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T.J. Maxx, Wawa among new projects in Starke

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

STARKE — Starke City Hall has shared that T.J. Maxx will join Five Below as the latest additions to the Bradford Square Shopping Center.

Five Below was previously announced after news that Harbor Freight was opening in the shopping center. The parking lot has recently been resurfaced as part of the revitalization.

Five Below is a discount retailer aimed at teens and tweens, while T.J. Maxx has clothing and accessories for the whole family as well as furniture and decor.

Wawa, the gas station and convenience store previously thought to be coming to Starke, could now be locating next to Bradford Square at the northwest corner of U.S. 301 and Edwards Road. The city building office said the property has been purchased and they are waiting on

permit submittals.

Plans, however, have already been submitted for the two Bradford Square retailers. All that remains is for the construction contracts to be awarded before work begins.

Other projects in the works are an addition at Pipeline Contractors, plans for which are under review, the rehabilitation of Orangewood Apartments and a new duplex on Orange Street with two-bedroom and two-bathroom units, 1,151 square-feet in size. These housing projects have submitted plans and are also waiting on contractors.

Starke also has a 22-home project on North Westmoreland Street on hold while commissioners consider approval of the site plan.

By the sound of it, there will be more announcements coming.

“We’ve been getting several calls regarding various potential projects,” City Clerk Jimmy Crosby said.

A small chain restaurant, fast food

restaurant, carwashes, a grocery store and an RV-style resort have all expressed interest in coming to Starke, and there have been additional inquiries about available retail space.

“One of the things we’ve learned is that whoever has the water has the economic development,” Crosby said.

The city and county have been working together on improving infrastructure, including the reconstruction of the city’s wastewater plant, rehabilitation of the wastewater collection system and expansion of those services out to the bypass on State Road 16.

Crosby said he left Tallahassee last week encouraged by meetings with both environmental and economic development agencies about funding assistance for such projects in rural communities.

“They are realizing that is going to be the new field of opportunity, and that’s kind of interesting for Starke because we’ve not grown in the last

50 years,” Crosby said.

According to the clerk, that growth is coming, ready or not.

“What’s happening is that everything is squeezing in on us, with 1.5 million people within 50 miles of us. They’re coming whether we build it or not. There’s going to be growth, it’s just a matter whether there’s going to be planned growth or not,” he said.

Crosby said both the city and county commissioners have been leaders in this, including the county’s contribution of federal funding to water and wastewater expansion of the city’s use of the same for the City Walk project to help revitalize downtown following years of transportation construction.

These investments encourage cooperation in Tallahassee for funding local projects, according to Crosby.

“That’s what they’re looking for in Tallahassee. Are you doing your part? We’ll help you.”

Redistricting now moves to a vote

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

In a brief workshop Monday, the Bradford County Commission and School Board agreed on a map depicting the redrawn districts.

All that remains now is for the boards to meet individually and formally approve the new boundaries. That is expected to take place over the next few weeks.

The changes better balance the voting populations within each district and maintains District 1 as a majority minority district.

District 1 lies primarily east of U.S. 301, extending north to Northeast C.R. 125. In Starke, the district jumps 301 at Market Road and extends to the northwest to take in Pleasant Grove. It also wraps around District 3 to take in the Lincoln City community south of Starke, ending just south of the State Farm Insurance Agency.

District 2 covers the north and northwest of the county, primarily west of U.S. 301, with its southernmost point being Market Road.

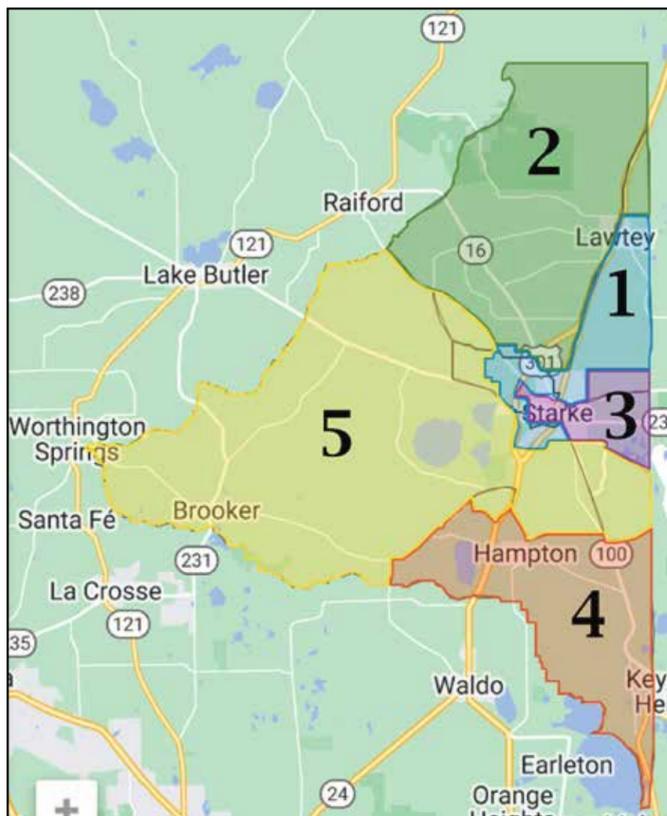
District 3 covers most of Starke,

east to the county line and west to the bypass. The northern boundaries are Northeast Market Road, east of the solid waste collection site, S.R. 16 and Northwest C.R. 229. The southernmost boundary is Griffis Loop. The section of the city south of Edwards Road, however, belongs to District 1.

District 4 still covers the south of the county down to the Santa Fe lakes area. It includes Hampton, Hampton Lake and Theresa and extends west to Graham.

District 5 is the largest area by far, spanning the county from east to west, taking in Griffis Loop from District 4 and extending to Brooker and beyond. It includes Sampson, Crosby and Rowell lakes, stretching north to Northwest C.R. 229 and south to the county line.

