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## New impact fees would help fund public safety

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Bradford County commissioners have told staff to proceed with taking steps to put impact fees on new development in place.

Their consensus followed a March 4 presentation from Peter Napoli of Stantec Consulting who discussed results of a study that looked at establishing impact fees for law enforcement, fire and emergency medical services.

Bradford County had impact fees in place for a short period before the stock market crash and resulting recession in 2008. Then the county, like many other local governments, placed a moratorium on collecting those fees to encourage continued residential and commercial development.

"Now a lot of counties throughout the state are looking at reactivating those impact fee schedules, since growth is coming in so tremendously," Napoli said.

With so much time passed, the county cannot simply lift the moratorium, so Stantec prepared an updated study using current data.

"This is also an opportune time with the recent discussion about utility extension out to the 301 bypass

area. There's some development opportunities out there. You don't want to miss your opportunity to collect impact fees on that new development," he said.

Napoli discussed the proposed fee schedule, how that revenue could be used and why additional fees for road construction and other needs were not being recommended.

Unlike a special assessment for solid waste or fire, an impact fee is a nonrecurring source of revenue. The fee is paid when a permit for a new construction project is issued. The revenue funds capital projects related to increased demand for services. It could pay for a fire station, an ambulance or patrol car. It could not pay the salary of a new firefighter, paramedic or deputy, however.

"Understanding that with growth comes the need for expanding service. You need new facilities, new vehicles, new equipment, etc. The impact fee is designed to offset the cost of that so that the burden of paying for those new facilities and new assets doesn't fall all on the existing taxpayers in the county. It's collected from new development as well," Napoli said.

The county cannot set the fees arbitrarily, so the consultant's study looks at how the fees are spread

Service	Residential Impact Fee (per dwelling unit)	Nonresidential Impact Fee (per 1,000 sq ft)
Fire	\$498	\$194
EMS	\$258	\$101
Law Enforcement	\$304	\$119
Total	\$1,060	\$414

Impact fees are a one-time charge on new development to pay for growth.

proportionally on new development. There must be a connection between the new services to be funded and the amount of growth taking place. The fees collected must also be kept separate and used for the intended purpose, not swept into general revenue.

Napoli talked about how the impact fee for fire services was calculated. They established a "cost basis," looking at the county's existing investments in facilities, vehicles and equipment. (This did not include anything purchased with grant funding as those assets don't qualify.) They then looked at the investment in today's dollars. What would it cost the

county to replace a fire station today, for example?

The resulting residential impact fee for fire services was \$498 per new dwelling unit. (Multifamily developments like apartments would also be \$498 per dwelling unit.) The nonresidential impact fee for fire services was \$194 per 1,000 square feet.

Again, these fees would be paid by the developer at the time the permit is issued. This is not an annual tax or fee on home and business owners like property taxes or a special assessment.

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## Lake Butler makes progress on water tank project

BY TRACY LEE TATE  
Special to the Times

The Lake Butler City Commission met and received good news about the options available to deal with the ground water tank.

The water tank was set to be replaced and grant funds secured from the Department of Environmental Protection for the project a little more than two years ago. This water tank was a part of the project to replace and upgrade the aging wastewater

treatment plant. With the discharge of the previous city manager and the subsequent financial issues due to that manager's mispending of some funds earmarked for the project, the commissioners lost sight of the project in the struggle to make sure the city still had enough money to operate as it should. Lake Butler Mayor Melissa Hendrix finally saw the lack of attention to the project and, with the assistance of Mittauer and Associates, the engineers for the project, got

needed extensions on the grant funds and got the project back on track.

The situation was not good, with the increase in the cost of labor and materials, the funds secured for the project were found to be insufficient for the cost of the project. Working to cut corners Hendrix, Mittauer and members of the commission pared down the cost of the project to make it possible with the grant funds awarded — doing away with some of the "blue-sky" features added into it be the

former city manager such as solar power for the facility.

The entire project is multifaceted, with several grants secured for different parts of the whole. The ground water tank is one of these facets. The funds provided by DEP totaled \$730,000 for the new tank and its installation. When the bids for the project came in the lowest bid, made

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A long-reach excavator puts filtering media into Cell 1 of the Black Creek Water Resource Project's treatment facility at Camp Blanding.

## Black Creek testing underway

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
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A St. Johns River Water Management District director said testing for the Black Creek Water Resource Development Project began in February.

Dale Jenkins, the district's director of the Division of Infrastructure and Land Resources, told the governing board during its February meeting that he anticipated Black Creek water flowing into Alligator Creek and onto Lake Brooklyn sometime in March.

The Black Creek Water Resource Development Project is designed to recharge the Upper Floridan aquifer and raise the water levels of Lakes Brooklyn and Geneva. It is part of

the lakes' recovery plan, which helps the district comply with regulatory minimum flows and levels.

Jenkins said the project's pumps and pipeline carried the creek's water to a storage tank within the project's Camp Blanding treatment center at the beginning of February. He added that vibration testing of the pumps and leak and sediment testing of the storage tank went well.

Jenkins said three of the project's five components are 99% complete: the pumping station, the intake apparatus at Black Creek, and the 17-mile pipeline that runs along State Roads 21 and 16.

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## And the crowns go to ...



Crowned Saturday night, these are the Miss Bradford Fest Scholarship Pageant royals for 2025, beginning in front with Tiny Miss Zoey Carney, and then left to right, Petite Miss Karsyn Kerr, Junior Miss Avery Rosario-Wilson, Teen Miss Bralee-Kate Chester and Miss Jolene Moore.



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## WORTH NOTING

### Family histories sought for new book

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

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

### Evangelist speaking at Bradford Baptist

Bradford Baptist Church (1640 S. Water St. in Starke) welcomes evangelist Chris Miller on Sunday, March 9. He'll speak during Sunday school at 10 a.m., the morning service at 11 a.m. and the evening service at 6 p.m.

For more information, please call Bradford Baptist Church Pastor Rick Jackson at 904-964-3708.

### Homecoming at Johnstown

Johnstown Baptist Church's annual homecoming celebration is Sunday, March 9. The church is celebrating 77 years. Morning service will start at 11 a.m. Lunch will be served following the morning service. There will be an evening service around 2 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to join the congregation for a day preaching, singing and fellowship.

### Invitation to Mt. Zion's Pew Service

The Beatrice Scott Missionary Society of Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church in Lawtey and the pastor, the Rev. Dr. Jacqueline Dupree, invite you to join them in the annual Pew Service on Sunday, March 9, at 4 p.m. The Rev. Sherron Willson, pastor of Grace Methodist Church, in Lawtey will be guest speaker for the occasion. The public is invited.



# IMPACT

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The same methodology was used to determine the recommended impact fees for EMS and law enforcement. The residential impact fee for EMS was \$258 per dwelling unit.

The nonresidential impact fee for EMS was \$101 per 1,000 square feet. The residential impact fee for law enforcement was \$304 per dwelling unit. The nonresidential impact fee for law enforcement was \$119 per 1,000 square feet. The total for all three residential impact fees was

\$1,060 per dwelling unit. The total for all three nonresidential impact fees was \$414 per 1,000 square feet. Responding to a question from Commissioner Carolyn Spooner, Napoli said while some counties restrict spending of the fees to the areas in which the fees were collected, Stantec did not

recommend that. Instead, fees collected on any growth could be spent on growth-related projects countywide. Commissioner Chris Dougherty questioned the fairness of charging an impact fee on a new house in a rural area without a lot of growth. "There's really no change in impact there," he said.

Bradford was the seventh costliest above Pasco at \$420 and below Highlands at \$694. Clay was on the high end at \$1,256 and Alachua was the lowest at \$152.

The EMS fee — less common as it is usually combined with fire — had only seven comparisons, with Bradford in second place behind Manatee's \$327. The law enforcement fee was seventh out of 12, Clay being most expensive at \$951. While it was the consensus of the board to move forward, Napoli said commissioners can use the fees calculated in the study or a lesser amount. There are also other impact fees that can be considered, including fees that would cover roads, schools, libraries, and parks and recreation. Napoli said they looked at some of these but there wasn't sufficient evidence to justify a calculation. Projects must be growth related, tied

to expansion of services or increasing capacity, such as widening a road from two to four lanes to accommodate more traffic. The county already has state funding for road projects. While the county could use funding for the road department's ongoing maintenance and operations, impact fees don't apply.

Commission Chairman Danny Riddick expressed frustration, saying he was shocked and disappointed by the study results showing a total residential fee around \$1,000.

"I'm not trying to rip off the people that are coming here to build homes, but I was hoping to get at least \$4,000 or \$5,000 to actually be able to do something," he said.

Napoli said the largest impact fees are generally for roads, schools and parks.

"Once we acquire the data necessary for it to be feasible to make that calculation, the county can still adopt those fees in the future," he said. "But at this time, those are the three best and most feasible fees that we felt there's sufficient data. They're defensible from a legal standpoint."

Hearing the commissioners' consensus to move forward, County Manager Scott Kornegay said he would give them something to vote on next month.

Once impact fees are approved, there will be a 90-day grace period before collection begins.



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6 PM	Swine & Steer Auction
5 PM	BUSA & BUCSS Swine & Steer Auction
5 PM	Midway Opens
11 PM	Midway Closes
<b>SATURDAY, March 8</b>	12 PM Buildings and Barns Open to Exhibitors Only
12 PM	BUSA & BUCSS Swine & Steer Awards Luncheon
2 PM	Midway Opens
2-3:30-5PM	Six Gun Territory Legacy Show
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11 PM	Midway Closes
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# Starke commissioners fight reputation for high electric rates

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD  
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The city of Starke would promote the advantages of living and doing business here than still defending itself from complaints about high electricity rates.

In January, General Manager Drew Mullins told commissioners Starke finished 2024 with one of the lowest average electric bills out of 33 municipal members of the Florida Municipal Power Agency and lower than all investor-owned utilities in the state.

The report came after news that Bradford County's government was working with a consultant to improve the efficiency of its facilities and operations to reduce its annual utility costs. Among the issues the consultant listed were high electric rates.

Commissioner Bob Milner, the former sheriff, reminded everyone that his bill for the jail included all utilities and services water, sewer and garbage collection, not just electricity, although that was not mentioned. Commissioner Scott Roberts said the narrative about high electric rates was a thing of the past, and the city needs to be proactive about sharing the positive, including system reliability and quick restoration following outages.

Starke officials are sensitive to the city's reputation for having high electric rates — a reputation that makes it more difficult to attract new residents and businesses. It persists though it has been years since citizens came to meetings complaining that the fuel adjustment charge was doubling their electric bills and businesses left saying it was too expensive to stay.

The price of the natural gas used to generate most of electricity purchased as an FMPA member was never something the city commission could control, but changes in the way the agency contracted to purchase

that fuel has been able to lock in lower prices in a volatile market.

In February, Mullins updated the commission following an FMPA strategic planning session he attended with Mayor Andy Redding. Saying the agency's mission is to provide reliable low-cost energy to its members, Mullins touted the rate stabilization program, which kicked off in the 2022 at a time, he said, when natural gas prices were "insane."

To help stabilize the cost of generation against market fluctuations, he said FMPA contracts up to 75% of its gas purchases up front at a fixed long-term price. This winter 60% of purchases were at this price. The result was a nearly 30% savings on wholesale power prices, with members paying \$85.50 per Megawatt-hour instead of \$110. That means bills were 30% lower than they would have been otherwise, according to Mullins.

"This is an enormous savings for our customers versus what we saw in 2022 when natural gas prices were above \$9," he said. "Investor-owned utilities like FPL aren't able to do this and combined with other factors, that results in higher electric rates than municipal-owned electric utilities like Starke."

"As a result of measures FMPA has taken to stabilize pricing, our current rates are near the same level as 2015 even considering inflation," Redding said.

Last year, residential bill comparisons from January to December showed the average municipal electric bill was \$122.29 per 1,000 kilowatt-hours. There were only eight other cities more affordable than Starke, and like Starke, all of them were under \$120. Only Alachua was under \$100. On the other hand, investor-owned utilities in Florida averaged \$148.47 for the same amount of power during the same period.

To further illustrate the pricing

trend Florida municipal electric utilities were higher on average than the U.S. average and investor-owned utilities in 2010, with cities being at \$120 per 1,000 kWh, the U.S. at \$115 and IOUs at \$109. By 2024, Florida municipal utilities bills increased just 2%, compared to 28% at the state's IOUs and 43% across the U.S.

As for reliability of the system, FMPA has recognized Starke as one of 13 out of 33 members with a record of restoring power in under 60 minutes, according to Mullins.

"Our restoration time has been under 50 minutes, which is a testament of the investments and dedication of staff. Being the oldest municipal power provider in the state, I am extremely proud of the work that has been done for this accomplishment," he said.

Contributing to this success is the city's investment in the system, including extensive annual tree trimming, upgrading of equipment, pole replacements, circuit rerouting, and staff training and retention.

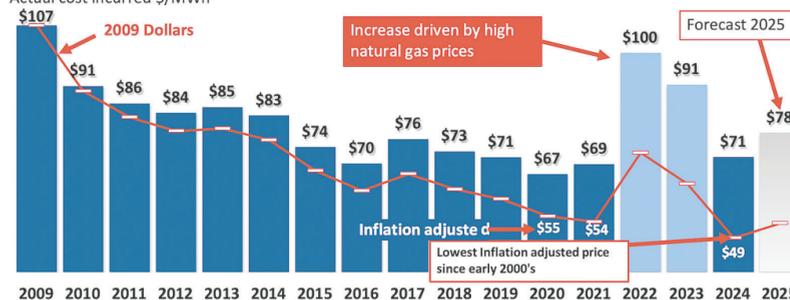
Eighty-two percent of FMPA's power is generated with natural gas, and that is expected to grow to 85% by 2033. It is the only provider for which that is true, according to the presentation shared by Mullins. While FMPA does have a plan to increase generation using solar power from 1% to 9% by 2033, others are moving at a faster rate. Florida Power and Light plans to increase its solar generation from 6% to 38%, reducing its reliance on natural gas to 42% within 10 years. By that time, 31% of the state's power could be generated by solar, compared to 5% now. Nuclear generation (around 20% of FPL's and 11% of statewide generation) will remain relatively unchanged.

Only time will tell what that means for electric customers.

## FMPA Power Costs Coming Back to 2015-2021 Levels Inflation Adjusted: 2024 Wholesale Prices Lowest Since 2000's

### All-Requirements Project Power Costs

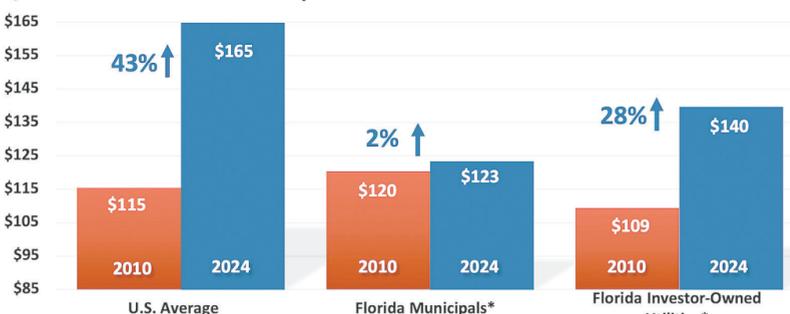
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Source: Inflation adjustment: <https://data.bls.gov/cgi-bin/cpi/calc.pl?>

## Florida's Municipals Competitive Municipal Rates 2% Higher than in 2010, U.S. Rates Up ~40%

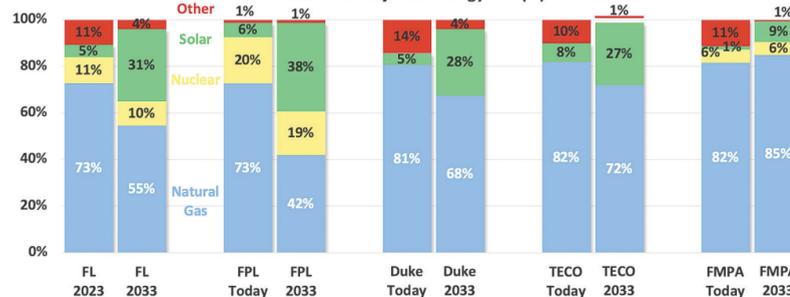
### 1,000 kWh Residential Bill Comparison



\*IOU and Muni rates weighted by 2010 & 2023 annual load.

## FMPA is More Gas Exposed Than Others In Florida Utilities Adding Solar, Storage and Some Gas, Solar Pace May Slow

### Actual and Projected Energy Mix (%)



Sources: FL 2023 represents state generation from the FRCC Load and Resource Database. FMPA 2023 represents actual generation from the ARP fleet. IOU data derived from 2024 Ten-Year Site Plan Filings with most recent historical year (2023) shown.

# Rawson enters Florida House race

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Calling himself a "fearless conservative," Marshall Clayton Rawson of Hampton has entered the race as a Republican candidate for the District 10 seat in the Florida House.

