday, March 23 at 10 a.m. at New Freedom Baptist Church, 7207 SR 21, Keystone Heights, 32656.



PAID OBITUARY

Katy McCombs

Katy Lee McCombs, 91, a lifelong resident of Lawtey, went to her heavenly home on Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2024. She was born in Virginia on Jan. 31, 1933, to the late Dale and Margarette Mitchell. "Ms. Katy," which most would call her, was a God-fearing woman; she loved the Lord and had a spiritual soul that believed in the power of prayer. She spent most of her days burning up the phone lines seeking and praying for the sick and the lost. She believed there was power in the Word of God and offered a Bible verse for anything negative that someone was going through. She was loved by many and will truly be missed. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Andrew McCombs; daughter, Beulah "Marie" Bruner; and nine siblings.

She is survived by her grandchildren/caregivers, Nathan (Joseph Fugatt) Blom, and Amy Blom; son-in-law, Harry Bruner; sisters, Peggy Dobbs and Phyllis James; her children, Charles (Jennifer) Smith, Margaret (David) Albert, Mary (David) Scott, John (Eshin) Smith, and Martha (Jason) Hamm. Along with 12 other grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

Out of respect for her wishes, a formal service will not be held, but family and friends had a gathering at the Christ Church of Starke on Saturday, March 9.

Arrangements were by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke. www.jonesgallagherfh.com.



PAID OBITUARY

Edna Nershi

Mrs. Edna May Nershi, 107, of Keystone Heights died at Willey Manor Assisted Living on Monday, March 18, 2024. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Meno Nershi.

Survivors are her two daughters, Barbara Sands of Tampa and Elizabeth Nershi of San Diego, California. A private interment was held at Keystone Heights Cemetery. A memorial service will be held at the Park of the Palms at a late date.

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

Wilbur Nettles

Wilbur "Bill" Rance Nettles, 82, of Keystone Heights passed away Friday, March 15, 2024, at Haven Hospice Roberts Care Center in Palatka. He was born June 16, 1941 in Lake Butler to Wilbur and Inez (Thomas) Nettles and had served in the United States Air Force. Following a 33-year career with Clay Electric, he began a second career with Clay County School system as a substitute teacher for the next 17 years. He was an active member of Gadara Baptist Church. He enjoyed going to church and his church family, along with camping, and especially, fishing. His most cherished times were spent with his family. In addition to his parents; he was preceded in death by his sons, Ronald Harper Jr. and Russell Nettles; and siblings, Melinda Nettles, Lucinda Johnson, and Julian Nettles.

His survivors are Diane (Thomas) Nettles, who has been the love of his life for the past 52 years; a daughter, Donna McDavid (Eric Bauer) of Gainesville; and a brother, Wendell Nettles of Lake City. Also left behind is his daughter-in-law, Jill Harper; sister-in-law, JoAnn (Jim) Briggie; brother-in-law, Rowan (Diane) Thomas, all of Keystone Heights; and a sister-in-law, Melba Nettles of Lake Butler; along with many nieces, nephews, and cousins that will miss him dearly. He was lovingly called "Papa" by Morgan (Dan) Bader, Erika Harper, Austin (Melissa) McDavid, and Elliott (Kathleen) McDavid; and great-grandchildren, Rhett McDavid and Luke Bader.

The family received friends at the funeral home on Sunday, March 17. Funeral services were held, Monday, March 18 at Gadara Baptist Church with Pastor Shawn House officiating. Interment followed at Hall-Gadara Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Gadara Baptist Church Building Fund, 6779 CR 315C, Keystone Heights, 32656.

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



PAID OBITUARY

Carrie Mae Ritch

Carrie Mae Ritch, 88, of Starke, died Thursday, March 14, 2024, at Park of the Palms in Keystone Heights. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, James "Jimmy" Marks Ritch; son, Shaun Ritch; and sister; Marjorie Hall Packham.

Survivors are her children, Pam (Joe) Lee, Debbie (Norman) Traylor, and Montez (David) Carter; daughter-in-law, Christine Ritch of Keystone Heights; brother, Rodney (Janice) Hall; and numerous extended family members.

A Celebration of Life was held on Tuesday, March 19, at Archie Tanner Funeral Services Chapel. A private interment was held at Pevatt Cemetery.

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



Quinque Robinson

Quinque T. Robinson, 49, of Lawtey, passed on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at her residence. She was a lifelong resident of Bradford County and attended the local schools of Bradford County. She was of the Christian faith. She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends.

She is survived by her mother, Deborah Cruger; sons, Earl Johnson III and Ajheem Roddey; brothers, Kevin Robinson and Donnell Robinson; sisters, Kartina Robinson, Altina Robinson and Stacey Roberts; ten grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and sorrowing friends.

Funeral services will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 23, at the Governor Charley E. Johns Conference Center, 1610 N. Temple Ave. Starke, 32091 with Pastor Dennis Pulliam conducting the services. Interment will be held at Clark Cemetery in Starke, under the direction of Haile Funeral Home Inc., 802 N. Oak St., Starke, 32091 904-964-7905. Visitation will be held on Friday, March 22, at the Carl and Elaine D. Haile Memorial Chapel/ Haile Funeral Home Inc from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m.

PAID OBITUARY

Winshay Roddey

Ms. Winshay Roddey, 25, passed away on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at her residence. She was a graduate of Bradford County High School and Bradford County Vocational Center, receiving a certificate in early childhood.