The populations based on the 2020 Census are 4,825 in District 1 (51% minority), 4,877 in District 2, 4,706 in District 3, 5,138 in District 4, and 4,964 in District 5. District 4 is still the largest district by population and 4% above average. District 3 is the smallest at nearly 4% below average.



Union County runaways back home, investigation continues

12-year-old stole father’s car and drove to Alabama

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Telegraph Staff Writer

STARKE— Two teenagers who drove to Alabama are back with their families, a Union County Sheriff’s Office official said.

At press time, Chief Deputy Lyn Williams said his agency’s investigators planned to interview the two on Wednesday, April 12.

The sheriff’s office issued a missing child alert just after noon on Thursday, April 6, for 12-year-old Jade Gregory and Khloe Larson, 14, after the two went missing from the area of



Northeast County Road 237. Around four hours later, the agency

announced that the two had been located in Bayou La Batre, Alabama,

about halfway between Mobile, Alabama and Pascagoula, Mississippi.

Williams said the facts in the case would become clearer after his investigators interviewed the girls, but at this point, it appears both teens had been communicating with an unknown person in the Baton Rouge, Louisiana area. When communicating with the individual, the teens used a borrowed iPad and aliases on a social media platform.

The Louisiana resident persuaded the pair to drive to the Baton Rouge area for a meetup, and Gregory commandeered her father’s Ford Taurus for the trip.

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Faith and Family Ag Festival April 22

Promised Land Family Ministries’ annual Faith and Family Ag Festival will take place Saturday, April 22. The festival is designed for K-12 kids and their families. Registration and check-in begins at 9 a.m.

The day will include free games and activities, educational stations, lunch and prizes. Preregistration is encouraged at PromisedLandFM.org. Onsite registration is subject to availability.

Interested in volunteer or sponsorship opportunities? Contact Rebecca Hall at RHall@PromisedLandFM.org.

Food distribution announced

A communitywide food distribution hosted by Feeding Northeast Florida and True Vine Ministry will take place Tuesday, April 18, at 8:30 a.m. at the Bradford County Fairgrounds in Starke.

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

Jr. Woman’s Club Spring Festival

The Keystone Heights Junior Woman’s Club is hosting a Spring Craft and Vendor Festival on Saturday, April 15 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Keystone Heights Women’s Club, 6747 Woman’s Club Drive. Join us for a day of crafters, vendors, a silent auction, face painting, food trucks and more.

Car wash and chicken

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Recognizing supporters

Bradford County Fire Rescue shared news of contributions to their service from St. Vincent's in Middleburg and Starke Police Chief Jeff Johnson and his wife, Carrie. St. Vincent's donated a ventilation training device worth \$2,500. The Johnsons donated equipment for each of the department's trucks, including axes, DeWalt saws, coolers for medication storage and generators with portable lighting. Pictured, l-r, are Chief Ben Carter, Kevin Kotsis, Kevin Rinks, Sadie Durham, Lucy Bush, Katie Skelton, Division Chief Dylan Rodgers and Capt. Jeremy Loomis, and in back are commissioners Carolyn Spooner, Kenny Thompson, Diane Andrews Chris Dougherty and Danny Riddick.



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To state and beyond

On April 1, Bradford JROTC Tornado Battalion qualified to go to the State Drill Meet in the following events: Platoon Armed and Unarmed Regulation Drill, Platoon Armed Exhibition Drill, Female Competitive Color Guard, and two Male and two Female Solo Drill routines and both Dual Male and Female Exhibition Drill routines. The qualifying cadets included C/1LT Monique Burr, C/CPT Jaleel Easley, C/CSM Kailyn Gaudette, C/MAJ John Hendricks, C/CPT Brianna Isaacs, C/CPT Hagen Kadlec, C/LTC Andrew King, C/1LT Lysa McKenzie, C/1LT Madison Miller, C/SSG Yondel Morales, C/SFC McKaylah Mullen, C/CPT Tyler Shaffer, C/CPT Noah Stoehr and C/PFC Bryson White. These JROTC drill cadets head off on April 15 to Lakeland to compete in the State Drill Meet against other JROTC programs from around Florida. This is the second year in a row Bradford Tornado JROTC Drill Team has qualified to go to the State Drill Meet. Additionally, on May 6 and 7, the Bradford Drill team will compete in the National All Service Drill Meet in Daytona, competing with schools from around the world. This will be their second year competing at Nationals.

Hampton to address park damage

BY CAROL MOSLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

HAMPTON — Hampton is moving forth with the contract for the Funtastic Fire Brigade to take over the old fire station. And, the contract for legal services was renewed for another year with attorney William Sexton at a rate of \$750 per month.

The Rails to Trails is moving along, but damage to Bobby Shepherd Park has become an issue demanding attention. The bleachers, which were in bad shape, were recently run over by a truck and totally destroyed. Clerk Mary Lou Hildreth has been in dialogue with a local business that is

considering funding a set of replacement bleachers. The details will be addressed at the next City Council meeting on April 25. Meetings are open to the public.

County explores broadcasting meetings again

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

STARKE — Bradford's IT department will put together a plan for county commissioners for what it will take to begin livestreaming meetings.

The topic was last broached by the county's former attorney and interim manager, Will Sexton, who sought direction on moving forward with the state-contracted vendor or seeking less expensive options.

Commissioner Carolyn Spooner brought it back to the commission this week, saying it is access citizens have requested and access many other governments provide.

Spooner said the last cost they were provided was around \$12,000 to \$14,000, but she said it was a good investment in better communication with the community.

Brent McFatter from the IT department said there is a "pretty substantial" plan in place. The

obstacle they ran into when conducting manager interviews via the internet was audio.

"For the most part that works, but we had to kind of taped some things together, so to speak, to facilitate that," he said.

Before unveiling anything to the public, McFatter said they would want to be sure meetings were audible, and for ADA compliance, they must also provide captions of the hearing impaired.

Sites like YouTube and Facebook have captioning tools that are serviceable, but they may want to investigate further to guarantee ADA compliance, he said.