A business owner, former law student, and member of the Florida Guard, Rawson brings a diverse background to his campaign, which he says centers on safeguarding Florida's agriculture, defending individual freedoms and promoting responsible government.

"I'm running because every day, the Florida that I love loses another 800-1,000 acres of greenspace and agricultural land to soulless suburban development and shopping malls," said Rawson, reflecting on his concern for the state's rapid urbanization. "I will be Florida's greatest advocate when it comes to conservation and Florida agriculture."

Rawson is the owner of Free State Growers, a multi-county agricultural business in north Florida, and says he knows the challenges facing rural communities. He is also an advocate for preserving the state's historic green spaces, which he believes are essential to Florida's unique identity and quality of life.

"We need leadership that will protect Florida's natural beauty and ensure our resources are safeguarded for future generations," he said.

Rawson's qualifications go beyond his work in agriculture. A graduate of Jacksonville University, he earned a degree in history and was an active member of several student organizations, including Phi Alpha Theta American History Honors Society and Young Americans for Liberty. He also earned a reputation for his achievements in track and field athletics.

He later earned his law degree from the University of Florida College of Law in 2023, focusing on corporate and land use law. Rawson's professional experience includes roles as an intern for Republican Congressman Paul Broun, as a legal assistant to Secretary of State Cord Byrd and as a legal intern for the Florida Department



Marshall Clayton Rawson

of Agriculture.

Rawson's political platform centers on issues that are important to both his personal values and the needs of District 10. He advocates for tax relief, with a strong stance against tax hikes by local governments. He is also passionate about defending Second Amendment rights, opposing "woke" educational policies, and protecting life.

"I'm sick of seeing local government take the fruits of our labor, taxing us to fund libraries and curriculums that push sick, woke, anti-Western, and anti-Christian propaganda on our youth," Rawson said. "I will continue the fight I've started at the local level to remove these harmful influences and ensure that our children are raised with the values that made this country great."

Rawson opposed a constitutional amendment to restore abortion rights, working to help defeat Amendment 4. He pledges to continue supporting the pro-life cause.

Additionally, Rawson has been vocal in defending Florida's historic monuments, including veteran memorials and the Ten Commandments.

"Tallahassee desperately needs the courage to stand up against the radical left and their efforts to erase

our history," Rawson said. "I have defended our historic monuments all across Florida, and I will continue that fight in the legislature."

On national security, Rawson said he has served on the Texas/Mexico border to help secure the nation.

"On Day 1, I will work to support our governor and president to ensure we have the safest and most secure border on the planet," he said.

Rawson is a married father of four and a member of Grace Life Baptist Church in Lake City. His conservative values are earning him endorsements from local government officials, including Kenny Thompson in Bradford County, Mac Johns in Union County and Tim Marden in Newberry.

The District 10 seat is currently held by Rep. Chuck Brannan, whose final term is ending in 2026. Currently, the only other declared candidate in the race, according to the state, is Brannan's son, Chase Brannan.

## Hospital launching program for people 55+

Lake Butler Hospital is pioneering a program for those 55 and older to keep them active, sharp and connected. Gather practical health wisdom to make your days brighter and more independent. Laugh, learn

and grow with folks who share your zest for life. Each event will include delicious snacks, keepsakes and a chance to win prizes. The program begins Thursday, March 13, and will continue

every second Thursday each month from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Lake Butler Hospital. Let them know to expect you by calling 386-496-9277.

## New Covenant anniversary

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

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# Lake Butler Wawa hits a glitch

BY TRACY LEE TATE  
Special to the Times

At the Feb. 18, regular meeting of the Lake Butler City Commission City Manager Kimberly Hayes reported about two grants, one the city has already received and another that is in the application process, as well as a status report on the new Wawa planned in the city.

Wawa is still going through the necessary paperwork before being able to begin construction on its new store in Lake Butler. Hayes said that it had been discovered that the land on which the company plans to build is actually made up of two parcels. This presents a problem as building a business on two lots is not allowed by the land use regulations, so WAWA engineers, with the assistance of Kimley-Horn and the North Florida Regional Planning Council will have to apply to have the two parcels combined into one.

The city had received a grant for new equipment from the USDA and Hayes reported on the purchases made with it. Purchases included:

A towable lift for \$44,500 from Lift Source

A panel pump truck for \$32,858 from Thompson Pump & Manufacturing Company

Two Gravely Pro-Turn 52-inch Pro-Turn zero turn lawnmowers for \$18,827.64 from Union Power Equipment

A 2025 Big Tex dump trailer for \$8,690 from Texas Trailers

A sewer snake for \$6,558

Hayes said the invoices and forms for the purchases are in the process of being sent to the USDA-Rural Development office for reimbursement with the USDA grant funds.

Hayes also told commissioners that the request for proposals and request for qualifications deadline for the Florida Boating grant (FBIP) had been extended to Mar. 12 due to grant compliance issues required for the grant.

Later in the meeting, Public Works Director Sam Norris said he was happy to be getting the new equipment but wants to "put the new mowers on the shelf" until all the use can be gotten out of the old ones on hand. Some of the city's older mowers are in bad shape, but still running and others need some basic repairs and Norris said he wanted to continue to use them as long as possible before starting the use of the new ones.

Norris also spoke to the board about the city's electric meters. The meters currently in use by the city, which were purchased in 2018 through a grant program. These meters are of the type where the monthly readings are transmitted directly to city hall to facilitate billing. Norris said that he and his work crew were putting in quite a few hours servicing and repairing these

meters. He said that the meters were not of good quality and were wearing out. He suggested that the city look into purchasing new meters that could be read remotely from a truck and that the cost of paying someone to drive around and read the meters remotely would most likely be less than the hours now being spent on repairing the old meters. It was also noted that the warranty on the current meters runs out this year.

Norris also reported that, since the watermain break near the water tower city workers had been spending a great deal of time dealing with smaller leaks around the city and checking valves so ensure they were operating properly (after it was discovered that the one at the water tower would not close at the time of the watermain break). The most significant of the leaks occurred near DLP Bank and required 400 ft of 1 1/2" pipe to repair. He also said that his crew would soon be beginning to check and maintain the manholes around the city.

At the same meeting the commissioners unanimously approved agreements with FDOT to allow them access to rights-of-way and easements for the Union County grant-funded projects to repair and improve sidewalks in the vicinity of the schools and renewed a long-time agreement for the maintenance of traffic lights in the city.



At the ribbon cutting for Orion Protection and Investigations (L-r) Gerald Smith III, Alyssa Paul holding Osiris Paul, Oliver Paul, Owner Zachary Paul, and Susan Festavan.

## Investigation office opens in Starke

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
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Orion Protection and Investigations cut the ribbon on its West Madison Street office in February.

Owner Zachary Paul said he spent part of his childhood a block away from the new office on South Street.

The licensed investigator said that Starke is his hometown, and his office is central to his primary business area of North Florida.

Paul started in the profession working on cyber investigations for businesses that had been hacked or that were victims of online fraud.

"Then I transitioned into pharmacy work and did fraud investigations," he recalled. "I really had a knack for investigating, and I really enjoyed it."

Paul said he considered a career in law enforcement, but with a new family, he wanted to avoid the danger and stress associated with police work.

"So, I decided to become a private investigator," he said. "That way, I could do what I loved: investigations and not necessarily have the danger of everyday police work."

He said cyber investigations remain a big part of his business, like investigating bank fraud or threats received through email or other digital means. However, the firm also does surveillance, missing persons cases, wrongful death, homicide, and background checks.

"If you're going into business with someone and you want to know what they're like," he said, "we do a cyber investigation to see their habits, what they're

liking, what groups they're connected to, and who their associates are, to get a full understanding of who that person is."

Paul said his firm has partnered with the FBI on cyber cases and with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office on drug and dog fighting rings.

"Whenever we come across something criminal, and charges can be brought," he said, "we make sure first to ask our client if we're allowed to release confidential information. If they agree to that, then we go to the respective law enforcement agency and let them know what's going on and how we can help them and just partner with them to try and bring down that crime."

The firm has also protected

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## March 16 service on John 3:16

Join New River Baptist Church on Sunday, March 16, for a special event called

3:16 on 3/16. Come hear an encouraging word from the Bible's most well-known verse, John 3:16. Bible study begins at 9:15 a.m. followed by the worship service at 10:30. Dinner on the grounds will follow the service in the fellowship hall.

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

## TANK

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by Kent Bros., Inc., of Palatka, was \$1,008,093, exceeding the grant amount by \$278,093. At the January meeting of the commission, Mittauer engineers

suggested that the city consider refurbishing the existing tank rather than replacing it and discussed this with the lowest bidder, who responded with a bid of \$680,390 to do the refurbishment. Mittauer had already arranged for the change in plans to allow the refurbishment

rather than the replacement and DEP agreed to the change.

This refurbishment would include an inspection and testing and repairing any leaks, the removal of the old coating, any necessary upgrades and repairs to the tank (inside and out), finishing with a complete wash-out and disinfection of the interior of the tank. At the end of the process the 200,000-gallon tank will function as well as a new one. There is optional work included in the bid as well, including coatings on baffle walls and an interior wall liner, but these items are not necessary to make the tank safe to use and fully functional. Hendrix pointed out that if the city would forgo the optional work, it would save \$340,792 of the grant funds, which could then go towards paying for other aspects of the project. She also said that Mittauer would accompany city representatives to discuss

the project with Kent Bros. and see if more saving could be negotiated.

The commission voted unanimously to approve awarding the bid to Kent Bros. and the change order to refurbish the tank rather than replace it. Hendrix and City Manager Kimberly Hayes will accompany Mittauer representative for the negotiations with Kent Bros., with any revisions on the pricing being brought back to the board for approval.

In another project related to the treatment plant project, Mittauer recommended the award of the bid to make necessary modifications to the spray field to accommodate the output from the new plant. The lowest bidder was Commercial Industrial Corp, out of Ocala. The grant amount for this project

was \$3.5 million, with the lowest bid being \$3,346,770, again allowing an overage of funds that may be able to be used elsewhere in the project.

In a related matter, the city is one step closer to finalizing the agreement with FDOC for the provision of wastewater and back-up water services to RMC complex. The RMC has purchased water from the city but about three years ago they had their own wells dug to supply their own water, but the water lines from the city are still in place. Part of the tentative agreement includes \$2,500 for a readiness to serve clause that would provide water to the facility in case of an emergency. This readiness to serve would include keeping the water lines in good repair and ready to handle water flow on

short notice. Other figures from the tentative agreement (as the contract is being drafted) include a unit cost rate at 138% of the in-city ordinance rate based on 80% of the potable water usage, with a minimum usage charge of 12 million gallons per month. The city should receive the contract soon for approval. The figures are set to include the cost of a new employee that will be needed at the new plant.

## CREEK

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He added that the treatment facility's construction is 78% complete, and the installation of filtering media at the treatment facility is 12% finished.

Jenkins said that of the six cells at the treatment facility, Cell 1 is nearly complete. Cells 2 and 3 are ready for media when it becomes available. Cells 4, 5, and 6 are still under construction.

During the district's January governing board meeting, Jenkins reported that the project was delayed because of a contractor's inability to produce enough of the treatment facility's filtering media, which removes the brown, tannin, Black Creek water before it is discharged into Alligator Creek.

He added that the contractor was overhauling the production facility to speed up production.

During the February governing board meeting, Jenkins said the contractor had solved its production problems.

"We're happy to report that the media production facility is now fully up to speed," he said. "All the improvements have been made, so it's full speed ahead right now. We're hoping that we can start catching up, and if we stay on schedule with the production of the media, we should have enough media to fill Cells 2 and 3. It won't be in the cells, but it'll all be delivered to the staging area at Camp Blanding by the end of April... and hopefully, it'll be done towards the end of April or early May."

When questioned by governing board members, Jenkins clarified that although Black Creek's water would begin to enter Alligator Creek in March, the project would not be fully operational until a few months later.

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Every month the Lake Butler FFA hosts club day events where they engage with students in fun educational activities.



Keystone Heights High School FFA Chapter President Mallory Sanders was one of the recipients of the Greater Jacksonville Fair Scholarship.



The Keystone Heights High School FFA Chapter hosted the school's Big Man on Campus Contest on Dec. 14. This year's Big Man on Campus is Jack Poncher (pictured) 1st runner up was Ray Paddock and 2nd runner up: was Tallon Campbell.

### Prayer Walk returns for third year

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

Prayer will begin at 8 a.m. on Saturday, April 12, at Greater Allen Chapel African Methodist

Episcopal Church, 747 Pine St. in Starke (Reno community). Everyone is invited to join communities come together in prayer. The walk will extend for three miles and will end at noon.

### Food distributions at True Vine

A communitywide food distribution hosted by Farm Share and True Vine Ministry will take place Tuesday, March 11 and 25, at 10 a.m. at True Vine Outreach Ministry in Starke.

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Brianna Brooks and her entry at the Bradford County Fair.



Kelsey Reddish and Chadsity Stevens (far left and right) with two members for the middle school chapter.



Ready for an animal show at the Bradford County Fair: Kelsey Reddish, Darsyn Brooks, Maddison Lee, Ella Hewitt, Bailey Smith and Dakota Marston.



Bradford FFA members Dakota Marston, Emma Weimern, Sandra Schaffer, Bailey Smith, December Ruis and Chadsity Stevens.

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Troy Tetsone and Braylon Herndon at the FFA fair booth.



Bradford's Sandra Schaffer, Hailey Griffis, Kelsey Reddish and Kadynce Brown.



Bradford FFA's Poultry Team finished eighth in Florida, with! Koy Hartley (second from left) finishing seventh overall in the state. Pictured are team members Reece Scoggins, Koy, Mason Scoggins and Madison Lee.



FFA members are learning about planting winter gardens, bedding rows and building a trellis for peas.



Bradford's Koy Hartley and Mason Stone at the state convention with members from other FFA chapters.



The middle and high school Bradford FFA members attended the Sunbelt Ag Expo in Moultrie, Georgia. The program thanked NEFEC for providing the charter bus.

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# Keystone Heights ends golf course discussions

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
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By a 3-2 vote, the Keystone Heights City Council voted to end discussions of the city acquiring the Keystone Heights Golf Course.

Council Member Tony Brown, who unsuccessfully pushed for a similar motion last November, said he thought the city's acquisition of the approximately 46-acre tract in Bradford County would be a financial "nightmare." He added that the city faced an uncertain revenue outlook with state leaders discussing cutting

or eliminating property taxes.

Last November, Brown complained that he kept reading inaccurate social media posts that the city intended to acquire the nine-hole layout and received pushback from city residents telling him the idea was "crazy."

During the council's March 3 meeting, City Manager Charlie Van Zant gave council members a summary of his involvement in the discussions, telling them course co-owner Brad Harvey first informed city leaders in June 2024 that he intended to sell the property. The following month,

the city manager discussed the idea of the city buying the parcel with Mayor Nina Rodenroth and Harvey. Van Zant then recounted the council's November 2024 meeting, during which council members discussed the proposed purchase and, over Brown's objections, voted to instruct Van Zant to continue researching the proposal.

The city manager said he met with the homeowner's associations near the course in January and with golf course consultants, golf tourism, and communications professionals.

Council Member Elston "Speedy" Kussler, who along with Rodenroth voted against Brown's motion to terminate the discussions, said he was against the proposed purchase now but was still interested in considering the idea for the future.

"I just hate to drop it," he said. "I know we can't buy it. I know I wouldn't vote to buy it, but I don't want to discourage anybody if it's not costing us anything."

Kussler added that investors might, in the future, join the city in a golf course deal, and

he did not want to terminate that possibility.

Rodenroth said the course attracts area residents outside the city to spend money within the municipality. She also noted that several golf courses, including some city-owned and some identified as historic, were doing well.

"There are teams of golfers who do come (from) out of state; again, they're not (Keystone Heights residents), but they come and spend money," she told her colleagues. "They'll spend it in our town, but they'll also spend

it on that golf course."

The mayor said that although the city could not handle buying the course now, she did not want to shut down conversations about a future investment.

City Attorney Rich Komando cautioned council members that if they bought the course, they would have to communicate a legitimate public purpose for the acquisition.

He added that contrasted with the airport and cemetery, which the city acquired at no cost, the asking price for the golf course is \$1 million.

# Four road improvement projects underway in Union County

BY TRACY LEE TATE  
Special to the Times

The Florida Department of Transportation has been generous with Union County. Over the years FDOT, through both its SCRAP and SCOP grant programs have paved, repaved or otherwise repaired several hundred miles of Union County roads and bridges. As a financially constrained county, Union needs this help to ensure

the safety and welfare of its citizens.

There are four projects currently approved and underway in the county, two still in the design phase of the project, one with the design completed and one underway now.

The C.R. 18 project is underway, being accomplished by Anderson-Columbia, the contractor who was selected based on their bid for the project. The project is the second largest

of the four projects, running from S.R. 121 to the Columbia County line, a distance of 6.4 miles. This project experienced some delays getting started due to wetlands issues, which required approval from the Army Corps of Engineers to obtain the necessary permitting. The project calls for the expansion of the two travel lanes by two feet each and the widening of the shoulder from four to eight feet in width. The surface will

be milled and repaved, with any drainage issues addressed.