She leaves to cherish her precious memories her parents, Winslow and Claretta Roddey; grandparents, Clarence and Lillie Roddey, and Debra and Daniel Cruger; sisters, T'Keyah Roddey, Tiletta Roddey, and Jadia Roddey; step-sisters, Sharmean Alford, and Sarah Williams; brothers, Winslow Roddey Jr., Earl Johnson, and Rajheem Roddey; stepbrothers, Nikeam Alford, Shyheim Williams, and Isaiah Williams. Winshay's demise was with her family, her mother, Quinque Robinson; and sister, Denesha Sims.

Funeral services will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 23, at Governor Charley E. Johns Conference Center, 1610 N. Temple Ave., Starke. Visitation will be held from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. on Friday, March 22, at Governor Charley E. Conference Center.

Professional services are entrusted to J. Hadley Funeral Home, 2030 N. Temple Ave., Starke, 32091. 352-286-5946

PAID OBITUARY

Danesha Sims

Danesha M. Sims, 27 of Lawtey, passed on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at her residence. She was a lifelong resident of Bradford County and attended the local schools of Bradford County. She was of the Christian faith and was employed at Shands at North Florida Regional Hospital in Starke. She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends.

She is survived by her grandmother, Deborah Cruger; her siblings; and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and grieving friends.

Funeral services will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 23, at the Governor Charley E. Johns Conference Center, 1610 N. Temple Ave. Starke, 32091 with Pastor Dennis Pulliam conducting the services. Interment will be held at Clark Cemetery in Starke, under the direction of Haile Funeral Home Inc., 802 N. Oak St. Starke, 32091 904-964-7905. Visitation will be on Friday, March 22, at the Carl and Elaine D. Haile Memorial Chapel/ Haile Funeral Home Inc. for friends from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m.

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SOFTBALL

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Rylie Blankenship earned the 12-4 win over Bishop Snyder, pitching 5.1 innings.

the Tornados up 6-5 in the top of the fourth. The Hornets answered with two runs in the bottom of the inning.

Higginbotham went 3 for 4 with two RBI. Highland went 2 for 3, while Blankenship, Hinds and Keegan Yowell each went 2 for 4. Hinds hit a two-run homer and had three RBI overall, while Blankenship drove in one run.

Sutton had one RBI. The three-game losing streak was snapped on March 12, with Hinds hitting a two-run homer that helped Bradford defeat visiting Interlachen 11-1 in five innings on March 12.

Keegan Yowell pitched a complete game, giving up three hits and no walks.

Bradford had a seven-run first inning that included RBI singles by Higginbotham and Keegan Yowell and an RBI double by Blankenship. Wynn drive in a run on a ground out, while another three scored on two errors.

Keegan Yowell led off the bottom of the fourth with a double before Hinds hit her homer. The inning also included runs scored on a single by Beggs and an error.

Hinds, who also hit a double, and Keegan Yowell each finished 3 for 3, with Hinds driving in two runs. Blankenship went 3 for 4 with an RBI.

Beggs, Higginbotham and Wynn each had one RBI.

The Tornados played Bradford this past Monday and were scheduled to host Orange Park on Wednesday, March 20, at 6 p.m. Bradford travels to play Keystone on Monday, March 25, at 7 p.m.

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Landen Miller hit a single to lead off the bottom of the seventh and moved to second on Davis' sacrifice bunt. With two outs, Klein hit a single, while Lasseter walked. Miller scored on a wild pitch to tie the score before the inning ended on a strikeout.

Each team scored a run each in the eighth and ninth innings. The Tigers got an RBI single from Davis in the eighth. In the ninth, Lasseter walked, advanced to second on a Walker single and to third on a passed ball. He scored on an error.

After a scoreless 10th, the Bulldogs scored seven runs in the 11th off seven singles and a sacrifice fly.

Walker and Miller went 3 for 5 and 3 for 6, respectively, while Lasseter went 2 for 3 with a double. Thomassen went 2 for 6. Bonsall and Smith each hit a double.

Union returns to action with a home game against Oakleaf on Tuesday, March 26, at 7 p.m. The Tigers travel to play West Nassau on Thursday, March 28, at 7 p.m.

On Tuesday, April 2, Union plays Williston on the road at 6:30 p.m.

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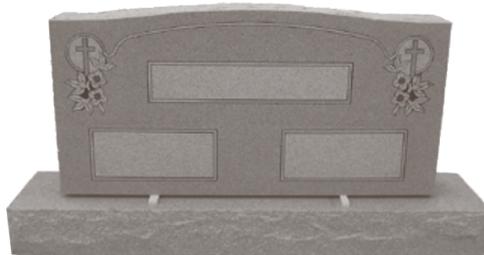
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Denver Hudson prepares to make a throw from right field.

The Tornados trailed 11-2 before scoring five runs in the sixth. The inning began with Thompson and Hudson hitting singles. After an out, Blake Wynn drew a walk to load the bases. Courtesy runner Matthew Stafford scored on a wild pitch.



Interlachen's Devon Williams (left) is put out on a steal attempt of home by catcher Jaron Hale.

Brugh, after Jaron Hale walked, hit an RBI single. Wynn and Hale scored on an error and a passed ball, respectively, before Stucky hit an RBI single.

A rally in the bottom of the seventh fell short. Burgin hit a leadoff single, followed by Hudson hitting a one-out double. Burgin scored on a passed ball, while Hudson scored on an error. Burgin went 3 for 5 with a double and an RBI. Hudson and

Thompson went 2 for 3 and 2 for 4, respectively, with each hitting a double.

Wynn drove in two runs, while Stucky drove in one.

Bradford played Keystone Heights this past Tuesday and was scheduled to host P.K. Yonge on Wednesday, March 20, at 7 p.m. The Tornados travel to play Englewood on Thursday, March 21, at 6 p.m.

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