Much of the equipment is in place, with some upgrading needed. McFatter said IT could put together a plan to give commissioners a better idea of the investment needed.

The commission approved purchasing laptop computers for the two remaining commissioners who don't have them to eliminate

printing agenda materials. County Manager Scott Kornegay said Bradford is probably one of the few political subdivisions in the state still printing agenda packets. Others provide them electronically.

The county is once again providing downloadable agenda packets via its website, www.bradfordcountyfl.gov.

Digital agendas were part of the advantage of the state contract provider Sexton had brought to the board. He said Granicus was used by more than 30 counties, and pricing is based on population size. For Bradford, that was around \$1,000 a month for the web-based software, he said. The existing infrastructure would be used to broadcast the meetings, with ADA compliance ensured. Agendas would be available online along with backup materials for those items, and citizens would also be able to sign up for email notifications.

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The pair made it as far as Bayou La Batre before seeing their images on a convenience store television screen.

"When they saw their pictures, they knew the gig was up," said the chief deputy.

Williams said that after turning themselves into a local police department, the two told Alabama officials they did not want to return home. Their parents had to endure two court hearings before officials released the pair.

"I think it was part of being rebellious teenagers," Williams said of the girls' statements. "They made some unsustainable allegations, and Alabama officials wanted to protect themselves from liability before releasing the two."

Williams added that while his agency is conducting its investigation, Federal

investigators may conduct a second inquiry.

"Our biggest concern was to find them, find them safe, and to get them back to Union County safe," he said.

Youth services uphold future leaders

April is Youth Month at Greater Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church with 11 a.m. Sunday services featuring Hyden Knights on April 16 and Elder Malcolm Dixon on April 23. Friday programs at 7:30 p.m. will feature ministers Gwen Williams on April 14 and Shantell Campbell on April 21. Come out and support our future leaders.

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Lake Region

Mayor recalls accomplishments

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Telegraph Staff Writer

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—Keystone Heights Mayor Karen Lake chaired her final city council meeting on April 3.

At the end of the meeting, Lake summarized some of the city's accomplishments during her six-and-a-half years leading the town.

Other Council members, City Manager Lynn Rutkowski and City Attorney Rich Komando, thanked the mayor for her service to the municipality.

The mayor said that repairing a retention pond, making improvements at Keystone Beach, constructing Pickleball courts at Sunrise Park, and overseeing the city's streetscape project on South Lawrence Boulevard were among the significant accomplishments the city achieved during her tenure as mayor.

Lake said she also loved recognizing citizens who made contributions to the community and added that she plans to remain active in city and civic affairs.

In other news from the April 3 meeting of the Keystone Heights City Council:

Changes proposed for airport board

Council Member Tony Brown said he wanted the council to consider changing the city's independent airport authority into an advisory committee, much like the municipality's Heritage Commission.

Brown said the change would increase the council's oversight of the airport. Council member Chris Thompson said she also would like to consider changing how the airport is managed.

The council agreed to schedule a workshop to discuss Brown's recommendation.

Brown's suggestion comes one month after he upbraided airport board members for their criticism of the council over the council's rejection of



Keystone Heights Mayor Karen Lake chairing her final city council meeting. Photo: Dan Hildebran, Telegraph Staff Writer

Chad Rischar's application to remain on the board.

Brown said during the council's March meeting that airport board members would have been terminated if the airport board's public criticisms of the council had occurred in a private employment environment.

"I would have fired every dadgum one of you," he said. "That ticked me off."

After the council's April 3 meeting, Brown denied his recommendation to reconstitute the airport board was retaliation for the airport board's criticism. He said the departure of airport manager Maria Searcy spurred the timing of his recommendation.

"No, there's no retaliation," he said. "This is something that was brought up to me to look into, and it's something that a previous city manager was looking into."

Façade grants approved

The council approved façade grants to the owners of buildings hosting The Locker Room, Hatch Realty Services, Owens Law Firm, Healthy Living, Nutrition Retreat, Hometown Health & Wellness, Clyde's Café, Keystone Barber Shop and The Village Doctors.

Repairs to the structures include painting, stucco

rehabilitation, fence repair, lighting and awnings additions and other upgrades.

The city is making the grants through its Community Redevelopment Agency. Under the program, the agency will match 50% of a building owner's costs. The maximum grant amount is \$5,000; to obtain \$5,000, the building owner would have to spend \$10,000 of his or her funds.

Appointments to Airport Authority and Heritage Commission

The council reappointed David Kirkland and Scott Fryar to its airport authority board and appointed Helen Hersey and Karen Nagle to the Heritage Commission.

Nagle applied to the Heritage Commission in March, but council members selected Elise Moore instead.

However, Moore, who owns The Locker Room, was applying for a grant under the Community Redevelopment Agency's façade program. Since the Heritage Commission is involved in approving the grants, Moore was told she would have to resign from the commission or withdraw her grant application. She resigned.

City Manager Lynn Rutkowski said Hersey has served on the Heritage Commission for some time and was seeking reappointment.

Before the council unanimously approved Kirkland's and Fryar's appointments, the panel agreed to schedule a workshop to possibly convert the airport authority from an independent agency to an advisory committee.

Kirkland defended his board's performance and said the council's action disheartened him.

"I'm just disappointed that I hear that you guys are disappointed with what we've done when in reality, there's been some huge strides made at the airport," he said.



The developers of Popeye's Fried Chicken in Keystone Heights have poured the foundation for the new eatery and are erecting framing for the building. Photo: Dan Hildebran, Telegraph Staff Writer.

Popeye's construction underway, Country Meadows changes hands

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Telegraph Staff Writer

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—The developers of Popeye's Fried Chicken in Keystone Heights have poured the foundation for the new eatery and are erecting framing for the building between the town's Walgreens and Dollar General on Green Way.