The CR-238N project is the largest of the approved four projects and is still in the design phase of the process. Work will run from 111<sup>th</sup> Way to C.R. 229, a distance of 7.5 miles. The surface will be milled and repaved and any drainage issues will be corrected.

The design for SW 92<sup>nd</sup> Way is complete and the project will be put out for bids soon. Again,

the grant calls for milling and repaving, as well as repair of drainage issues.

The final of the four projects is NW 89<sup>th</sup> Ave. This project is still in the design phase and will also be milled and repaved with any drainage issues addressed.

The county has five other projects requested from FDOT, but none of these have yet been approved. Originally submitted in 2024 they have been rolled over to 2025. If they are

approved or not will depend on the available funding. FDOT, which assists a number of small counties in the state, will have to decide which projects, from those submitted by these counties, will be funded this year. There are no guarantees that any of them will be funded, although those which present the greatest safety hazard to residents are usually at the top of the list.

# Woman's Club hosts Valentine's Day luncheon

BY TRACY LEE TATE  
Special to the Times

The Lake Butler Woman's Club held its annual Valentine's Day luncheon on Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2025.

Although the event has traditionally been held prior to, or on, the holiday, this year there were scheduling issues for the use of the building which is becoming more and more popular as a location for bridal and baby showers, birthday and anniversary parties, meetings and small weddings.

While the event was held after the holiday, it did not affect the community's response. About 80 people came to eat, many

bringing their valentines with them.

Diners were provided with baked ham and a large selection of salads and sides to choose from. As usual, the dessert table was the star of the show, with cakes, pies, cobblers, cookies, and cupcakes all on display.

Many people could be seen returning for seconds at both the main buffet and the dessert table, and more than a few cookies found their way into pockets to be taken home for loved ones unable to attend.

The luncheon has always been one of the club's main fundraising events, and this year's tally of donations for meals, donations, proceeds from the

50/50 fundraiser, and the silent auction tallied in at about \$1,250.

Now that the renovations of the historic building, once the original Union County Courthouse, are complete, the funds raised will all go into the club's general fund to finance the annual scholarship the club awards and other community projects, such as the support of the club in working with the city of Lake Butler to get the islands on Main St. cleaned up and landscaped in a way that they could easily be maintained, with plants appropriate to the climate and which require minimum care.

The restoration of the building is complete, and the effort to

modernize it without damaging the historical significance of the structure is a success. The club now has the opportunity to be even more supportive of the community than it has been in the past. The restoration project took several years and was funded by the club itself and many generous donations from businesses and members of the community. The total cost of the renovation was approx. \$125,000.

The clubhouse is available for rentals and events. Anyone interested in reserving it can do so by contacting any club member for more information.



Foreground: Long-time Valentines Janis and Art Peterson always make the luncheon. Background: Union County Sheriff Brad Whitehead, Katherine Reagan, Brian Reagan and a guest also enjoy the meal.

# Art studio brings creative fun to KH

BY JENN SAMSEL  
Special to the Monitor

There is nothing like having fun with splatter painting, dabbling in creativity, and designing. Keystone Heights now has a new art studio that offers precisely those experiences.

Darlene Gilhousen and her husband, Charles Gilhousen, are owners of The Dirty Pallet in Keystone Heights and Picasso's Pallet in Ocala. They have recently expanded into the Keystone Heights area and are also new residents.

Darlene and Charles have been in business for eight years, starting their journey in Ocala.

"We realized there weren't many things to do for just walk-in entertainment kind of creativity in Keystone. We realized it probably would be great for the community," she said.

Her husband recently retired after 45 years as a general superintendent for a national construction corporation, and her background in bookkeeping and accounting led them to a perfect opportunity for both of them.

"We love to see families come in, sit down, and create lasting memories together. Around Christmas time, we offer activities like making ornaments and handprints for the kids. This really resonates with me

because the children play and have fun with the clay while grandmas receive keepsakes—ornaments they can open yearly. They'll remember the special moments spent here with their grandchildren each time they do," she expressed.

Her favorite hobby is ceramics, while her husband enjoys blowing glass.

Ellen Rudowski, a customer and resident snowbird from New Jersey staying at the Keystone R.V. Resort, said, "I'm making a reservation for a Valentine's Day gift for my husband to use the splatter room. He has stage four cancer and is on oral chemotherapy. he receives

infusions, so he has to stay away from people. We are very blessed that this art studio opened up this year, as it gives him something enjoyable to do. While I'm out playing cards and participating in games, he has to stay home. Now, he can have an event just for himself and listen to his own music. It's going to be awesome; I can't wait!"

They offer a variety of art experiences, including glass blowing, pottery, painting, and resin art, which can be used for charcuterie boards or frames. They also host birthday parties, guided painting nights, a splatter room, girls' night out events, homeschool classes, monthly



Charles Gilhousen



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events, and open studio time.

For more information, visit their Facebook page or website, The Dirty Pallet, where you can

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people transporting high-dollar items, and provided protection during concerts, political and other events.

"Or maybe they just want to get transported to the airport safely," he added. "When we work with the FBI, we get people to the FBI field office safely. A lot of times, our clients are in immediate danger when it comes to working with the FBI. So basically, we get three to five vehicles, and we have armed guards that get them to their location safely."

Paul said his firm does not provide traditional security services but does provide a service he calls mobile surveillance.

"So, like for mobile home communities, hotels, and apartment complexes," he said. "Basically, we show up in a lettered vehicle that says Orion Protection and Investigations. And what we're there to do is mitigate crime through the presence of that lettered vehicle."

Paul said that crime can be lowered by 65% just by having a marked vehicle in the area.

"And then if something does

happen," he continued, "we are eyewitnesses. We get video documentation, and we can give an eyewitness report to the police officers to solve that crime much more quickly than if no one was there."

Paul attended public school in Starke for kindergarten and Northside Christian Academy for grades one through seven. He ended his secondary education in Union County, graduating early, for which he credits Northside.

Most of Orion's clients range from Hillsborough to Duval counties and into the panhandle. Paul said that although he takes on cases throughout the Sunshine State, the further he travels, the more costs and the length of time it takes to solve a case increase.

Paul said that soon, Orion will rebrand to Paragon because of a conflict with another company in Florida.

"We chose that name because Paragon is an example of excellence," he said. "It is something that people strive to be, and that's what we strive to be. We are a premier agency that gets the results and does everything that we can do in our power to get a good investigation or to protect someone to the highest."

# 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

Quisha Arthur, 25, of Hawthorne, was arrested by Bradford deputies on February 24 for a probation violation.

Amanda Breaux, 35, of Hampton, was arrested by Bradford deputies on February 27 for child cruelty.

Matthew Carter, 30, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on February 22 for an out-of-county warrant.

Ryan Chesser, 37, of Lawtey, was arrested by Bradford deputies on February 26 for possession of a weapon by a convicted felon.

Marcell Clark, 48, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on February 26 for battery.

Louis Durandis, 56, of Silver Springs, Maryland, was arrested by Bradford deputies on February 24 for DUI.

Mark Griffis, 35, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on February 24 for a probation violation.

Austin Hunt, 26, of Shelbyville, Indiana, was arrested by FHP

troopers on February 23 for racing on highways, street takeovers, or stunt driving.

Jada Jacobs, 23, of Gainesville, was arrested by Bradford deputies on February 22 for DUI.

Rahkman Lewis, 41, of Jacksonville, was arrested by Bradford deputies on February 25 for out-of-county warrants, battery, and aggravated battery.

John Padgett, 55, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on February 24 for an out-of-county warrant.

James Pennington, 32, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Bradford deputies on February 27 for failure to appear.

Anthony Polk, 37, of Brooker, was arrested by Bradford deputies on February 28 for battery.

Tyler Ruland, 29, of Jacksonville, was arrested by Bradford deputies on February 26 for arson.

Tremaine Smith, 31, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on February 26 for failure to appear.

Lyle Stone, 61, was arrested by Bradford deputies on February 26 for possession of drug equipment, possession of marijuana, DUI, and driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Sebastian Tyler, 23, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on February 24 for simple assault and stalking.

Maurice Williams, 53, of Jacksonville, was arrested by Bradford deputies on February 26 for a probation violation.

### Union

Jessica Casciani, 36, of Raiford, was arrested by Union deputies on February 27 for failure to appear.

Anthony Daniels, Jr., 23, of Gainesville, was arrested by Union deputies on February 24 for failure to appear.

Timmy Kinner, 37, a Department of Corrections inmate, was arrested by Union deputies on February 24 for resisting an officer, homicide, and smuggling contraband into a prison.

Katherine Nolan, 37, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Union deputies on February 25 for resisting an officer and a probation violation.

Jessica Ortega, 41, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Union deputies on February 25 for a probation violation.

Joshua Perry, 29, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Union deputies on February 26 for burglary and a probation violation.

Mervin Sandridge, 64, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Union deputies on February 27 for larceny.

### Clay

Kenneth Freed, 34, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Clay deputies on February 23 for vandalism.

William Kahuakua, 48, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Clay deputies on February 26 for domestic battery and adult false imprisonment.

Michael Steiber, 53, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Clay deputies on February 27 for a community control violation.

## Junior Plant Day sparks kids' passion for gardening

BY JENN SAMSEL  
Special to the Monitor

On Feb. 22, The Garden Club of the Lakes hosted its seventh annual Junior Plant Day at Bryan's Ace Hardware in Keystone Heights.

The store supplied nearly all the materials needed, including plants, seeds, pots, and soil. Six stations were available, each offering unique items to learn about. These included a bird feeder station, a pinecone bird feeder station, a radish necklace station, a "Pot Me Up" station, a small greenhouse station, and a popular favorite, the ice cream cone seed station.

Jennifer Nichols, a local shopper and mom to Lucas, brought her son in because he loves gardening. She was excited for him to learn and participate in their offered activities.

"We came to get vegetables, and Lucas was interested in participating. He loves specifically planting anything from seed and watching it grow. Probably just more about what other plants he can grow," Mrs. Nichols said.



Lucas Nichols and Jackie Host

The Garden Club of the Lakes was founded in 1959 at the home of Mrs. L.E. Harris.

Over the years, the Garden Club has received recognition from the local government, the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, and the National Garden Club for its award-winning conservation projects.

Jackie Host, chair of the Garden Club of the Lakes,

said, "The Garden Club's mission is to educate future generations so that we will have gardeners. We need people to continue growing and learning about plants because we need our farmers, and we like to eat, so we need to keep our farmers." To learn more about the Garden Club of the Lakes, visit [gardenclubofthelakes.org](http://gardenclubofthelakes.org).

## Time change this Sunday: Spring forward for Daylight Saving Time

This Sunday, March 9, marks the start of Daylight Saving Time in many regions across the U.S. At 2 a.m. local standard time, clocks will "spring forward" by one hour, moving to 3 a.m. This annual shift means we lose an hour of sleep but gain longer daylight hours, especially in the evening.

### Why do we change the time?

The concept of Daylight Saving Time dates back to World War I, when it was introduced to conserve energy. By shifting the clocks, people would use more natural daylight during the evening hours, reducing the need for artificial lighting. Though its

energy-saving benefits have been debated, the practice continues to be used in many countries today.

The shift in time is also meant to encourage outdoor activities and maximize daylight during the longer days of spring and summer. While some people appreciate the extended daylight, others find the adjustment challenging, especially when it comes to losing an hour of sleep.

### Adjusting to the change

While most digital devices automatically adjust the time, it's important to manually change clocks in places like microwaves, older appliances, and wall clocks. It can take a few days to adjust, so it's recommended to ease into the time change by going to bed a bit earlier on Sunday night.

So, don't forget: Set your clocks forward one hour this Sunday, and embrace the longer days ahead.

## Explore early farm life

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

If you have an antique tractor or old farm equipment, please contact the town of Penney Farms and request an application form at [penneyfarms@gmail.com](mailto:penneyfarms@gmail.com).



Garden Club of the Lakes members Cyndi Duncan, Carol Levine, Marian Norris, Jackie Host, Debi Laferriere, Andi Blount, and Elisabeth Summers.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF STARKE SPECIAL MAIL BALLOT ELECTION April 8, 2025

The City of Starke will be conducting a Mail Ballot Election for its residents. Ballots were mailed out on Feb. 27, 2025, and all completed ballots must be received by 7pm on April 8th to be counted. Voters MUST sign and complete the residential address to ensure their vote is valid. This election is for registered voters within the city limits of Starke only.

There will be no in-person voting options.

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Bradford County Canvassing Board meetings for the Starke Special Mail Ballot election are as follows:

- Logic and Accuracy Test – March 17, 2025, at 11am
- Ballot duplication and processing – April 3, 2025, at 11am
- Ballot duplication and processing, sign unofficial results – April 8, 2025, at 7pm
- Manual Audit, sign official results – April 11, 2025, at 11am

All meetings are held at the Supervisor of Elections office at 945 N Temple Ave, Starke, FL 32091. Any interested person may attend. Call 904-966-6266 for more information.

# Obituaries

## James Ballinger

James David Ballinger went to be with our Heavenly Father on Monday, Feb. 17, 2025. He was born Nov. 20, 1981.

Survivors are his wife, Amber Ballinger; son, Dalton Ballinger; mother, Sarah (Bruce) Prater; father, David Ballinger; sister Ashley (Troy) James; grand-parents, Alice (Jim) Brown and Wyvonna Thorp; two nephews, Jesse and Clayton James; aunt, Susan Jackson; and uncle, Saun Thorpe.

Till we meet again. Love and miss you!

A memorial Celebration of Life will be held Monday, March 10, at 5 p.m. at 102 S.E. 44th Ave., Starke.



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## Joetta Croft

Joetta Croft, 83, of Lulu, passed away peacefully Friday, Feb. 21, 2025, at UF Health Shands Hospital. Born on Aug. 15, 1941, on the Union/Columbia County line, she was a lifelong resident of Union County. After graduating from Columbia County High School in 1959, she married the love of her life, Travis "Slim" Croft, later that year. She soon began working at Belk's before she and Travis opened Croft's General Store in Lulu. She left the store to take a job at the GE battery plant before finally dedicating 23 years of her life working for J.C. Penney's until her retirement. She was not only an industrious worker, but also a devoted homemaker. Her family fondly referred to her kitchen as "Nana Jo's Buffet," a testament to her love and passion for cooking. She also loved being outside, either working the farm, gardening, tending to her flowers, or finding a fishing hole. And she always looked forward to her annual trip to the mountains, where she loved attending arts and craft shows. She was a humble woman of faith who truly embodied kindness. Her personality was characterized by a warm and loving spirit; she never uttered a cross word to anyone. She was a Godly woman who many people would lean on in troubled times. She was preceded in death by her brother, Randall Ashley "Sonny" Johnson; daughter-in-law, Lara Croft; great-niece, Elizabeth "Liz" Lavoie, and great-nephew, Garrett Dicks.

She is survived by her devoted husband of 65-plus years, Travis "Slim" Croft of Lulu; children, Kim (Tommy) Beasley of Providence and Willie (Amy Packham) Croft of Palestine; grandchildren, Nathan (Bethany Jackson) Beasley, Chaton (Selena) Croft, Datein (Hunter) Ash, and Case "Boo" (Emily Hillard) Croft; and great-grandchildren, Kimberlynn, Aliza, Emeri, Elsie, Trip and Madison. She is also survived by her brothers, Gary (Ellen) Johnson and Mitchell "Sugarfoot" Johnson; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

A funeral to honor her life was held Tuesday, Feb. 25, at her church, Lulu Baptist Church. The family received friends for a visitation on Monday, Feb. 24, at Archer-Milton Funeral Home. She was laid to rest at Swift Creek Cemetery.

Arrangements were under the care and direction of Archer-Milton Funeral Home, Lake Butler, 386-496-2008. www.ArcherFuneralHome.com

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## Timmy Hackney

Timmy "Tim" D. Hackney, 67, of Keystone Heights passed away Monday, March 3, 2025, at Haven Hospice Custeard Care Center Orange Park. He was born Nov. 20, 1957, in Madison, West Virginia to the late Paul and Shelby (Bradshaw) Hackney. He was a retired maintenance supervisor and painter. He was of the Baptist faith and enjoyed being outdoors fishing, golfing, and sitting around bonfires. He was also known for being a "project" person and loved making others laugh.

He is survived by the love of his life, Tina (Baker) Hackney of Keystone Heights; children, Jason Hackney (Josh Schuster) and Garrett Hackney, all of Jacksonville, Ethan (Jasmine) Edwards of Raleigh, North Carolina and Caitlin Edwards of Orange Park; along with siblings, Tammy Snipes and Kevin Snipes, both of Starke. He was lovingly called "Papa" by Gavin Harlow and Paislee Hackney.