City Manager Lynn Rutkowski

told the city council during the council's April 3 meeting that she has read misinformation on word-of-mouth Facebook pages that the project is a Publix Supermarket or a Buc-ee's travel center.

Rutkowski also told the council that the residential development: Country Meadows, underway at the corner of Sunrise Boulevard

and Paradise Point Drive, has been sold to Clay County contractor Joe Wiggins.

The Green Cove Springs attorney also owns 48+ acres north of Commercial Circle and Fox Run. He previously told the council he wanted to develop the acreage behind American Legion Post 202 on State Road 21 into a mixed-use property.

Incoming mayor addresses Rotary

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Telegraph Staff Writer

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—Incoming Mayor Nina Rodenroth spoke to the Keystone Heights Rotary Club on Wednesday, April 5, discussing her background and approach to leading the city.

Rodenroth told the civic group that she got into the field of histology: the study of the microscopic structure of tissues, while looking for a summer job between school years.

During her 26-year career looking through microscopes, she analyzed tissue samples at the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, where she worked beside the man who discovered Zaire Ebola.

While at the CDC, she helped uncover the first human-to-human transfer of rabies.

"This 63-year-old lady received a corneal transplant at the NIH in Bethesda," she said. "Upon completion of the surgery, she went into a coma on the table. It turns out that 30 days later, she dies. So, they sent me her brain to my lab in Atlanta."

Rodenroth said she and her team dissected the organ and found a tiny spot of what they call inclusion bodies.



Nina Rodenroth spoke to the Keystone Heights Rotary Club on April 5.

"Through light microscopy and processing, we found this," she said, pointing to an image from her projector. "That's rabies."

Rodenroth added that through further investigation, authorities found that the cornea donor was an asymptomatic carrier of rabies.

"Back then, they did not do any viral studies on you prior to

surgeries," she said. "Now they do viral studies on that donor prior to any transplant."

Rodenroth, who will take office on April 12, said the skills she learned during the second half of her career: 26 years working for Abbott Laboratories, will help her lead the city. In that sales and training role, she interacted with executives and observed many examples of leadership.

Next Sheriff's NET set

Clay Sheriff's NET will meet again Thursday, April 27, at 6 p.m. at St. Willams Catholic Church, 275 Satsuma St. in Keystone Heights. Guest speakers will be Mayor Nina Rodenroth, Sheriff Michelle Cook, County Commissioner Betsy Condon, Sara Pleasents (First Coast Expressway), Tara Sheppard (Humana Insurance), and City Council members Chris Thompson and Bobby Brown.

The community is invited to hear the speakers and participate in the Q&A. Deputies will also be available to discuss issues and concerns with local residents.

Scholarship available for medical study

The Shirley Ann Brown Livingstone Scholarship is available for the 2023-24 school year. Students must apply by April 30, 2023, to be considered for the upcoming fall and spring semesters.

This scholarship is for students entering any field of study related to medicine, such as nursing, medical research, cancer research, etc. The scholarship is provided in memory of the late Shirley Ann Brown Livingstone, a registered nurse who died from breast cancer.

Applications are available at

the Santa Fe College Andrews Center in Starke, Bradford High School guidance office, North Florida Technical College or and Starke City Hall. For further information, you may contact Carolyn Brown Spooner at 904-964-5807.

Woman's Club offers scholarship

The Lake Butler Woman's Club is offering a \$1,000 scholarship for a female resident of Union County to attend an accredited college or university in the state of Florida. Scholarship applications may be picked up

at Union County High School in the Guidance Counselor's Office from Amy Addison Stalnaker.

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These Southside Elementary School students found eggs by the handful, basketful and bucketful



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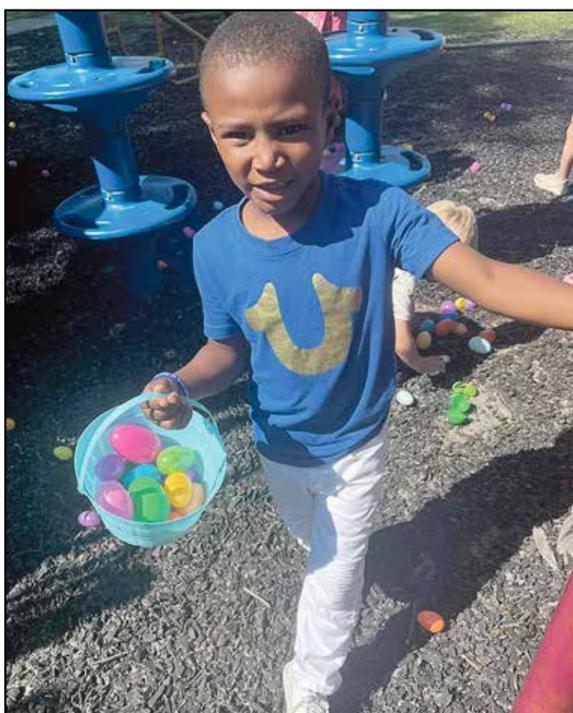
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Board offers help with flood maps

The Bradford Soil and Water Conservation District will meet at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 18, at the Bradford County Extension Office.

Bradford Soil and Water Conservation District can provide information including property maps about the new Flood Risk Assessment Maps being developed by the Suwannee River Water Management District. Bradford County residents have until April 30 to point out any issues with the flood areas shown on the maps for their property.

The conditions of Alligator Creek and the Sampson River from Lake Sampson to the CSX

trestle west of Sampson City and the potential impacts of existing blockages could have on flooding will also be discussed at the meeting.

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

Feel better by being creative

Bradford County Public Library and Department of Health will mark National Minority Health Month with Feel Good Art: Creations for Self-care and Joy. They will be joined by Meridian Behavioral Health. Discover how being creative can help you.

The program will take place at the Community Health and Wellness Resource Hub, 721

Old Lawley Road in Starke, Service is held every Sunday at on Friday, April 21, at 10 a.m. 9:30 a.m. Seating is limited. You can sign up at the Community Resource Hub or call the library at 904-368-3911 and ask for Kathy.