The family will receive friends Friday, March 7, beginning at 1 p.m. at DeWitt C. Jones Chapel. Funeral services will begin at 2 p.m. Interment will follow at Keystone Heights Cemetery.

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

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## Vivian Horton

Vivian Ruth Horton, 85, a beloved mother, grandmother, sister, and friend, passed away peacefully Thursday, Feb. 27, 2025, at E.T. York Hospice Care Center. Born Feb. 13, 1940, in Cohasset, Massachusetts, her journey through life was marked by loving dedication, compassion, and an infectious joy that uplifted all around her. Her career as a registered nurse spanned over five decades, a testament to her unwavering commitment to caring for others. After completing her nursing education, she devoted 23 years of service to South Shore Hospital in Weymouth, Massachusetts before relocating to Florida. There, she continued her noble profession at Lake Butler Hospital, pouring her heart into her work for an additional 29 years until her well-deserved retirement. Her influence in the lives she touched as a medical caregiver will not be forgotten, her legacy woven among the many who benefited from her dedication. Outside the walls of the hospital, she embraced life with a zest that few could rival. She was a fervent lover of Disney, a passion that inspired countless trips to the magical parks—an annual pass-holder, she visited multiple times a year. The joy Disney brought to her reflected her personality; bright, whimsical, and always seeking adventure. A keen collector of tea pots, her home was a warm haven filled with memories and treasures she cherished. But above all, her profound love for her dog, Summer, was a testament to her nurturing spirit and kindness. She leaves behind a legacy of love through her family. She was preceded in death by her parents, Milton and Olive Rogers; husband, Albert Horton; her long-time companion, Clarence Harvey Gobin; and brothers, James Russel Rogers and Donald Robert Rogers.

She is survived by her sons, Kevin (Patricia) Horton and Scott Horton (Krystyna Zielinska), all of Keystone Heights; her grandchildren, Kelsey (Nic) Robideau, Lauren Horton, and Lucus Horton; and she eagerly anticipated the arrival of her great-grandson, Oswald Robideau. She also leaves a sister-in-law, Geraldine Rogers; along with nieces and a nephew; former daughter-in-law, Tammy Evans of Williston; and her lifelong friends, Lisa Perez of Lake Butler and Anne McKinnon of Rhode Island.

Friends are invited to gather to celebrate her life on Saturday, March 8. A visitation will begin at 1 p.m., followed by a funeral service at 2 p.m., at Archer-Milton Funeral Home in Lake Butler. She will be laid to rest immediately following the service at Dekle Cemetery.

It is the pleasure of Archer-Milton Funeral Home to serve the Horton family. 386-496-2008 www.archerfuneralhome.com

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## James H. Norman

James Howard Norman, born Sept. 15, 1957, in Lawtey, departed this world Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2025, at UF Health Shands in Gainesville, after a hard-fought battle with cancer. He devoted 25 years of his life to the noble profession of a correctional officer, serving at New River Correctional Institution until his retirement. He then became a devoted employee for Walmart in Lake City for the next several years. A true southern man, he was known for his generous heart and unwavering dedication to family and friends. He was the kind of man who would do anything for anyone, always placing the needs of those he loved above his own. Whether he was out fishing or tinkering away on his beloved cars, he found joy in simple, country pleasures, surrounded by the laughter of family, friends and grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Francis Howard Norman and Mary Lou Rosier Hilliard; and his sister, Mary Francis Johns.

He is survived by his wife, Theresa Norman of Sanderson; and their daughter and son-in-law, Susan "Missy" and Robert Walker of Melrose. He was a proud grandfather to Noah and Brandon Ogg, as well as a doting great-grandfather to little David Ogg. The family tree also includes step-grandsons, Garret Miller, Colby Walker, and Mitchell Walker, who reside in Colorado.

Family and friends are invited to celebrate his life and honor his memory. Visitation will be held at the New River New Congregational Methodist Church in Raiford, on Wednesday, March 5, starting at 1 p.m., followed by a funeral service beginning at 2 p.m. He will be laid to rest immediately following the service at Dyal Cemetery in Starke. Services will be officiated by Pastor Jimmy Scott and Jamie Williams.

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## Benjamin Norsworthy

Benjamin E. Norsworthy, a loving husband, father and friend, passed away Friday, Feb. 21, 2025, at the age of 44. Born Feb. 5, 1981, he was a skilled handyman who enjoyed working on projects around his home. He took great pride in providing for his family and creating a warm and welcoming space for them. His greatest joy was spending time with his loved ones. He cherished every moment with his wife, children, and extended family. His kindness, generosity and infectious smile touched the hearts of everyone he met. He was preceded in death by Donald Glenn; sisters; Lisa Brown and Janet Norsworthy; and brother, Everett Norsworthy.

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

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

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

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## Connie Oppenlander

Mrs. Connie Jo Oppenlander, 86, of Keystone Heights died Monday, March 3, 2025, at Roberts Care Center in Palatka. She was a homemaker and longtime member of Park of the Palms. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 45 years, Harold Ray Oppenlander, on Feb. 6, 2025.

She is survived by her children, Mitzi Vermuelan and Christopher Hudson. There are no scheduled services at this time.

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

## Harold Oppenlander

Harold Ray Oppenlander, 85, of Keystone Heights died Thursday, Feb. 6, 2025, at Haven Hospice in Gainesville. He was a retired systems analyst and longtime member of Park of the Palms. His wife of 45 years, Connie (Belk) Oppenlander, died Monday, March 3, 2025.

Survivors are his children, Jo Ann Crysel and Gerald Oppenlander.

There are no scheduled services at this time.

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

## Allegra Saunders

Allegra Hayes Saunders, 93, passed away peacefully at her home in Lake Butler Monday, March 3, 2025. Born Dec. 14, 1931, in Starke to the late Calvin and Annie Hayes, her life was marked by faith, love, and an unwavering commitment to her family and community. For 20 remarkable years, she served as a beloved school bus driver for Union County Schools, forging lasting bonds with the children and their families. Her outgoing personality made her a cherished figure in the lives of many, as she brightened mornings and afternoons with her warmth and kindness. A proud graduate of Union County High School, she not only excelled academically but also showcased her athletic prowess on the basketball court. Her love for the game continued during her time at Florida State University, where she played ball with fervor and dedication. Her undying spirit and zest for adventure were evident in her hobbies; she was an avid water skier, demonstrating her remarkable skills even into her 80s, proudly skiing on one leg until the age of 81. The joy she found at her lake house in Keystone, where laughter echoed during summer days filled with skiing and family gatherings, will forever remain a treasured memory for all who knew her. Her impact extended beyond her career and hobbies. She was a co-founder of the Union County Riding Club, further contributing to her community spirit. As an active member of First Baptist Church of Lake Butler, she held various roles over the years, expressing her love for teaching through her ladies' group. She often joked that she had held every position except for pastor, a testament to her dedication and generosity of spirit. Her favorite pastime, however, was riding her bike throughout town. A staple to the Lake Butler community, the cheerfulness she brought to others will be deeply missed. She was preceded in death by her cherished husband, Arthur Jesse Saunders; her beloved daughter, Sandy Saunders Hazen; siblings, Eloise Dobbs, Joyce Ward, George Hayes, and C.B. Hayes; and her parents, Calvin and Annie Hayes.

Her family was the center of her universe. She is survived by her son, Steven (Diane) Saunders of Lake Butler; grandchildren, Suzanne (Eddie) Norman of Lake Butler, Ashley (Steven) Floyd of Cody, Wyoming, and Adam Hazen of Keystone Heights; and great-grandchildren, Garrett Norman of Washington, D.C., Cale Norman of Lake Butler, Colton Cox of Lake Butler, and Annie Floyd and Claire Floyd, both of Cody, Wyoming.

Family and friends are encouraged to honor her at a graveside service at Dekle Cemetery Thursday, March 6, at 10 a.m.

It is the privilege of Archer-Milton Funeral Home to honor Mrs. Allegra and her family during this time. 386-496-2008 www.archerfuneralhome.com

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## Xavier Warren

Xavier Duane Warren was born Nov. 16, 1990, in Wurtzburg, Germany to Darrell DeWayne Warren and Patricia Reid Warren. He was delivered back to our Lord and Savior on Monday, Feb. 24, 2025. Prior to going away to college, he faithfully assisted at Union Missionary Baptist Church, Barstow, California, in working the audio/visual system and assisting his father with other church-related duties. He was educated in various school systems due to his status as a military child. He graduated from Excelsior High School, Victorville, California, and went on to complete a degree at Barstow College in Barstow, California. From there he went on to attend San Jose State University. His last place of employment was at San Francisco International Airport for United Airlines in San Francisco, California. He was preceded in death by his paternal great-grandfather, Deacon William Blake Reeves; paternal great-grandmother, Sister Lillie Mae Reeves; maternal grandmother, Virginia A. Reid; biological grandmother, Nettie Lee Webb; and paternal grandfather, Tilman H. Thompson.

He leaves behind his beloved parents, Darrell and Patricia Warren of Helendale, California; beloved sister, Yienessa D. Warren of Las Vegas, Nevada; loving grandparents, Morris and Olla Mae Paige of Raiford; loving aunt, Lakia D. Paige; aunts, Terri V. Reid and DeShawn C. Reid of Pendleton, South Carolina; uncles, Ronald M. (Seretha) Reid of Chicago, Illinois, William (Bill) (Grace) Marshall of Atlanta, Georgia, David Lee and John (Dagwood) Lee of Anderson, South Carolina; nieces, Taleya Smith, Tie'ara and Armani Poole; and a host of relatives and friends.

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## Chase Wilson

Mr. Chase Bradley Wilson, 24, of Lawtey passed away Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2025, from injuries he sustained in an automobile accident. He was born in Gainesville June 20, 2000, to Charles Bradley and Carol Jean "Jeannie" (Massey) Wilson. He was raised in Starke and graduated with the Class of 2018 from Bradford County High School. Following graduation, he became a plumber, working with Phillip McDonald Plumbing. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, riding 4-wheelers, living life to its fullest, and just being a breath of fresh air. He was a "giver," always helping when someone called on him. He was funny, enjoyed cutting up, telling jokes, and loved making others laugh; he was known for turning a boring day at work into a fun and productive one. He was a hard worker, and he had definitely touched many lives in the short time he was here on earth. In addition to his mother, he was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Spurgeon and Carol Faye Massey; and his paternal grandmother, Minnie Ann Sparks.

He is survived by his father, Charles (Brad) Wilson; brothers, William (Jamie) Reed and Shea Wilson; a nephew, Tucker Shea Wilson; along with a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and extended family members and friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, March 15, at graveside. Interment will be at Kingsley Lake Cemetery.

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# Legal Notices

Legals for the week of March 6, 2025

## BRADFORD

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

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

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

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

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you, and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Richard Davis, Jr. a/k/a Richard Davis and Sharon Davis, c/o Owens Penrod, P.A., whose address is 189 S. Lawrence Blvd., Keystone Heights, FL 32656, on or before 30 days from the 1st day of publication, and file the original with the Clerk of the Court, Bradford County, 945 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida 32091, before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.

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

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

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### INVITATION TO BID

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners is soliciting sealed proposals for the CR 325 Hampton Trailhead at Bobby Sheppard Park. All bidders must be FDOT pre-qualified for all categories of work required for this project.

Qualified firms or individuals desiring to provide the required products or services must submit two (2) packages in a sealed envelope or similar package marked "Sealed Proposal for CR 325 Hampton Trailhead at Bobby Sheppard Park" to the Bradford County Clerk located at 945 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, FL 32091 no later than 3:00 PM local time, on March 27, 2025.

All proposals MUST have the responder's name and mailing address clearly shown on the outside of the envelope or package when submitted. Proposals will be opened, and respondents announced at 3:15 PM, local time, or as soon thereafter as practical, on March 27, 2025, in the Board of County BOCC Chambers located at 945 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, FL 32091. No faxed or emailed proposals will be accepted. RFP will be provided to interested parties via email. Interested parties are to contact Jenni Bennett with CHW at jenni.bennett@nv5.com to obtain an FTP link for download of the RFP.

Project is funded entirely through FDOT SCOP, Financial Project ID: 447120-1-58-01. Design of the project is being handled by STV Incorporated. CEI services will be provided by an FDOT CEI consultant. A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at the Board of County BOCC Chambers located at 945 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, FL 32091 on Monday, March 10, 2025, at 2:00 PM. Representatives of Owner and Engineer will be present to discuss the project. Bidders are encouraged to attend and participate in the conference, but attendance is not required for submittal of Bid. The County reserves the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to reject any or all proposals, to cancel or withdraw this solicitation at any time and waive any irregularities in the RFP process. The County reserves the right to award any contract to the lowest responsive responsible bidder. The County is not bound to award any contract. The County, in its sole and absolute discretion, also reserves the right to waive any minor defects in the process.

Additional information may be obtained from: Jason Dodds, Director of Public Works (904) 966-6243 jason.dodds@bradfordcountyclerk.com BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, Bradford County, Florida

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO.: 04-2025-CP-000015

In re: THE ESTATE OF JOSEPH EDDY MOTT, also known as JOSEPH E. MOTT, Deceased.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Joseph Eddy Mott, also known as Joseph E. Mott, whose date of death was December 27, 2024, and whose Social Security Number is \*\*\*\*-\*\*-2867, is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Bradford County Courthouse, 845 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida 32091. The name and address 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 WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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

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

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

The date of the first publication of this notice is March 6, 2025.

Personal Representative: Linda Renae Mott 17344 Harrell Street Brooker, Florida 32622

Attorneys for Personal Representative: TAYLOR ARRUBLA HARDWICK P.A. By /s/Jennifer T. Arrubla James J. Taylor Jr. Florida Bar No. 334057 Jennifer T. Arrubla Florida Bar No. 98804 420 S. Lawrence Blvd. Keystone Heights, Florida 32656 Primary Email: Jennifer@tah-law.com Secondary Email: Jim@tah-law.com Kim@tah-law.com 352-473-8088 (telephone) 352-473-8161 (facsimile)

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SOUTHEAST 1/4 AND RUN NORTH 01 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 32 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY THEREOF, 218.35 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 04 SECONDS WEST, 24.09 FEET TO AN IRON ROD FOUND (1/2' LB4012) ON THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF THE RIGHT OF WAY OF NW 36TH AVE FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM POINT OF BEGINNING THUS DESCRIBED CONTINUE NORTH 89 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 04 SECONDS WEST, 91.31 FEET TO A FOUND 1/2' IRON ROD (LB4012) THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 13 SECONDS WEST, 49.84 FEET TO A FOUND 1/2' IRON ROD (LB4012) THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 16 SECONDS WEST, 79.74 FEET TO A FOUND 1/2' IRON ROD (LB4012) ON THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID EAST 3.0 ACRES; THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 55 SECONDS WEST, 373.63 FEET TO A SET 1/2' IRON ROD (LB4012) ON THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID EAST 3.0 ACRES AS PER LONG TIME POSSESSION; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 32 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID NORTHERLY BOUNDARY 174.83 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET (1/2' 4012) ON SAID WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF THE RIGHT OF WAY OF NW 36TH AVE.; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 33 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID WESTERLY BOUNDARY 429.31 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on counsel for Plaintiff, whose address is 6409 Congress Avenue, Suite 100, Boca Raton, Florida 33487 or before (30 days from Date of First Publication of this Notice) and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition filed herein.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court at County, Florida, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025.

DENNY THOMPSON  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
BY: KANETRA JENKINS  
DEPUTY CLERK

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

Telephone: 561-241-6901 Fax: 561-997-6909

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AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; FLORIDA CREDIT UNION are the Defendant(s). Denny Thompson as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Front Lobby 945 N. Temple Ave., Starke, FL 32091, at 11:00 AM, on March 27, 2025, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: LOTS 6 AND 7, BLOCK 5, SHADY OAKS, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE(S) 29, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA. Property Address: 12168 CEDAR DR, BROOKER, FL 32622

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 in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 45.031.

Dated this 3 day of March, 2025.

ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, SCHNEID, CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC  
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Danielle Salem, Esquire  
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# Legal Notices

Legals for the week of March 6, 2025

## BRADFORD

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

BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OF THE CITY OF STARKE, FLORIDA, SERVING ALSO AS THE LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY OF THE CITY OF STARKE, FLORIDA, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to the City of Starke Land Development Code, as amended, hereinafter referred to as the Land Development Code, objections, recommendations and comments concerning an amendment, as described below, will be heard by the Planning and Zoning Board of City of Starke, Florida, serving also as the Local Planning Agency of City of Starke, Florida, at a public hearing to be held on March 17, 2025 at 5:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard in the City Commission Meeting Room, City Hall located at 209 North Thompson Street, Starke, Florida.

Z 25-01, an application by HLS Rental LLC, to amend the Zoning Map of the Land Development Code 1b by changing the zoning district from COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT (B-2) to MULTI-FAMILY, RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (R-2B) on the property described, as follows: A parcel of land lying in Section 21, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida. Being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Southeast corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 21, and being on the Westerly right-of-way line of Grand Street; thence South 88°25'51" West 105.00 feet, along the South line of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 21 to the Point of Beginning; thence continue South 88°25'51" West 40.07 feet, along the South line of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 21 to the Northerly right-of-way line of Weldon Street; thence North 73°29'42" West 44.44 feet, along the Northerly right-of-way line of said Weldon Street; thence South 88°34'27" West 275.44 feet, continuing along the Northerly right-of-way line of said Weldon Street

to the Easterly right-of-way line of State Road 16 (Raiford Road) thence North 27°25'33" West 408.39 feet, along the Easterly right-of-way line of said State Road 16 (Raiford Road); thence North 62°32'06" East 478.62 feet; thence South 01°35'53" East 171.01 feet; thence South 88°25'51" West 105.00 feet; thence South 01°35'53" East 210.00 feet; thence North 88°25'51" East 210.00 feet; thence South 01°35'53" East 210.00 feet to the Point of Beginning. Containing 3.50 acres, more or less. AND

A parcel of land lying in Section 21, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida. Being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Southeast corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 21 and being on the Westerly right-of-way line of Grand Street for the Point of Beginning; thence South 88°25'51" West 105.00 feet, along the South line of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 21; thence North 01°35'53" West 210.00 feet; thence North 88°25'51" East 105.00 feet to the East line of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 21 and also being on the Westerly right-of-way line of said Grand Street; thence South 01°35'53" East 210.00 feet, along the East line of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 21 and along the Westerly right-of-way line of said Grand Street to the Point of Beginning. Containing 0.51 acre, more or less. AND

A parcel of land lying in Section 21, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida. Being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Southeast corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 21 and being on the Westerly right-of-way line of Grand Street; thence North 01°35'53" West 210.00 feet, along the East line of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 21 and along the Westerly right-of-way line of said Grand Street for the Point of Beginning; thence South 88°25'51" West 315.00 feet; thence North 01°35'53" West 210.00 feet; thence North 88°25'51" East 315.00 feet to the East line of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 21 and also being on the Westerly right-of-way line of said Grand Street; thence South

01°35'53" East 210.00 feet, along the East line of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 21 and along the Westerly right-of-way line of said Grand Street to the Point of Beginning. Containing 1.52 acres, more or less. AND

A parcel of land lying in Section 21, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida. Being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Southeast corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 21 and being on the Westerly right-of-way line of Grand Street; thence North 01°35'53" West 420.00 feet, along the East line of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 21 and along the Westerly right-of-way line of said Grand Street for the Point of Beginning; thence South 88°25'51" West 105.00 feet; thence North 01°35'53" West 60.00 feet; thence North 88°25'51" East 105.00 feet to the East line of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 21 and being on the Westerly right-of-way line of said Grand Street; thence South 01°35'53" East 60.00 feet, along the East line of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 21 and along the Westerly right-of-way line of said Grand Street to the Point of Beginning. Containing 0.14 acre, more or less. All said lands containing 5.67 acres, more or less.

At the aforementioned public hearing, all interested parties may appear to be heard with respect to the amendment. Copies of the amendment are available for public inspection at the City Building and Zoning Department, located at 209 North Thompson Street, Starke, Florida, during regular business hours. All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decisions made at the above referenced public hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings, and that for such purpose they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact the Office of the City Clerk at 904.964.5027 or via the Florida Relay Service 800.955.8770 (voice) or 800.955.8771 (TTY) at least 48 hours

prior to the date of the public hearing. 3/6 1tchg-BCT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING A SPECIAL EXCEPTION AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE CITY OF STARKE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE

BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OF THE CITY OF STARKE, FLORIDA, SERVING AS THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF THE CITY OF STARKE, FLORIDA, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to the City of Starke Land Development Code as amended, hereinafter referred to as the Land Development Code, objections, recommendations and comments concerning the special exception, as described below, will be heard by the Planning and Zoning Board of the City of Starke, Florida, serving as the Board of Adjustment of the City of Starke, Florida, at a public hearing on March 17, 2025 at 5:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the City Commission Meeting Room, City Hall located at 209 North Thompson Street, Starke, Florida.

SE 24-01, a petition by William Jason Buell, to request a special exception be granted as provided for in Section 4-105.B.3(b) of the Land Development Code, to permit a mobile home within an AGRICULTURAL (AGR) zoning district, in accordance with an application dated October 23, 2024 and site plan dated October 24, 2024, revised on November 21, 2024, revised on December 30, 2024 and revised on February 2, 2025, to be located on property described, as follows:

A parcel of land lying in Section 20 and Section 29, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida. Being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northeast corner of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 29; thence South 00°07'29" East 914.21 feet, along the Easterly boundary of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 29; thence South 88°18'51" West 209.56 feet; thence South 00°10'47" East 210.53 feet; thence South 88°06'03" West 210.00 feet; thence South 00°08'57" East 209.97 feet to the Southerly boundary of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 29; thence South 88°05'03" West 916.91 feet, along the Southerly boundary of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 29; thence North 01°04'14" East 615.56 feet, along the West boundary of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 29; thence North 40°47'57" East 1,062.92 feet; thence North 36°13'55" East 324.21 feet to the Southerly boundary of the right-of-way of County Road 229 (being on a curve concave to the Northeast and having a radius of 2,341.91 feet); thence Southeasterly, along said Southerly boundary and along the arc of said curve, 488.40 feet as measured along a chord having a bearing of South 63°57'35" East to the Easterly boundary of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 29; thence South 02°31'16" West 88.80 feet, along last said Easterly boundary of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 29, to the Point of Beginning. Containing 35.10 acres. LESS AND EXCEPT

A parcel of land lying in Section 20, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida. Being more particularly described as follows: All land lying in said Section 20. Containing 2.43 acres. All said lands containing 32.67 acres. At the aforementioned public hearing, all interested parties may appear to be heard with respect to the petition. Copies of the petition are available for public inspection at the City of Starke Zoning Department, located at 209 North Thompson Street, Starke, Florida, during regular business hours. All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decisions made at the above referenced public hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings, and that for such purpose they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact the Office of the City Clerk at 904.964.5027 or via the Florida Relay Service 800.955.8770 (voice) or 800.955.8771 (TTY) at least 48 hours prior to the date of the public hearing. 3/6 1tchg-BCT

BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT A CONCRETE MONUMENT LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID N 1/2 OF SW 1/4 OF SW 1/4 AND RUN SOUTH 89°14'00" EAST, ALONG THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY THEREOF, 575.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE SOUTH, PARALLEL WITH THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID N 1/2 OF SW 1/4 OF SW 1/4 A DISTANCE OF 300.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE FOR POINT OF BEGINNING; FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THUS DESCRIBED CONTINUE SOUTH PARALLEL WITH SAID WESTERLY BOUNDARY 100.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE SOUTH 89°14'00" EAST, PARALLEL WITH THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID N 1/2 OF SW 1/4 OF SW 1/4 A DISTANCE OF 355.10 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE NORTH 00°02'33" EAST, PARALLEL AND 396.00 FEET WESTERLY OF THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID N 1/2 OF SW 1/4 OF SW 1/4 A DISTANCE OF 100.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE NORTH 89°14'00" WEST PARALLEL WITH SAID NORTHERLY BOUNDARY, 355.01 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. ABOVE DESCRIBED PARCEL ALSO BEING CONVEYED TOGETHER WITH A RIGHT OF INGRESS AND EGRESS OVER THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PARCEL: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID N 1/2 OF SW 1/4 OF SW 1/4 AND RUN SOUTH 89°14'00" EAST, ALONG THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY THEREOF 575.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE SOUTH, PARALLEL WITH THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID: N 1/2 OF SW 1/4 OF SW 1/4 A DISTANCE OF 15.37 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE ON THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF THE RIGHT OF WAY OF A COUNTY GRADED ROAD FOR POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM POINT OF BEGINNING THUS DESCRIBED CONTINUE SOUTH PARALLEL WITH SAID WESTERLY BOUNDARY 284.63 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE SOUTH 89°14'00" EAST PARALLEL WITH THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID N 1/2 OF SW 1/4 OF SW 1/4 A DISTANCE OF 14 FEET; THENCE NORTH, PARALLEL WITH SAID WESTERLY BOUNDARY 284.88 FEET TO THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF THE RIGHT OF WAY OF AFORESAID COUNTY GRADED ROAD; THENCE SOUTH 89°44'17" WEST ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY, 14 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. PARCEL B: A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN THEN 1/2 OF THE SW 1/4 OF THE SW 1/4 OF SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT A CONCRETE MONUMENT LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID N 1/2 OF SW 1/4 OF SW 1/4 AND RUN SOUTH 89°14'00" E, ALONG THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY THEREOF 575.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE SOUTH, PARALLEL WITH THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID SECTION 23, A DISTANCE OF 400.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING THUS DESCRIBED CONTINUE SOUTH PARALLEL WITH SAID WESTERLY BOUNDARY 259.73 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE ON THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID N 1/2 OF SW 1/4 OF SW 1/4; THENCE SOUTH 89°14'50" E ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY 174.96 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE NORTH 00°34'12" E 259.66 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE NORTH 89°14'00" W PARALLEL WITH SAID NORTHERLY BOUNDARY 177.55 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. ABOVE DESCRIBED PARCEL BEING CONVEYED TOGETHER WITH A RIGHT OF INGRESS AND EGRESS OVER AND ACROSS THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PARCEL: COMMENCE AT A CONCRETE MONUMENT LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID N 1/2 OF SW 1/4 OF SW 1/4 AND RUN SOUTH 89°14'00" EAST, ALONG THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY THEREOF 575.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE SOUTH, PARALLEL WITH THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID N 1/2 OF SW 1/4 OF SW 1/4 A DISTANCE OF 15.37 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE ON THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF THE RIGHT OF WAY OF A COUNTY GRADED ROAD FOR A POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING THUS DESCRIBED CONTINUE SOUTH PARALLEL WITH THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID N 1/2 OF SW 1/4 OF SW 1/4 A DISTANCE OF 384.63 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE SOUTH 89°14'00" E PARALLEL WITH THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID N 1/2 OF SW 1/4 OF SW 1/4 A DISTANCE OF 14 FEET; THENCE NORTH PARALLEL WITH SAID WESTERLY BOUNDARY 384.88 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE ON THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF AFORESAID COUNTY GRADED ROAD; THENCE SOUTH 89°44'17" WEST ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY, 14 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. PARCEL C: A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN THE N 1/2 OF THE SW 1/4 OF THE SW 1/4 OF SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT A CONCRETE MONUMENT LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID N 1/2 OF SW 1/4 OF SW 1/4 AND RUN SOUTH 89°14'00" E ALONG THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY THEREOF 575.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE SOUTH PARALLEL WITH THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID SECTION 23, A DISTANCE OF 659.73 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE ON THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID N 1/2 OF SW 1/4 OF SW 1/4; THENCE SOUTH 89°14'50" E ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY 174.96 FEET TO

AN IRON PIPE FOR A POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING THUS DESCRIBED CONTINUE SOUTH 89°14'50" E ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY 180.32 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE (SAID PIPE BEING 396.00 FEET WESTERLY OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID N 1/2 OF SW 1/4 OF SW 1/4); THENCE NORTH 00°02'33" W PARALLEL WITH THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID N 1/2 OF SW 1/4 OF SW 1/4 A DISTANCE OF 259.62 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE NORTH 89°14'00" W PARALLEL WITH SAID NORTHERLY BOUNDARY 177.55 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE SOUTH 00°34'12" W 259.66 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. ABOVE DESCRIBED PARCEL BEING CONVEYED TOGETHER WITH A RIGHT OF INGRESS AND EGRESS OVER AND ACROSS THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PARCEL: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID N 1/2 OF SW 1/4 OF SW 1/4 AND RUN SOUTH 89°14'00" E ALONG THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY THEREOF, 929.79 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00°02'33" E PARALLEL AND 396.00 FEET WESTERLY OF THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID N 1/2 OF SW 1/4 OF SW 1/4, A DISTANCE OF 9.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE ON THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF THE RIGHT OF WAY OF A COUNTY GRADED ROAD FOR A POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM POINT OF BEGINNING THUS DESCRIBED CONTINUE SOUTH 00°02'33" E 391.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE NORTH 89°14'00" W PARALLEL WITH SAID NORTHERLY BOUNDARY 14 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00°02'33" W PARALLEL WITH SAID EASTERLY BOUNDARY, 390.71 FEET TO THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF THE RIGHT OF WAY OF AFORESAID COUNTY GRADED ROAD; THENCE NORTH 89°44'17" E ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY 14 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. PARCEL ID: 02770-0-00100 A/A 16606 NE 19TH AVENUE, STARKE, FL 32091. DATED THIS 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2025. DUANE C. ROMANELLO, P.A. /s/ William S. Frazier William S. Frazier, Esquire Florida Bar No. 0080373 1919-Blanding Boulevard Jacksonville, Florida 32210 Telephone: (904) 384-1441 Attorneys for Plaintiff wfrazier@dcrlaw.com cevans@dcrlaw.com This notice is provided pursuant to Administrative Order No.: 2.065. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to provisions of certain assistance. Please contact the Court Administrator at 945 North Temple Avenue, Room 137, Starke, FL 32091, Phone No.: (904) 966-6280 within 2 working days of your receipt of this notice or pleading; if you are hearing impaired, call 1-800-955-8771 (TDD); if you are voice impaired, call 1-800-995-8770 (V) (Via Florida Relay Services). Submitted by: Duane C. Romanello, P.A. 1919 Blanding Blvd., Suite 8 Jacksonville, Florida 32210 (904) 384-1441 (Telephone) (904) 384-4868 (Facsimile) Designated service email: wfrazier@dcrlaw.com 3/6 2tchg 3/13-BCT

# The Matthews Museum (Bradford County Museum) Needs Volunteers!

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

CASE NO.: 04-2024-CA-192 DIVISION: Circuit Civil

LBD PROPERTIES, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, Plaintiff,

VS.

TIMOTHY CANTU AND VANESSA WARREN, individually, if alive, and if dead, the unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees other persons claiming by, through, under or against them, or any of them and all unknown persons; LVNV FUNDING, LLC; CAPITAL CITY BANK; AND CAVALRY SPV I, LLC, A/K/A CAVALRY PORTFOLIO SERVICES, LLC AS ASSIGNEE OF CITIBANK N.A., Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated February 24, 2025, entered in Civil Case No.: 04-2024-CA-192 of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Bradford County, Starke, Florida, I will sell to the highest and best bidder of cash at 11:00 a.m. on April 17, 2025, at the Bradford County Courthouse, 945 NORTH TEMPLE AVENUE, STARKE, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA 32091, the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to wit: PARCEL A: A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN THE N 1/2 OF SW 1/4 OF SW 1/4 OF SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; SAID PARCEL

INVITATION TO BID

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners is soliciting sealed proposals for the CR 325 Hampton Trailhead at Bobby Sheppard Park. All bidders must be FDOT pre-qualified for all categories of work required for this project. Qualified firms or individuals desiring to provide the required products or services must submit two (2) packages in a sealed envelope or similar package marked "Sealed Proposal for CR 325 Hampton Trailhead at Bobby Sheppard Park" to the Bradford County Clerk located at 945 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, FL 32091 no later than 3:00 PM local time, on March 27, 2025. All proposals MUST have the responder's name and mailing address clearly shown on the outside of the envelope or package when submitted. Proposals will be opened, and respondents announced at 3:15 PM, local time, or as soon thereafter as practical, on March 27, 2025, in the Board of County BOCC Chambers located at 945 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, FL 32091. No faxed or emailed proposals will be accepted. RFP will be provided to interested parties via email. Interested parties are to contact Jenni Bennett with CHW at jenni.bennett@nv5.com to obtain an FTP link for download of the RFP. Project is funded entirely through FDOT SCOP. Financial Project ID: 447120-1-58-01. Design of the project is being handled by STV Incorporated. CEI services will be provided by an FDOT CEI consultant. A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at the Board of County BOCC Chambers located at 945 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, FL 32091 on Monday, March 10, 2025, at 2:00 PM. Representatives of Owner and Engineer will be present to discuss the project. Bidders are encouraged to attend and participate in the conference, but attendance is not required for submittal of Bid. The County reserves the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to reject any or all proposals, to cancel or withdraw this solicitation at any time and waive any irregularities in the RFP process. The County reserves the right to award any contract to the lowest responsive responsible bidder. The County is not bound to award any contract. The County, in its sole and absolute discretion, also reserves the right to waive any minor defects in the process. Additional information may be obtained from: Jason Dodds, Director of Public Works (904) 966-6243 jason.dodds@bradfordcountyfl.gov BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, Bradford County, Florida 2/27 2tchg 3/6-BCT

# Legal Notices

Legals for the week of March 6, 2025

## BRADFORD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING A VARIANCE AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE BRADFORD COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS BY THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to the Bradford County Land Development Regulations, as amended, hereinafter referred to as the Land Development Regulations, objections, recommendations and comments concerning a variance, as described below, will be heard by the Board of Adjustment of Bradford County, Florida, at a public hearing on March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the County Commission Meeting Room, North Wing, County Courthouse located at 945 N. Temple Avenue in Starke, Florida.