Call 352-475-2924 for more information or visit www.facebook.com/mossmanhall.

Yoga and more in Melrose

Mossman Hall in Melrose has fitness classes open to the community, including Zumba, tai chi and yoga. There are also programs for artists, musicians and poets. Some classes request a fee, but others simply ask for a donation.

The Art Walk is the first Friday of each month at 6 p.m., and a Conscious Awakening Interfaith



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Harmony Free Will Baptist Church holds Easter event for families

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Times Staff Writer

Members of the congregation of Harmony Free Will Baptist Church gathered to celebrate spring and let their little ones get a chance to get together and enjoy the day. Children's Pastor Steven Etchison and his helpers put together 77 bags of candy and were surprised at the turnout when they gave out the last bag and there were still kids waiting. In addition to all the little ones, 30 or more of their family members came to the event as well, but

they seemed more interested in the fish fry taking place after the kids had their turn.

Michael Dukes, Doug Peeler, James Roy Stalnaker and Pastor Bob Brown prepared a huge lunch buffet composed of fresh fried fish, French fries, corn dogs and amazing hushpuppies. All the fixing were laid out as well. The dessert table made up for the shortage of candy, with cakes, cookies and other seasonal goodies in abundance. The food for the event was provided by the church.



Zoey and Justine Grogan enjoyed hunting for candy and finding some pretty wildflowers on the church grounds.



UCHS JROTC headed to state meet

The 2023 Union County High School JROTC Drill Team hosted and competed in the Area One (northeast Florida) drill competition on April 1. The team earned eight first-place finishes and four second-place finishes. The team qualified for the state drill meet championships in every event in which they participated. The state meet is Saturday, April 15, at George Jenkins High School in Lakeland, Florida.

Pictured are (front, l-r) Cadet Natalie Piggott, Cadet Adrianna Gonzalez, Cadet Alexis Cox, Cadet Talya Trent, Cadet Brooke Burgess, Cadet Adam Ali, Cadet Alena Boyer, Cadet Emma Fulton, Cadet Makayla Nelson, Cadet Cason Forbes, (back) Cadet Colton Bell, Cadet Matthew Ring, Cadet Jayden Timm, Cadet Mackenzie Ring, Cadet Jamaal Reynolds, Cadet Chloe Harris and Cadet Savannah Thompson

Remembering our heroes: Rotary selling crosses

BY TED BARBER
Lake Butler Rotary

The Lake Butler Rotary Club's "Remembering Our Heroes" is a patriotic event celebrated annually at Memorial Day and Veteran's Day on State Road 121. Several hundred white crosses with attached American flags wave for at least two weeks starting at the intersection of S.R. 121 and S.R. 231 (Sprinkle

Field) and ending close to Pritchett Trucking.

These crosses bear the names of U.S. military veterans living and deceased. The veteran names on the white crosses with attached American flags are displayed four times in a 2-year span for \$60 with renewals costing \$40.

Applications are available in the Union County Supervisor of Elections Office, 175 W. Main St. in Lake Butler. The cutoff

date for new cross applications is April 27 to meet the next posting date of May 15.

This annual tribute honoring our veterans has the help of Lake Butler Middle School shop classes (Brittany McGee), Sapphire Disinfection Products HVAC storage (Jody Read), UCSO traffic control (Sheriff Brad Whitehead), and the Rotary-sponsored Interact Club student volunteers and Lake

Butler Rotarian volunteers who post and retrieve the crosses/flags.

Nancy Griffis has provided the leadership for this Rotarian patriotic project since it began several years ago. Union County should be very proud that we are honoring our Veterans and displaying our American Flags at Memorial and Veteran's Day each year.



Zach and Alli Sweat brought their two little ones to the event. Baby Cassidy was a little nervous about the Easter Bunny and seemed to feel the same about the photographer - big sister Charlotte had not problem and treated him with a big smile.



(L-r) Lieutenant Billy Miller, Deputy Staci Stock, Emma, Corporal Phillip Sellers and Chief Deputy Lyn Williams. Photo Union County Sheriff's Office.

Teenager spreads cheer at UCSO

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Telegraph Staff Writer

STARKE—Emma, a 12-year-old from Charlotte County, visited the Union County Sheriff's Office and Sheriff Brad Whitehead to present the agency with handmade wooden American flags.

"We proudly display the flags in our offices," the agency

said in a social media post. "Thank you so much, Emma, for bringing smiles to the Union County Sheriff's Office and your kindness. Sheriff Whitehead said more young people should follow the example of Emma and work to do good and bring more smiles."

The teenager gave her homemade carvings to Chief Deputy Lyn Williams,

recognizing his 32 years of service, to Deputy Staci Stock for 25 years of service, to Lieutenant Billy Miller for 33 years of service and to Corporal Phillip Sellers for 17 years of service.

Emma has given over 185 flags to nearly all of the sheriff's offices around the state.

Last year, during a stop in Santa Rosa County, she told a Panhandle television station

that she wants to do something positive for those who have a dangerous and difficult job.

"I just love seeing the police officers be happy about being appreciated," Emma told WEAR-TV in Pensacola, "because they deserve it, because they protect us, and they do a lot for us."

Emma said she hopes one day to be a K-9 Officer.



Latoya Hampton, Maliana Hampton, Jace Hampton and Malia Hampton all seem to be enjoying their time with the Easter Bunny.



Zoey, Cameron and Chloe Grogan talking with the Easter Bunny.



The Easter Bunny has human grandparents and Bill and Gerri Lennon were on hand to see him do his job.

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

Woman points unloaded gun at man

A 74-year-old Lawtey woman was arrested after she allegedly pointed an unloaded pistol at a man.

Georgia Mae Bowman was arrested on April 2 for aggravated assault.

According to an arrest report, witnesses told Deputy Sheriff Paul King that the victim and defendant had been arguing.