V 25-02 an application by Colten M. Bass to request a Variance be granted as provided for in Section 4.5 "A", Agricultural, Section 4.5.7 Minimum Yard Requirements, Side Lot Line from a required 25 feet to a requested 10 feet along the West East lot line of the property being described as follows; Deerfoot Hammock – Lot 13, lying in Fractional Section 4 and Section 5, Township 7 South, Range 21 East, Bradford County, Florida and being Bradford County Parcel Number 00849-0-00213. The public hearing may be continued to one or more future dates. Any interested party shall be advised that the date, time and place of any continuation of the public hearing shall be announced during the public hearing and that no further notice concerning the matter will be published, unless said continuation exceeds six calendar weeks from the date of the above referenced public hearing. Aforementioned public hearing, all interested parties may appear to be heard with respect to the appeal.

Copies of the material are available for public inspection at the Office of the Director of Zoning, Planning, and Building, County Courthouse located at 945 North Temple Avenue, North Wing, Starke, Florida, during regular business hours.

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

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## BRADFORD/ UNION

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CITY OF LAKE BUTLER, FLORIDA RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL COLLECTION, DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received at Lake Butler City Hall until 2:00PM on March 20, 2025. A pre-bid meeting will be held at 2:00PM on March 20, 2025 in City Hall located at 200 SW 1<sup>st</sup> Street Lake Butler, Florida 32054.

The City is seeking bids for Solid Waste Collection Services within the service area of Lake Butler. Residential Household Waste to be collected twice weekly. The City has approximately 730 residential homes and approximately 81 business accounts including approximately 49 dumpster accounts. Bidders must submit SEVEN (7) copies of the Bid. Bids may be obtained from City Hall 8:00am to 5:00pm Monday through Friday. For bid documents or questions regarding this information please contact the City Manager's Office at 386-496-3401 ex. 4 or hpage@cityoflakebutler.com. THE CITY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS.

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## UNION

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

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

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

Dated on February 26, 2025, KELLIE HENDRICKS RHOADES Clerk of the Court By: C. Hollingsworth As Deputy Clerk

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

Family Law Division Case No.: 2024-DR-0029 IN RE: THE MATTER OF: THE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS FOR BRAXTON WESLEY DAVIS

### AMENDED NOTICE OF ACTION FOR PUBLICATION

TO: BRIAN WESLEY DAVIS 12436 Southwest 79th Avenue Starke, Florida 32901 YOU ARE NOTIFIED THAT an action for Termination of Parental Rights has been filed against you. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to this action on I Brian M. Monk, Esq., of Monk Law Group, PLLC, Petitioner/Mother's attorney, whose address is 800 South Florida Avenue, Lakeland, Florida 33801, not later than April 11, 2025, which date shall be not less than twenty-eight (28) nor more than sixty (60) days after the first publication of this notice, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court at the Union County Courthouse, 55 West Main Street Room 103, Lake Butler, Florida 32054, either before service on Petitioner/Mother's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Amended Petition.

Brian Wesley Davis is a white male, approximately 33 years old, with brown hair and blue eyes. He is approximately 5'6" and 130 lbs. The date of birth of the minor child is August 18, 2015 and his birth place is Alachua County, Florida.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

DATED this 26 day of February 2025. CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT By: C. Hollingsworth Deputy Clerk

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO: 63-2025-CP-0004

IN RE: The Estate of: JOHN GRANT COLLINS, Deceased.

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

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

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. The date of first publication of this Notice is March 6th, 2025.

AMY F. CAIN Personal Representative FRANK E. MALONEY, JR., P.A. Attorney for Personal Representative 445 East Macclennay Avenue Macclenny, FL 32063 (904) 259-3155 Florida Bar No.: 142990 legalmail@frankmaloney.us

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

CASE NO.: 24000081CAAXMX DIVISION: PLANET HOME LENDING, LLC, Plaintiff,

vs. PAUL HUFFER AKA PAUL E. HUFFER AKA PAUL ELIOTT HUFFER, et al,

Defendant(s).

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

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

LOT 49-B OF UPLAND PINES PLANTATION, AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION DESCRIPTION A TRACT OF LAND LYING IN SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 18 EAST, UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 20 (ALSO BEING THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 21) AND THENCE RUN N 86 DEGREES 27' 24" E ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SECTION 21, A DISTANCE OF 2021.94 FEET; THENCE S 2 DEGREES 46' 29" E, A DISTANCE OF 619.62 FEET TO THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE (R/W) OF SARA LANE; THENCE S 3 DEGREES 32' 36" E, A DISTANCE OF 60 FEET TO THE SOUTH R/W LINE OF SARA LANE; THENCE S 86 DEGREES 27' 24" W, ALONG SAID SOUTH R/W LINE, A DISTANCE OF 1955.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF CURVATURE OF A TANGENT CURVE, CONCAVE TO THE SOUTH, HAVING A RADIUS OF 1115.92 FEET AND A CENTRAL

ANGLE OF 23 DEGREES 42' 25"; THENCE WESTERLY ALONG SAID R/W CURVE, A DISTANCE OF 461.73 FEET TO THE END OF SAID CURVE; THENCE S 3 DEGREES 32' 38" E, A DISTANCE OF 174.41 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING S 3 DEGREES 32' 38" E, A DISTANCE OF 309.40 FEET TO THE NORTH R/W LINE OF A 40 FOOT COUNTY ROAD; THENCE S 87 DEGREES 13' 09" W, ALONG SAID R/W LINE, A DISTANCE OF 142.23 FEET; THENCE N 3 DEGREES 32' 38" W, A DISTANCE OF 309.40 FEET; THENCE N 87 DEGREES 13' 09" E, A DISTANCE OF 142.23 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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

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

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

Clerk of the Circuit Court By: C. HOLLINGSWORTH Deputy Clerk

Please send invoice and copy to: Albertelli Law P.O. Box 23028 Tampa, FL 33623 NL - 24-010322

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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 8TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION

CASE NO. 23000078CAAXMX UNITED WHOLESAL MORTGAGE, LLC, Plaintiff,

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

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

A parcel of land lying, being and situate in Section 17, Township 5 South, range 21 East, Union County, Florida, more particularly described as follows: COMMENCE at the Northwest corner of the Southeast 1/4 of Northwest 1/4 of said Section 17, and run South 01 degree 39 minutes 35 seconds East, along the West line of said Southeast 1/4 of Northwest 1/4 of Section 17, a distance of 1332.41 feet to Southwest corner of said Southeast 1/4 of Northwest 1/4 of Section 17; thence run North 88 degrees 54 minutes 46 seconds East, along the South line of said Southeast 1/4 of Northwest 1/4 of Section 17, a distance of 552.18 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING of the hereinafter described parcel of land: Thence run North 00 degrees 57 minutes 18 seconds West a distance of 628.40 feet; thence run North 88 degrees 54 minutes 46 seconds East a distance of 346.59 feet; thence run South 00 degrees 57 minutes 18 seconds East a distance of 628.40 feet to the intersection with the aforesaid South line of the Southeast 1/4 of Northwest 1/4 of Section 17; thence run South 88 degrees 54 minutes 46 seconds West, along said South line of the Southeast 1/4 of Northwest 1/4 of Section 17, a distance of 346.59 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

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

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim before the Clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed. Dated this day 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025 KELLIE HENDRICKS RHOADES As Clerk of said Court By: C. HOLLINGSWORTH As Deputy Clerk This notice is provided pursuant to Administrative Order No.2.065. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act , If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to provisions of certain assistance. Please contact the Court Administrator at 55 West Main Street, Rm.103, Lake Butler, Fl 32054, Phone No. (352)374-3648 within 2 working days of your receipt of this notice or pleading; if you are hearing impaired, call 1-800-955-8771 (TDD); if you are voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8770 (V) (Via Florida Relay Services). Submitted by: Kahane & Associates, P.A. 1619 NW 136th Avenue, Suite D-220 Sunrise, Florida 33323 Telephone: (954) 382-3486 Telefacsimile: (954) 382-5380 Designated service email: notice@kahaneandassociates.com

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING A SPECIAL EXCEPTION AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE CITY OF LAKE BUTLER LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKE BUTLER, FLORIDA, SERVING AS THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF THE CITY OF LAKE BUTLER, FLORIDA, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to the City of Lake Butler Land Development Regulations, as amended, comments, objections and recommendations concerning the special exception, as described below, will be heard by the City Commission of the City of Lake Butler, Florida, serving as the Board of Adjustment of the City of Lake Butler, Florida, at a public hearing on March 18, 2025 at 5:45 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the City Commission Meeting Room, City Hall, located at 200 Southwest First Street, Lake Butler, Florida.

SE 25-01, a petition by Wawa Florida, LLC as agent for Pritchett Inc. and Marvin H. Pritchett Family Trust, requesting a special exception be granted as provided for in Section 4.12.5 of the Land Development Regulations to permit an automotive service station within a COMMERCIAL, GENERAL (CG) zoning district, in accordance with a site plan dated December 12, 2024, and submitted as part of a petition dated February 26, 2025, to be located on property described, as follows:

A parcel of land lying in Section 31, Township 5 South, Range 20 East, Union County, Florida. Being more particularly described as follows: Lot 15 and Lot 16 of Dekles Second Addition, as recorded in the Public Records of Union County, Florida, Containing 1.88 acres, more or less. At the aforementioned public hearing, all interested parties may appear to be heard with respect to the special exception. Copies of the special exception are available for public inspection at the Office of the City Manager, City Hall located at 200 Southwest First Street, Lake Butler, Florida, during regular business hours.

All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decision made at the above referenced public hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Any person requiring auxiliary aids and services at this meeting may contact the Office of the City Manager at 386.496.3401 at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 1.800.955.8770 (voice) or 1.800.955.8771 (TTY).

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING AN AMENDMENT TO THE UNION COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA, SERVING AS THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THE LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Sections 163.3161 through 163.3248, Florida Statutes, as amended, and the Union County Land Development Regulations, as amended, objections, recommendations and comments concerning an amendment, as described below, will be heard by the Board of County Commissioners of Union County, Florida, serving as the Planning and Zoning Board of Union County, Florida, and the Local Planning Agency of Union County, Florida, at a public hearing on March 17, 2025 at 5:45 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, County Courthouse, located at 55 West Main Street, Lake Butler, Florida.

Z 25-01, an application by JR Davis Acquisitions, LLC to amend the Official Zoning Atlas of the Land Development Regulations by changing the zoning district from RESIDENTIAL, (MIXED) SINGLE FAMILY/MOBILE HOME (RSF/MH -1) to RURAL RESIDENTIAL (RR) on property described as follows:

A parcel of land, lying in Section 28, Township 6 South, Range 19 East, Union County, Florida, more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northwest corner of said Section 28; thence South 89°14'30" East 223.27 feet, along the North line of said Section 28 to the Easterly right-of-way line of the abandoned right-of-way of CSX Transportation, Inc., (a 100 -foot

right-of-way); thence continue South 89°14'30" East 1,403.87 feet, along the North line of said Section 28; thence South 01°04'30" West 420.00 feet; thence South 89°14'30" East 495.00 feet; thence South 01°04'30" West 177.77 feet to the Westerly right-of-way line of Little Springs Road, lying on the arc of a curve concave Northwesterly; thence Southwesterly, along the Westerly right-of-way line of said Little Springs Road 284.57 feet as measured along the arc of a curve concave Northwesterly and having a radius of 2,872.75 feet, said arc being subtended by a chord having a bearing of South 49°57'38" West and a distance of 284.45 feet, to the Point of Tangency; thence South 52°47'47" West, continuing along the Westerly right-of-way line of said Little Springs Road 96.64 feet to the Point of Curvature of a curve to the left; thence Southeasterly, continuing along the Westerly right-of-way line of said Little Springs Road, 218.09 feet as measured along the arc of a curve concave Southeasterly and having a radius of 801.87 feet, said arc being subtended by a chord having a bearing of South 45°00'17" West and a distance of 217.42 feet, to the Point of Tangency; thence South 37°12'47" West 890.90 feet, continuing along the Westerly right-of-way line of said Little Springs Road to the Point of Beginning; thence continue South 37°12'47" West 306.58 feet, continuing along the Westerly right-of-way line of said Little Springs Road; thence North 89°32'31" West 926.62 feet to the Easterly right-of-way line of said abandoned right-of-way of CSX Transportation, Inc. (a 100 -foot right-of-way); thence North 09°34'39" West 249.91 feet, along the Easterly right-of-way line of said abandoned right-of-way of CSX Transportation, Inc. (a 100 -foot right-of-way) to the Point of Curvature of a curve to the right; thence Northerly, continuing along said Easterly right of way line of said abandoned right-of-way of CSX Transportation, Inc. (a 100 -foot right-of-way), a distance of 149.16 feet as measured along the arc of a curve concave Easterly and having a radius of 2,817.11 feet, said arc being subtended by a chord having a bearing of North 08°03'38 " West and a distance of 149.14 feet; thence South 89°32'31" East 940.00 feet; thence South 00°27'29" West 150.33 feet; thence South 89°32'31" East 233.93 feet to the Point of Beginning. Containing 9.00 acres, more or less. At the aforementioned public hearing, all interested parties may appear to be heard with respect to the amendment.

Copies of the amendment are available for public inspection, at the Office of the Board of County Commissioners, located at 15 Northeast First Street, Lake Butler, Florida, during regular business hours. All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decision made at the above referenced public hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact Dianne Hannon, Secretary to the Board of County Commissioners at 386.496.4241 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 800.955.8770 (voice) or 800.955.8771 (TTY).

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NOTICE OF ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ordinance, which title hereinafter appears will be considered for enactment by the Board of County Commissioners of Union County, Florida, at a public hearing on March 17, 2025 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, County Courthouse located at 55 West Main Street, Lake Butler, Florida. A copy of said ordinance may be inspected by any member of the public at the Office of the Board of County Commissioners, located at 15 Northeast First Street, Lake Butler, Florida, during regular business hours. On the date, time and place first above mentioned, all interested persons may appear and be heard with respect to the ordinance. The title of said ordinance reads, as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 95-4, AS AMENDED; RELATING TO THE REZONING OF LESS THAN TEN CONTIGUOUS ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, Z 25-01, BY THE PROPERTY OWNER OF SAID ACREAGE, TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING ATLAS OF THE UNION COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS; PROVIDING FOR REZONING FROM RESIDENTIAL, (MIXED) SINGLE FAMILY/MOBILE HOME (RSF/ MH -1) TO RURAL RESIDENTIAL (RR) OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

All persons are advised that, if they decide to appeal any decisions made at this public hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings and, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact Dianne Hannon, Secretary to the Board of County Commissioners at 386.496.4241 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 1.800.955.8770 (voice) or 1.800.955.8771 (TTY).

Dated this 26th day of February, 2025. Kelly Hendricks Rhoades Clerk of The Circuit Court By: C. HOLLINGSWORTH Deputy Clerk Submitted by: Miller, George & Suggs, PLLC ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF 210 N. University Drive, Suite 900 Coral Springs, FL 33071 DESIGNATED PRIMARY E-MAIL FOR SERVICE PURSUANT TO FLA. R. JUD. ADMIN 2.516 ESERVICE@MGS-LEGAL.COM

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1.800.955.8771 (TTY).

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

CASE NO.: 24000047CAAXMX PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION PLAINTIFF, VS.

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

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025, and entered in Case No. 24000047CAAXMX, of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Union County, Florida, wherein PHH Mortgage Corporation is the Plaintiff and AGNES R. HODGES A/K/A AGNUS RUTH HODGES A/K/A AGNUS RUTH SAPP F/K/A AGNES R. COMBS, REBECCA M. NETTLES, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF REBECCA M. NETTLES, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ROBIN CAPRICE JOHNS, ROBIN CAPRICE JOHNS, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT and UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY N/K/A LORETTA MERRITT are Defendants. Kelly Hendricks Rhoades as the Clerk of the Circuit Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the lobby of the Union County Courthouse, 55 West Main Street, Lake Butler, FL 32054 at 11:00 A.M. on the **24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025**, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: Part of the South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 15, Township 5 South, Range 20 East, Union County, Florida, containing one-acre, more or less, as defined by four concrete monuments. These monuments are located as follows: Running Southerly along the supposed East boundary of the above 20 acre tract to a monument said to be the Southeast corner thereof, run right through a deflection angle of 86°15'; Thence 163.33 feet to a point, at which turn right through a deflection angle of 48°05'; Thence Northwesterly along this course a distance of 512.00 feet, to a monument, this monument being the East corner monument of the one-acre tract herein described, thence run left through a deflection angle of 89°59'; Thence along this line, being a boundary of the one-acre tract herein described for a distance of 209.00 feet to a monument, being the Southern corner of the one-acre tract herein described, thence turning right through a deflection angle of 90°03'; Thence along this course being a boundary of the one-acre tract herein described, a distance of 210.00 feet to a monument, being the West corner of the aforesaid one-acre tract, thence turning right through a deflection angle of 89°50'; Thence along this course, being a boundary of the one-acre tract herein described, a distance of 210.00 feet to a monument, being the East corner previously mentioned; It being specifically understood the aforesaid monuments are and remain the boundaries of the parcel herein described. AND Commence at the Northwest corner of the South 1/2 of Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4, Section 15, Township 5 South, Range 20 East, Union County, Florida, and run North 84° 30' 27" East along the North line of said South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4, 146.89 feet, thence South 44° 32' 28" East, 420.69 feet to the point of beginning, thence South 42° 52' 17" West 122.00 feet, thence South 47° 08' 43" East, 210.00 feet, thence North 42° 52' 17" East, 210.00 feet, thence North 47° 08' 43" West 210.00 feet, thence South 42° 52' 17" West, 88.00 feet to the Point of Beginning.

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# KHHS baseball team defeats BHS for 7th straight win

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
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Keystone Heights High School had three three-run innings, while starting pitcher Tyler Brinson gave up four hits in five innings in an 11-3 win over host Bradford in a baseball game on Feb. 27.

Brinson gave up one run (unearned) and struck out three as the Indians (7-2) won their seventh straight game.

The Indians scored three runs in the top of the first, with Austin Smith hitting a two-run double and Brinson driving in a run on a single.

A three-run third gave Keystone a 7-1 lead. Brinson hit an RBI single and later scored on a steal of home when Bradford tried to throw out Gage Barry on a steal attempt of second. Ethan Franklin drove in the inning's third run on a single.

The top of the fourth saw the Indians put another three runs on the board. Barry and Smith each had an RBI single, while another run scored on an error.

Bradford relief pitcher Jerry Baxter, who entered the game in the third, held the Indians to two hits in through the final three innings. He allowed four hits in all and two runs.

The Tornadoes scored two of their runs in the sixth, with Jaron Hale and Ryder Thompson drawing bases-loaded walks.

Keystone's Brock Screen, who entered the sixth with the bases loaded and two outs, recorded a strikeout to prevent Bradford from scoring any other runs.

Screen, who also pitched the seventh, allowed one hit and struck out three.

Smith and Brinson finished with three and two RBI, respectively, with Brinson going 3 for 4 and Smith going 2 for 3. Barry went 2 for 4 with an RBI, while Franklin and Ty Mitzel also had one RBI each.

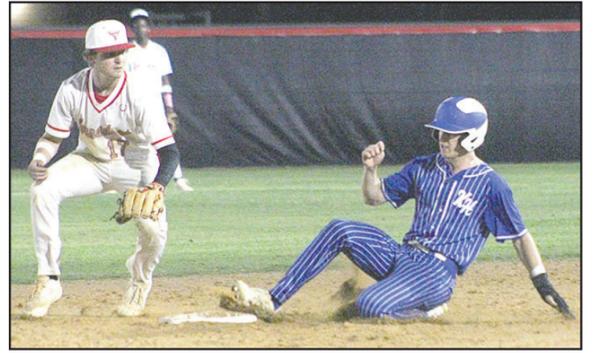
Destin Harnage finished 2 for 5.

Nehemiah Flowers went 2 for 3 for Bradford, scoring two of the team's three runs.

Keystone entered the game off a 10-8 win at Santa Fe on Feb. 26.

The Indians squandered a 7-1 lead when Santa Fe scored seven runs in the bottom of the sixth, taking advantage of two singles, a double, a triple, a walk and two errors.

Keystone scored three runs in the seventh. With one out and no one on, Barry singled. After



Keystone's Andrew Wilson (right) steals second as part of the Indians' three-run fourth that put them up 10-1. Bradford second baseman Ryder Thompson is also pictured.

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**WIN**

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a strikeout for the second out, Mitzel walked. Harnage drove in

both runners on a single to give the Indians a 9-8 lead.

Andrew Wilson drove in the final run on a single.

Harnage, who went 3 for 5 with three RBI, hit an RBI single

as part of a four-run fourth inning that put the Indians up 6-1. That big inning also included an RBI double by Mitzel.

Wilson and Tallon Campbell each had two RBI, with Wilson

going 2 for 3 with a double.

Smith and Barry went 3 for 3 and 2 for 3, respectively. Smith had one RBI.

Starting pitcher Barry threw five innings, giving up one run

(unearned) and one hit, while striking out seven.

The Indians played Baker County this past Tuesday and were scheduled to play at West Nassau on Wednesday, March 5, at 6:30 p.m. Keystone hosts

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## BHS' Acevedo earns 2 wins at Region 1-1A wrestling meet

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
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Wyatt Acevedo won two matches, but the season ended for him and three of his Bradford High School teammates at the Feb. 28-March 1 Region 1-1A wrestling meet at Bay High School in Panama City.

Wrestlers had to place in the top four to earn a berth in the state finals.

Acevedo, who wrestles in the 144-pound class, pinned Suwannee's Jose Garcia in 2:43, but then lost by a 19-1 technical fall to North Bay Haven's Jack Mulnix, who would go on to win the championship match. Acevedo bounced back by pinning Marianna's Connor Chandler in just 28 seconds, but his tournament came to an end with a 16-0 loss by technical fall to Baker County's Jareb Lauramore, who would go on to place fourth.

Bradford's Daniel Banda and Miguel Rivera each went 1-2.

Rivera, who wrestles in the 150 class, opened with a 19-3 loss by technical fall to South Walton's Sam Madden. He then pinned Marianna's Samuel Basford in 4:54 before being eliminated when he was pinned in 25 seconds by Wakulla's Aaron Robinson. Robinson qualified for state by placing third.

Banda, who wrestles in the 157 class, earned a 16-1 win by technical fall over South Walton's Sebastian Dewitz, but then lost 23-11 by major decision to Fernandina Beach's Hassan Hlodalla and by 7-1 to Baker County's Sebastian Overland.

Hlodalla and Overland went on to place third and fourth, respectively.

The Tornadoes' Jonathan Armstrong got to participate in the tournament as an alternate. He went 0-2 in the 126 class, getting pinned by Bishop Kenny's Dylan Lunsford (the eventual class runner-up) and Baker County's Christian Gravelle.

## KHHS' Contes falls just short of state berth

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
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Keystone Heights High School's Atreyu Contes and Mikey McCall wrestled at the Feb. 28-March 1 Region 2-1A meet at Palm Bay High School in Melbourne, with Contes coming up one win short of qualifying for state.

Contes, who wrestles in the 113-pound class, started off with a 12-4 loss by major decision to Bell Creek's Gavin Najera, but then strung together three wins before being eliminated in the consolation semifinals. Contes earned his first win by pinning Nature Coast Tech's Julain Arce in 1:50. After a 7-0 win over Space Coast's Zakary Cordova, he won by an 8-0 major decision over Cocoa's Ivan Townsend.

Needing one more win to advance to the third-place match, Contes was pinned in 1:30 by Weeki Wachee's Nick Guy, who would go on to place third.

Najera, who defeated Contes in the first round, would place fourth, earning the last state-qualifying spot.

McCall went 0-2 in the 138 class, getting pinned by Weeki Wachee's Levi Chancey and Avon Park's John Jones.

## 5 Union County wrestlers have season end at regional level

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
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Five Union County High School wrestlers saw their seasons end at the Feb. 28-March 1 Region 1-1A tournament at Bay High School in Panama City, with three earning one win each.

Wrestlers needed to place in the top four to qualify for the state finals.

Gavin Sparkman, who wrestles in the 138-pound class, opened with a win over Parker's Joshua Coppock, pinning him in 1:27. Sparkman was then pinned in 2:47 by Liberty County's Jay Brown (the eventual class champion) before being eliminated with an 8-7 loss to Suwannee's Jonathan Gonzalez.

Wyatt Elixson, who wrestles in the 165 class, pinned Baker County's Ceylub Winn in 5:11, but then lost 16-1 by technical fall to Liberty County's Josh Mercer, who would go on to place fourth. Elixson was eliminated when he was pinned in 4:24 by Marianna's Jaden Cody.

Like Elixson and Sparkman, Carsen Thomas also went 1-2. Thomas, who wrestles in the 175 class, was pinned in 2:21 by Suwannee's Clay Starling, who'd go on to place third. He bounced back by pinning Rocky Bayou Christian's Cameron Ross in 52 seconds, but then lost 23-7 by technical fall to Yulee's Austin Weise.

Union's Breydan Peugh (113 class) and C.J. Ivey (190) each went 0-2. Peugh was pinned by Wakulla's Patrick Cooksey (eventual fourth-place finisher)

and Stanton Prep's James Leiby, while Ivey was pinned by Rocky Bayou Christian's Clay Nelson (eventual champ) and Jackson's Johnathan Cummings.

## BHS defeats Hamilton Co. 8-1 in baseball

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
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Starting pitcher Ryland Rike struck out nine batters, while Jaxson Carter drove in three runs in the Bradford High School baseball team's 8-1 win over visiting Hamilton County on March 3.

The Tornadoes (6-3) scored five runs in the third and fourth innings to go up 7-1. Carter hit a two-run double in the third, which also included a run-scoring single hit by Taylor Bice. Carter and Breion Johnson each drove in a run in the fourth.

Avery Burgin and Rike went 2 for 3 and 2 for 4, respectively.

Bice, Johnson, Kyler Hall and Gabe Rhoden each had one RBI. Rike pitched five innings, allowing one run and five hits.

Patrick Pendarvis threw the final inning, giving up no hits.

Bradford travels to play P.K. Yonge on Friday, March 7, at 7 p.m. The Tornadoes then host Baker County on Tuesday, March 11, at 6:30 p.m.

The win over Hamilton came after an 11-3 loss to Keystone Heights on Feb. 27 (see related story). Bradford won two straight prior to that loss.

On Feb. 25, the Tornadoes hosted Hilliard, putting together an eight-run third inning in what was a 10-2 win.

A Pendarvis single scored the first run of the third, while a Burgin single scored two. Carter later followed with a two-run

single of his own, while Rike, batting for the second time in the inning, drove in two with a double. Matthew Stafford scored the inning's final run on a passed ball.

Burgin, Carter, Pendarvis and Rike all finished with two RBI each, with Pendarvis going 2 for 3 with a double and Burgin going 2 for 4.

Rike pitched a complete game, giving up six hits and striking out nine.

Kaedan Parks hit a double and a triple and drove in four runs in Bradford's 10-5 win over visiting Parker on Feb. 26.

Like the previous game, the Tornadoes had a big third inning, scoring seven runs. Jaron Hale's sacrifice fly brought the first run home. With two outs and the bases loaded, Parks hit a double that scored all three runners. After Parks scored on a Burgin single, Nehemiah Flowers hit a two-run homer to put the Tornadoes up 7-0.

Rike and Parks finished 2 for 3 and 2 for 4, respectively, while Flowers had two RBI.

Burgin, Carter and Hale each finished with one RBI.

Starting pitcher Burgin gave up four runs and five hits through 5.1 innings. He had four strikeouts.

Stafford finished it off on the mound, allowing one run and two hits.

## UCHS baseball team has big 5th in win over Trinity Catholic

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Union County High School's baseball team scored all of its runs in the fifth inning and

survived a seventh-inning rally that featured a grand slam to defeat host Trinity Catholic 7-6 on Feb. 27.

It was the seventh straight win for the Tigers (7-1) after opening the season with a home loss to Trinity Catholic.

The Tigers loaded the bases in the fifth, with Foster Smith and Carter Whitehead each hitting a single after a Kacen Thomassen walk. Landen Miller drew a walk to force a run in, while another scored when Brezdyn Browning was hit by a pitch. Jeffrey Brugh reached on an error, which allowed a run to score, before Miller scored on a passed ball. Trenton Klein hit an RBI single, while the final runs occurred on sacrifice fly balls hit by Jake Walker and Erick Lasseter.

Union led 7-1 going into the bottom of the seventh. The Celtics scored one run on a double by Matthew Wetherell. After a hit batter and a walk loaded the bases, Tommy Silva drove an 0-1 pitch over the fence in left, pulling the Celtics to within one.

A fly out to Brugh in center field ended the game.

Thomassen, Walker and Bo Wilson all pitched, combined to allow just four hits. Thomassen, who started, gave up one run and two hits through five innings.

The Tigers entered the game off a 3-2 win at Dunnellon on Feb. 26 in which Walker drove in the winning run.

It was 2-2 going into the sixth. Klein was hit by a pitch, advanced to third when Lasseter reached on an error and then scored on a sacrifice fly by Walker.

Brugh had half of the Tigers' eight hits, going 4 for 5.

Starting pitcher Lasseter gave up two runs (one earned), six hits and no walks in six innings.

Walker threw the final inning, allowing no hits.

Union played Oakleaf this past Tuesday and will host University Christian on Friday, March 7, at 7 p.m. The Tigers then travel to Ocala to play Forest on Monday, March 10, at 7 p.m.

## BHS softball team falls to Bishop Snyder

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Visiting Bishop Snyder scored five unearned runs in defeating the Bradford High School softball team 6-2 on Feb. 26.

Bradford (1-2) had just two hits and trailed 6-0 before Kingslee Phillips and Keegan Yowell each drove in a run in the sixth.

Bailey Smith pitched a complete game, giving up nine hits and striking out three.

The Tornadoes played Newberry this past Tuesday and will travel to play P.K. Yonge on Thursday, March 6, at 7 p.m. Bradford travels to play Toco Creek on Friday, March 7, at 6 p.m. before returning home to play Hawthorne on Tuesday, March 11, at 7 p.m.

## Bowles hit gives KHHS softball team 7-6 win over Providence

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Cadie Bowles hit a walk-off single in the bottom of the seventh as the Keystone Heights High School softball team defeated visiting Providence 7-6 on Feb. 28.

After Providence scored a run in the top of the seventh to tie the score at 6-6, the Indians had one out with no one on when Shelby Stewart was hit by a pitch. Stewart was replaced by courtesy runner Kaleigh Marquart, who advanced to second on a Bella Cumbo single into right field. Both runners advanced on Talyer Buchanan's sacrifice bunt.

Bowles then stepped to the plate and hit the first pitch she saw, which brought Marquart home with the game winner.

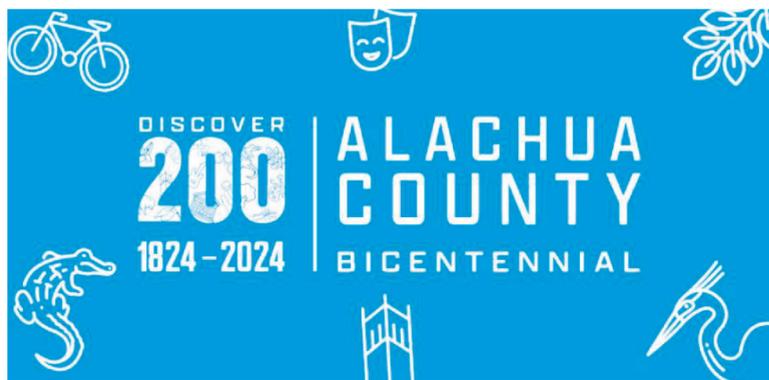
That capped a 2-for-5 night for Bowles.

Cumbo was the only other batter to finish with multiple hits, going 2 for 3.

Amber Wagner drove in three runs, while Audry Cisco had one RBI.

Cisco pitched the entire game giving up four earned runs and seven hits, while striking out nine.

The win capped a 2-1 week for the Indians (2-2) that began with



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Bradford High School's John Staples was named the Farah and Farah Flag Football Coach of the Week, which will result in the school's athletic program receiving \$1,500 from the Jacksonville Jaguars Foundation. Pictured (l-r) are Izariya Desue, Nichelle Brown, Ar'Nayshia Griffin, Talaysia Cummings, Jessariah Hankerson, Alysia Rentz, Amaya Watts, Staples, Tatyanna Brown, Abigail Markham, Kailyn Teal, Nyasia Lopey and Kaylee Devore.

## BHS hands Suwannee 1st loss in another lopsided win

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It was the Farah and Farah Flag Football Game of the Week and a matchup of unbeaten, but it was all Bradford High School, which recorded its second shutout and its third win of by at least 30 points in defeating visiting Suwannee 34-0 on March 3.

The Tornadoes (4-0), who've outscored their opponents 139-18, got more than 200 yards passing, rushing and receiving from Ar'Nayshia Griffin, who threw three touchdown passes to Nichelle Brown and rushed for another score.

Brown had the first score on a 57-yard reception, while a 17-yard Ny'Asia Lopey reception helped set up a 3-yard touchdown run by Griffin, putting Bradford up 13-0. Kailyn Teal caught a pass on the one-point conversion attempt following the first touchdown, while the second conversion attempt failed.