At one point in the dispute, the victim walked outside, and Bowman grabbed a black Colt .357 she keeps by her living room chair, following the man.

One witness said the woman uttered, "I'm going to put (the victim) out of his misery."

The witness added that after a similar incident had occurred previously, someone removed all the bullets from the weapon and Bowman knew the gun was empty.

However, the victim did not. Bowman then pointed the firearm at the victim and threatened to shoot. Two witnesses who were staying in a nearby camper took cover behind a tree.

"I spoke with Georgia, and she stated that (the victim) had been arguing with her all day," King wrote in the report. "Georgia stated she got tired of arguing with (the victim) and grabbed the gun after he went outside. Georgia stated she pointed the gun at the victim but had no intention of shooting him because the gun was unloaded."

Pair arrested for abuse of elementary student

The Bradford County Sheriff's Office said it arrested the mother of an elementary school student and her ex-boyfriend after the victim reported the abuse to authorities.

Kevin Brown was arrested on April 4 for child abuse and child neglect while Rosa Cibany was arrested for child neglect.

The office said the student told the UF Child Protection Team that Brown would at times beat the victim so severely and the resulting injuries caused so much pain that it was difficult to walk or sit.

The student added that when she informed the mother, Rosa Cibany who did not live with the student, of the abuse, the mother responded that the beating was probably deserved.

According to an arrest report, Brown admitted to spanking the child with an electrical extension cord because he could not find his belt.

The victim confirmed that the defendant usually whipped her with a belt, and that the beatings are sometimes so severe it makes her legs bleed.

She said that an alternative punishment is for the defendant to force her to stand in a corner for hours, making her do her homework in the corner by holding her papers against a wall while writing.

The defendant told deputies that he is fed up with the victim and that none of his attempts at discipline seem to work.

A physician told deputies that the victim needed medical attention due to her injuries and that the defendants should have taken the victim for treatment.

Isabella Rae Chambless, 21, was arrested on April 6 for a probation violation.

Harry James Donaldson, 57, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on April 4 for a conditional release violation.

Cassandra Lynn Hengl, 43, of Hawthorne was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 6 for a probation violation.

Jonathan William Kirk, 48, of Starke was arrested by Starke police on April 5 for a probation violation.

Man arrested for bar sucker punch

A 43-year-old Starke man was arrested for punching a fellow patron of the Patriot Bar. He then allegedly slapped the person who tried to break up the fight.

Jeremy Paul Lawson Sr. was arrested on April 1 for battery, possession of marijuana and possession of drug equipment.

According to witnesses, the defendant and victim were both "very intoxicated" but were engaged in a friendly conversation when Lawson suddenly struck the victim in the face, knocking him to the ground.

"While (the victim) was on the ground, Jeremy continued to punch him as (the second victim) attempted to break them up," wrote Deputy Paul King in an arrest report. "In the process of trying to stop them from fighting, Jeremy slapped (the second victim) in the face."

King reported that he caught up with Lawson at the Whisky River Saloon, while the defendant was standing outside of his truck.

The deputy added that inside the defendant's vehicle, in plain view was a plastic container containing a green, leafy substance and a marijuana pipe with residue. The substance tested positive for marijuana.

Gregory Wayne Orlando Lee, 53, of Gainesville was arrested by Starke police on April 5 for larceny.

Joseph Osarra Lombel, 32, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on April 6 for battery and a probation violation.

Samantha Marie Rivera, 19, of New York, New York was arrested by Bradford deputies on April 1 for possession of marijuana and possession of drug equipment.

Cody Martin Rogers, 35, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on April 4 for a probation violation.

John Paul Shaver, 57, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Bradford deputies on April 4 for a probation violation.

Teddrick Maurice Thomas, 33, of Starke was arrested on April 1 for driving with a revoked or suspended license.

Hassiel Abdel Valdez, 19, of New York, New York was arrested on April 1 for possession of marijuana and possession of drug equipment.

Union

Keon Andre Hodges, 37, of Gainesville was arrested by Union deputies on April 8 for failure to appear.

Clay

Melisdalia Lee Morales, 22, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on April 1 for battery and resisting an officer.

Robbie Lee Dorminey, 51, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on April 2 for violating a domestic violence injunction.

Raymond Scott-Ashton Drawdy, 26, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on April 1 for possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and possession of drug equipment.

Dilyn Earl Webb-Kerr, 20, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on April 1 for resisting an officer and fleeing and eluding.

Brandy Janine Robinson, 40, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on April 6 for DUI with property damage or injury to another person.

Attacked garbage man

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Telegraph Staff Writer

STARKE—A Starke man was sentenced to a year in jail and five years' probation after pleading to six felonies and misdemeanors, including one charge for attacking a garbage man on West Madison Street last October.

Dejour Jaerial Hill, 33, pleaded to the Oct. 17, 2022, offense of aggravated battery. He also pleaded to the Sept. 14, 2022, offense of felony domestic battery; the June 26, 2022, offenses of burglary, criminal mischief with property damage and domestic battery; and the Dec. 5, 2022, misdemeanor of violating a domestic violence injunction.

According to an arrest warrant affidavit, a refuse collector was emptying cans along Edwards Road near the Starke Police Department during the morning of Oct. 17, 2022, when the drivers of two separate cars drove up to the worker and shouted threats.

When the garbage truck reached the area of the Pine Forest Apartments on West Madison Street, a car blocked the advance of the truck, and three males exited the vehicle and attacked the victim.

The driver of the garbage truck broke up the fight and drove the victim to the hospital. The victim identified Hill as one of the assailants.

On June 26, 2022, a woman told Bradford Deputy Sheriff Lakiesha Lewis that Hill broke her car window, spat on her and threatened to kill her in the middle of a Lincoln City street.

On Sept. 14, 2022, Officer Johnathon Guinn wrote in a sworn complaint that a woman told him she went to Hill's home to take a child to school because the defendant failed to do so.

Guinn wrote that while the child was getting dressed, Hill pushed the woman onto a couch, and when she got up to leave, he grabbed her around the throat and choked her.