Besides her play on the offensive end, where she lines up mostly at quarterback, Griffin has proven to be a standout on defense as well. She put an end to the Bulldogs' second and third drives with interceptions, giving her a total of 11 on the season.

Griffin's second pick led to an 18-yard touchdown pass to Brown. Brown also caught the pass on the one-point conversion attempt, giving the Tornadoes a 20-0 lead in the second quarter.

After Suwannee turned the ball over on downs on the first series of the second half, Bradford put two quick scores on the board.

A three-play 34-yard drive ended with a 26-yard touchdown pass to Brown, who also had a successful run on the one-point conversion attempt.

The Bulldogs' third offensive play on the ensuing series resulted in a pick-six by Brown. Griffin's run on the one-point conversion ended the scoring for the night.

Griffin completed 9 of 23 passes for 171 yards, while rushing for 27 yards on six carries. She also had one reception for 11 yards.

Brown caught five passes for 120 yards and rushed for 29 yards on three carries.

Bradford entered the game off a 36-6 win over visiting Ridgeview on Feb. 27 in which Brown caught five touchdown passes from Griffin.

Brown had a 51-yard touchdown reception on Bradford's first series, while Griffin returned an interception for a touchdown on Ridgeview's first drive to put the Tornadoes up 12-0.

Ridgeview punted after three plays on its second drive, which included a 6-yard sack by Bradford's Izariya Desue.

A 28-yard touchdown pass from Griffin to Brown on the first play of the second quarter put the Tornadoes up 18-0.

Ridgeview scored on a 57-yard pass play to make the score 18-6. Brown intercepted the Panthers' pass on the conversion attempt.

The Tornadoes added one more score before halftime, set up by a Griffin interception that put Bradford at the Ridgeview 16-yard line. Brown caught an 11-yard pass and then scored on a 5-yard run, which sent Bradford into the break leading 24-6.

Griffin intercepted a pass on the first series of the second half, with her 16-yard return setting the Bradford offense up at the Ridgeview 27. Griffin had runs of 6 and 3 yards to pick up a first down and then threw an 18-yard touchdown pass to Brown. Brown caught the pass on the one-point conversion attempt to make the score 31-6.

Ridgeview's final series began

on Bradford's side of the field at the 34-yard line. Two tackles by Alysia Rentz helped force the Panthers into a fourth-and-3 play. Rentz then sacked the quarterback for a 2-yard loss.

Brown, who caught a 35-yard touchdown pass for the final score, finished with 11 receptions for 162 yards. She also rushed for 45 yards on seven carries.

Griffin completed 13 of 19 passes for 167 yards, while rushing for 39 yards on nine carries.

Bradford, which is second behind Miami Edison in the Florida High School Athletic Association/MaxPreps Class 1A power rankings, was scheduled to play at Florida School for the Deaf and Blind on Wednesday, March 5, at 6 p.m. The Tornadoes then host Ed White on Thursday, March 6, at 6 p.m. before traveling to play Baker County on Monday, March 10, at 6 p.m.

On Tuesday, March 11, Bradford hosts Eagle's View at 5 p.m.

## UCHS softball team defeats Bell 11-5

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Union County High School's softball team scored six runs in the fourth inning and defeated host Bell 11-5 on Feb. 28.

The big inning for the Tigers (3-3) began Brooke Hunt walking and then advancing to second on Leanne Dicks' sacrifice bunt. Mia Kent singled before a strikeout gave Union its second out. Emma Handley hit a two-run single, followed by a Mackenzie Orton single that scored another run. After Courtney Manning and Shyla Crowe both walked to load the bases, Campbell Webb hit a two-run single. Hunt came up to bat again, drawing a walk before Dicks hit a run-scoring single.

Handley and Webb went 3 for 4 and 2 for 4, respectively, with each driving in two runs.

Dicks also finished with two RBI.

Crowe, Hunt, Kent and Orton each had one RBI, with Hunt going 2 for 2 and Crowe going 2 for 4.

Handley pitched the final four innings in relief, giving up one unearned run and four hits, while striking out three.

The win capped a 2-1 week for the Tigers, which began with a 10-5 win over visiting Lafayette on Feb. 25.

Crowe and Webb hit a two-run single and a two-run double, respectively, as part of a five-run first inning.

Union led 7-4 before scoring three runs in the sixth, getting RBI singles from Manning and Orton and an RBI on a ground out by Webb.

Webb finished 2 for 4 with three RBI, while Orton was 2 for 3 with two RBI.

Crowe also had two RBI, while Dicks, Kent and Manning finished with one each.

Handley went 2 for 4. Crowe pitched a complete game, allowing three earned runs.

On Feb. 27, the Tigers committed five errors in an 11-1 loss to host Trenton, which scored eight unearned runs.

Union was held to two hits, with Handley driving in the team's lone run.

Handley started in the circle, giving up three earned runs and five hits through 3.1 innings. She had four strikeouts.

Union played North Marion this past Tuesday and will participate in the Santa Fe Raider Invitational on Friday and Saturday, March 7-8, at the Hal Brady Recreation Complex at 14300 N.W. 146th Terr. in Alachua. The Tigers play two games on March 7: versus Columbia at 6 p.m. and versus

Bronson at 8 p.m.

The rest of the invitational schedule is to be determined.

On Tuesday, March 11, the Tigers host North Marion at 7 p.m.

## Easley earns 5th-, 7th-place finishes for BHS in track

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Bradford High School's Jaleel Easley took fifth in the boys 400m and also placed seventh in the 110m hurdles at a March 1 track and field meet hosted by Santa Fe High School.

Easley ran the 400m and 110m hurdles in times of 52.56 and 19.13, respectively. He was one of three boys team members to earn a top-10 finish. Parviele Lee was seventh in the shot put with a distance of 38-0.25, while Justin Hall was ninth in the long jump with a distance of 18-7.75.

Bradford earned two top-10 finishes in the girls triple jump, with Ny'Asia Lopey jumping a distance of 28-5.75 and Lysa McKenzie jumping 25-7.5.

Other girls results were: 100m —

Nichelle Brown 13.65, Diamond Ferguson 13.87, Takayla Barnes 14.50; 200m — Kaliyah James 29.11, Ferguson 30.16, Barnes 31.43; long jump — Barnes 13-11.5, James 13-10.25, Chelsie Curtis 9-8.25; discus — Cana Mitchell 39-0, A'drionna Hankerson 29-9; and shot put — Niviah Foster 20-11.25, Jazlyn Hamilton 18-0.25.

Bradford also had the following boys results: 100m — Branden Williams 11.68, Jarell Harris 11.86; 200m — Williams 24.33; 400m — Jeremiah McKenzie 55.49; 800m — Liam Reaves 2:56; 1600m — Reaves 6:34; long jump — Jaydin Williams 12-11.5; discus — William Aldridge 86-9; and shot put — Barron Waldon 34-4.25.

## KHHS girls relay team is 10th at Craig Speziale meet

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Keystone Heights High School finished 10th in the girls 4x400m relay at the 11th annual Craig Speziale Memorial Track and Field Invitational on March 1 at Ponte Vedra High School.

Cali Chamberlain, Christine DJavaheri, Kaylee Park and Olivia Griffin teamed up to run 4:49 in the relay.

The boys team came close to placing in the top 10 in several events. Ryder Thomas was 11th in the 3200m with a time of 10:38, while the 4x400m team of Baylor Ford, Jamari Turner, Clark Byrnes and Aaron Wiley ran an 11th-place time of 4:03.

Keystone had two 12th-place finishes on the boys side, with Turner clearing 5 feet, 5.75 inches in the high jump and Ford, Turner, Wiley and Byrnes teaming up to run 46.40 in the 4x100m.

Other boys results for Keystone were: 100m — Wiley 11.73, Ford 12.06, Mason Clark 12.36; 200m — Ford 24.43, Wiley 24.52, Byrnes 25.12; 400m — Clark 60.0; 800m — Ryleand Wahl 2:16, Gavin Morford 3:02; 1600m — Thomas 4:52, Mason Gray 6:59, Oliver Miller 8:18; 3200m — Eli Rabe 13:20; 110m hurdles — Turner 19.31, De'Shawn Williams 20.98; 400m hurdles — Turner 1:11, Williams 1:14; long jump Byrnes 18-5; triple jump — Ford 34-2.75; discus — Tyler Kerner 57-

1; javelin — Luke Lewis 108-6, James Carsey 40-3; and shot put — Judah Moses 31-6.75, Kerner 28-1.5.

Keystone also had the following girls results: 100m — DJavaheri 14.02, Laura Herndon 14.71, Raven Bastin 15.99; 200m — Ashly McCarthy 28.83, Laila Briseno 31.17, Jasmine Walls 33.97; 400m — DJavaheri 1:09, Sophia Moses 1:14; 800m — Melody Tyre 3:02, Bailee Morris 3:20; 1600m — Griffin 6:15, Tyre 6:38; 400m hurdles — Park 1:21, Chamberlain 1:25; high jump — Chamberlain 4-4; long jump — Herndon 13-3.25, Moses 11-1.5; discus — Xana Briley 61-4; javelin — Briley 70-1; and shot put — Briley 23-11.75.

## Bethea earns win for UCHS at track meet

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Amia Bethea won one event for the Union County High School girls track and field team and was part of a fourth-place finish in one of the relays at the Feb. 25 Santa Fe Raiders Mini Meet.

The girls team had three top-five finishes in all, while the boys team had two.

Bethea took first in the 200m with a time of 25.47 seconds. She also teamed up with Holly Halfacre, Jaden Johnson and Faith Sirmones in the 4x100m,



Amia Bethea (foreground) won the 200m and was part of the fourth-place 4x100m relay team at a Feb. 25 track and field meet at Santa Fe High School.

with the Tigers running a fourth-place time of 53.06.

Halfacre earned a fifth-place finish in the long jump with a distance of 15 feet, 4.75 inches.

The boys team got a third-place finish from Bo Thomas, who had a third-place distance of 20-2.25 in the long jump.

Thomas teamed up with Jesse Chakin, Gavin Jenkins and Drew Simmons in the 4x100m, with the Tigers placing fifth with a

time of 45.68.

Union got a ninth-place finish in the 200m, with Thomas running a time of 24.48.

The Tigers also had the following boys results: 200m — Chakin 24.54, Simmons 24.83, Jason Buie 26.11, Jabari Young 26.20, Natwan Richardson 27.25; 400m — Gavin Smith 57.0, Joseph Harris 58.92; 800m — Harris 2:28, Gaultney Cole 2:50; long jump — Landon Cason 16-7.75; and shot put — C.J. Ivey 32-11.25, Edward Durant 31-10.75.

Other girls team results were: 200m — Halfacre 28.76, Brianna Taylor 30.73, Hayden Robinson 31.99, Elauna Roberts 35.58, Gloryanth Reyes 40.26; 400m — Sommer McKenzie 1:35; 800m —

Rachel Harris 3:08, Kaitlyn Pafford 3:33; long jump — Sirmones 12-8, Taylor 11-2.25; and shot put — Melinda Mabrey 23-0.5, Allayah Blocker 23-0.5.

Prior to the start of the Florida High School Athletic Association season, Bethea and Halfacre participated in the Jan. 25-26 RADD Sunshine Showcase in Gainesville, with each earning two top-10 finishes.

Bethea placed third in the 60m with a time of 7.7 and also was 10th in the 200m with a time of 25.25.

Halfacre was seventh in the long jump with a distance of 4.7 meters and eighth in the triple jump with a distance of 9.34. She also ran in the 200m, crossing the line in 29.42.

giving up one unearned run and no hits through four innings. She had four strikeouts.

Massey threw the final three innings, allowing one unearned run and three hits, while striking out three.

On Feb. 27, Keystone lost 8-6 to host Newberry.

The Indians scored five runs in the top of the first. Buchanan and Bowles hit back-to-back singles and scored on a Wagner double. After an Amato single, Still and Cisco hit consecutive RBI doubles. Marquart drove in the fifth run on a ground out.

Newberry answered with five runs of its own in the bottom of the first and would build an 8-5 lead before Keystone scored its final run on a Bowles double in the seventh.

Still went 2 for 3, while Bowles and Buchanan each went 2 for 4.

Keystone played Baker County this past Tuesday and was scheduled to play at Clay on Wednesday, March 5, at 7 p.m. The Indians host Interlachen on Friday, March 7, at 7 p.m. and then host Middleburg on Tuesday, March 11, at 6:30 p.m.

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a 3-2 win at Toco Creek on Feb. 26.

A two-run fifth inning proved to be the difference. With two outs and Bowles on after hitting a single, Massey hit an RBI double. Wagner then reached on an error, which allowed Massey to score, putting the Indians up 3-1.

Amato and Massey each went 2 for 4.

Cisco started in the circle,

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# Indians take 1st in traditional at KHHS Invitational

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Kyle Perkins and Trase Wooden each won both the traditional and Olympic championships in their respective weight classes, helping Keystone Heights High School win the traditional team title and place second in Olympic at the school's annual boys weightlifting invitational, which was held Feb. 28.

The invitational consisted of 12 teams beside Keystone, including two Class 3A schools in Flagler Palm Coast and Oakleaf. Class 2A schools Gainesville, Palatka and Yulee were also part of the field, while Class 1A was represented by Keystone, Branford, Father Lopez, Hawthorne, Oak Hall, West Nassau and Williston.

Keystone had 10 lifters in all score points in the traditional event, finishing with a team score of 41. Flagler Palm Coast was

second with 32 points, followed by Williston (26), Oakleaf (25), Palatka (22), Middleburg (21), Yulee (18), West Nassau (15), Hawthorne (7) and Gainesville (6).

Perkins won the 199-pound class with a 575-pound total. He had a 280 clean and jerk and a 295 bench press.

Wooden took first by 10 pounds in the 219 class with a 525 total (275 clean and jerk, 250 bench press).

Elijah Mize and Colton Hollingsworth were runners-up in the 119 and 129 classes, respectively. Mize had a 410 total (185, 225), while Hollingsworth had a 415 total (200, 215).

Three lifters placed third: Damien Dunlap with a 475 total (230, 245) in the 154 class, Zane Leger with a 545 total (265, 280) in the 199 class and Jackson Herman with a 610 total (305, 305) in the unlimited class.

Dylan Currington was fourth in the 119 class with a 320 total (155, 165), while points were also earned by two sixth-place lifters: Layton Wright with a 485 total (245, 240) in the 169 class and Brayden Wester with a 555 total (280, 275) in the unlimited class.

Jagger Lancaster was one spot shy of adding to the team's point total, finishing seventh in the 154 class with a 445 total (195, 250).

The Indians also had the following traditional results: Aiden Nobles with a 310 total (150, 160) in the 129 class, Connor Mooneyham with a 295 total (145, 150) in the 139 class, Brodyn Adams with a 350 total (165, 185) in the 169 class, Talon Lybarger with a 435 total (195, 240) in the 183 class, Hunter Crumpton with a 380 total (195, 185) in the 183 class, Luke Bacorn with a 455 total (230, 225) in the 219 class, Pete Bostic

with a 500 total (235, 265) in the 238 class and Logan Madden-Moore with a 420 total (215, 205) in the 238 class.

Keystone is undefeated in traditional lifting this year. Prior to the invitational, the Indians defeated a total of nine schools in four meets.

## Olympic results

Keystone had 11 lifters earn points in the Olympic event, helping the Indians finish as runners-up with 39 points. Flagler Palm coast was first with 46 points.

Placing behind Keystone were Williston (29), Middleburg (23), Oakleaf (20), West Nassau (18), Yulee (13), Gainesville (10), Palatka (8) and Father Lopez (7).

Perkins and Wooden were the only first-place finishers. Perkins had a 485 total (205 snatch, 280 clean and jerk), while Wooden had a 460 total (185, 275).

Mize and Herman were runners-up, with Mize finishing with a 310 total (125, 185) and Herman compiling a 530 total (225, 305).

Two lifters placed third: Hollingsworth with a 345 total (145, 200) and Leger with a 450 total (185, 265).

Currington and Wright earned fifth-place finishes. Currington had a 260 total (105, 155), while Wright had a 410 total (165, 245).

Placing sixth were Bacorn with a 395 total (165, 230), Bostic with a 405 total (170, 235) and Wester with a 440 total (160, 280).

Clark Brynes just missed scoring with a seventh-place total of 390 (165, 225) in the 154 class.

Other Olympic results were: Nobles with a 255 total (105, 150), Mooneyham with a 255 total (110, 145), Lancaster with a 330 total (135, 195), Adams with a 300 total (135, 165), Crumpton with a 325 total (130, 195), Lybarger with a 320 total (125, 195) and Madden-Moore with a 375 total (160, 215).

Keystone entered the



Trase Wooden won the traditional and Olympic championships in the 219-pound class.



Kyle Perkins won the traditional and Olympic championships in the 199-pound class.

invitational with an 8-1 record one loss being to Flagler Palm in Olympic competition, with the coast by one point.



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