"Dejour then slapped (the victim) on the left side of her face," reported Guinn. "(The child) grabbed a broom and began to strike Dejour to stop the attack on (the victim)."

The woman and student then left for school.

On Dec. 5, 2022, Starke Police Officer David Clancy reported that after sending a woman a text that read: "I'm coming over," Hill knocked on her front door. The woman, who had a protective order prohibiting the defendant from going near her home, called police.

One year for accidental shooting

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Telegraph Staff Writer

STARKE—A 19-year-old Starke man was sentenced to 364 days in jail and six years' probation for accidentally shooting a woman at a Starke Circle K last December.

Cole William Crosby pleaded no contest to discharging a firearm in public from a vehicle, tampering with physical evidence and grand theft of a firearm. The state dropped a second grand theft charge.

Starke Police Detective Hunter Redding wrote in an arrest report that the high school student admitted to stealing two 9mm handguns from a family member and using the weapons for target practice the following day with friends.

Lottery ticket, snacks and a loud pop

Redding wrote that based on witness statements and store video, the defendant arrived at the convenience store at 10:55

p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 8, with 43-year-old Billie Christine Astra and Astra's son Dylan M. Armour.

Moments before the three pulled up to the Circle K, a 36-year-old Hampton woman arrived at the store on a pink bicycle, parked the two-wheeler in front of the store, and went inside.

After Crosby parked the red passenger car, Astra went inside the store to cash in a scratch-off ticket and purchase snacks while Crosby and Armour remained in the vehicle.

Astra and the cyclist were inside the Circle K simultaneously but did not interact.

After Astra returned to the vehicle's back seat, Armour went inside to purchase ice for their motel room at the Sleepy Hollow, leaving Crosby and Astra alone in the car, with Crosby in the driver's seat and Astra seated behind him.

Redding wrote in his report that at the moment Armour exited the store, the Hampton woman is seen on video near the front door bending over.

Astra told police she heard a loud pop and thought the driver's seat airbag had deployed.

A witness parked near the defendant said she saw the cyclist exit the store and heard a shot, followed by the woman's scream.

A second witness inside the store also heard the shot, then saw the victim enter the store shouting that she had been shot.

A third witness was across Temple Avenue when he heard a pop, followed by someone saying: "Don't hurt him."

The man said he then drove across the street to purchase gas and saw EMS treating the victim, who was stating she was going to die.

The day after the shooting, Redding interviewed the victim at UF Health Shands in Gainesville.

"(The victim) advised that she did not see who shot her and that she did not hear anything prior to her being shot," Redding wrote. "(The victim) advised that she remembers her chest hurting and that she was bleeding. (She) stated that an unknown woman stated to her that she couldn't believe that he shot her."

The defendant told police that the gun went off accidentally.

"Crosby stated that he placed the firearm in his lap," wrote the detective. "Upon attempting to place the firearm in the driver door pocket, he pulled the trigger, causing the bullet to strike (the victim's) upper torso."

Crosby later discarded the handgun in the Pleasant Grove area, where police recovered it.

Man used drones to drop cell phones into prisons

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Telegraph Staff Writer

STARKE—The Florida Department of Corrections said Jacksonville deputies arrested a former Department of Corrections inmate, accusing him of using drones to deliver cell phones to Florida prisons.

Mario Brian Crawford, 33, was arrested on multiple charges, including introducing contraband, operating an unmanned aircraft over a critical infrastructure facility, trafficking in methamphetamine and possession of cocaine.

The agency said Crawford was released from FDC custody in 2021 after serving a seven-year sentence for trafficking in stolen property and grand theft and is currently under supervision for a case in Georgia.

The agency added that Crawford is among others suspected of being involved in a larger-scale operation of contraband introduction into multiple Florida correctional institutions using drones.

"Contraband threatens officers and inmates alike, and when it comes to cell phones, the threat often extends outside the prison gate," said Corrections Secretary Ricky Dixon in a news release. "Contraband cell phones impede the ability of our staff to manage a safe and secure institution. This arrest is part of a broader department mission and represents the successful disruption of a criminal contraband introduction network across Florida."

The department said that since July 2012, FDC has seized more than 76,400 cell phones.

"Currently, FDC is working with federal, state, and local partners to reverse the federal law prohibiting cell phone jamming technology," the agency said, "a frequency used to render cell phones unusable within the compounds of an institution."

Lincoln City squatter sentenced

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Telegraph Staff Writer

STARKE—Jamalcom Earl Isler, 28, of Starke was sentenced to 364 days in jail for squatting in a vacant Lincoln City home.

The defendant pleaded to burglary of an unoccupied structure and resisting an officer while the state dropped a grand theft charge.

Isler and Lakwanzaa Shanice Griffin, 25, of Lake Butler, were arrested on Oct. 1.

According to an arrest report, deputies were first called to a Southeast 143rd Terrace residence on Sept. 30.

The owner told deputies she noticed someone had been staying in the vacant home, which was being remodeled.

The victim added that a smart TV with an estimated value of \$800 was missing from the building.

Deputies returned to the home on Oct. 1 after a second call from the victim. This time Deputy Joseph Shiller saw a woman inside the house.

Shiller reported that the woman fled out a back door when he approached the structure.

Later Shiller and two deputies saw the woman and a man hiding in a nearby shed. As the officers approached the structure, the pair ran. One, Griffin, was immediately caught. The second, Isler was found after a search.

According to Shiller, Griffin told him she had been staying in the house for a week but didn't know anything about a missing television.

Isler admitted to living in the house for several days and denied any knowledge of a television in the home. He added that he sought shelter in the residence because of approaching Hurricane Ian.

Griffin pleaded to burglary in January and was sentenced to one year and one week in prison.

1 year for threatening woman with knife

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Telegraph Staff Writer

STARKE—A 40-year-old Starke man was sentenced to a year in jail and a year probation after admitting to threatening a woman with a knife.

Anthony Michael Alsheimer

pleaded to aggravated assault and possession of a controlled substance without a prescription.

According to an arrest report, during an argument between the defendant and victim, Alsheimer picked up a kitchen knife and ran toward the victim with it, stating he was going to kill both the victim and himself. The woman responded by running outside and calling law enforcement, and Alsheimer dropped the knife and ran away.

The defendant's previous convictions include dealing in stolen property, battery, false imprisonment of an adult, criminal mischief with property damage over \$200, possession of fewer than 20 grams of cannabis and failure to redeliver leased property.

Stole chicken, fled on bicycle

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Telegraph Staff Writer

STARKE—A 61-year-old Starke man was sentenced to nearly a year in jail for stealing chicken from Walmart and fleeing the retailer on a bicycle.

Alton Lamar Moore pleaded to felony petit theft and was sentenced to 300 days in jail.

According to an arrest report, a Walmart loss prevention officer saw the defendant on Oct. 7, 2022, put packs of chicken into his shopping basket, and then walk to the front of the store.

"Moore walks to the front as if he is going toward the registers," wrote reporting officer Frank W. Krol in a sworn complaint. "However, he does not. Moore turns into the woman's clothing department and is out of camera view for a brief moment. Moore then reappears into camera view coming out of the woman's clothes department, and all of the chicken has been bagged up in grey Walmart plastic bags."

Krol wrote that once the defendant reached the parking lot, he then re-entered the store for more poultry.

"Moore then exits the store and (the loss prevention officer) approaches Moore, identifying himself as asset protection, and advises him to return the chicken," wrote Krol. "Moore advises (the officer) that he was already out of the store and (the worker) could not stop him. That is when (the employee) captured a photo of Moore with the property on his bicycle."

The after-tax value of the chicken was \$64.20, and Moore had two previous convictions for retail theft.

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Sold stolen horse trailer

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Telegraph Staff Writer

STARKE—A 25-year-old Hampton man was sentenced to 364 days in jail for selling a stolen horse trailer.

Austin Lee Melville pleaded to dealing in stolen property and fraud.

According to a warrant affidavit, after the victim purchased the trailer and some tools from the defendant, she took the trailer to the Sunoco gas station in Hampton to put air in its tires. There, a man asked her what she was doing with another person's property, adding that the trailer had been stored on his land.

The victim showed deputies a bill of sale for the trailer and tools, which she purchased for \$300.

Melville had signed the document using the last name "Wilson". However, several witnesses verified his identity and his true last name.



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Obituaries

Martha Carter

Martha Phillips Carroll Riherd Carter, 90, died Thursday, April 6, 2023, after a long illness. She was born and raised in Charleston, South Carolina. She left Charleston to attend the University of Florida, where she met and married a young man named Paul Riherd. They lived in Lake Butler for 37 years, where, in addition to raising five lovely children, she spent 35 years teaching children at several schools in Lake Butler, Gainesville and Macclesney. She loved teaching her whole life, and even on family trips made sure presidential libraries and places of learning were included in the itinerary. Even in her memory care facility she ventured to teach her friends, regretting there were not enough supplies! After Paul died in 2001, she lived in Gainesville. From there she traveled and cruised to many parts of this country and abroad, always taking friends or family along. She loved her cottage in North Carolina and added basket making to her list of hobbies. She also loved sewing, dogs and bridge throughout her long life. She renewed and kept up with many old friends from her childhood. In 2010, she married one of them, Jerry Carter, from Charleston, surprising all her children. They moved back to her beloved Charleston and happily lived there until he died and she returned to Florida for good. She was preceded in death by her husbands, Paul Markey Riherd and Gerald M. Carter Jr.; and her daughter, Shelley Wilson Riherd Griffis.



She is survived by her children, Martha Riherd (Robert) Weller, Brooke Riherd (William) Douglas, Harriet Riherd Haynes, Thomas Malcolm (Barbara) Riherd; 11 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and her little Westie, Toto Wooster. She was greatly loved and will be missed by them all.

A service to honor her will be held Thursday, April 13, 2023, at 3 p.m. at First Christian Church in Lake Butler. The family will receive friends for a visitation beginning at 2 p.m. She will be laid to rest immediately following the service at Dekle Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association at alz.org.

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

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Joyce Clemons

Joyce Ann Clemons, 70, passed away at North Florida Medical Center on Thursday, March 30, 2023, after an extended illness. She was born in Orlando on May 17, 1952, to the late Earl and Edgel Griffis. She has been a lifelong resident of Union County. She worked as a receiving clerk for Publix for 25 years until her retirement. She enjoyed taking trips with her family. Her favorite place to visit was the mountains. She loved life and lived it to the fullest. She was preceded in death by her parents; her son, Wayne Senters; and her siblings, Byrle Griffis, Jack Griffis, Junior Griffis, Bonnie Woods, and Betty Griffis.



She is survived by her husband of 31 years, Donnie Clemons of Lake Butler; her children, Curtis (Stephanie) Senters of Scottsville, Kentucky, and Lisa Thornton of Lake Butler; her grandchildren, Spencer, Madison, Zeb, Curtis, Cody, Lauren, and Sarah; great-grandchildren, Jace and Audrey; her sister, Shirley Drawdy and a host of nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life was held Monday, April 3, at Archer-Milton Funeral Home.

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

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Don Fitzgerald

The family of Don Fitzgerald announce his sudden passing. He will be remembered by his wife and children, as well as numerous other family members and friends.

A viewing will be held on Monday, April 17, at 11 a.m. at Evergreen Baptist Church, 8025 N.W. C.R. 125, Lawtey, followed by a Celebration of Life at 12 p.m.

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

Linda Fraser

Linda B. Fraser, 76, of Keystone Heights passed away on Wednesday, March 29, 2023. She was born in Lake City on Jan. 8, 1947. Her parents were J. B. and Billie Garner Brack. She graduated from Columbia High in 1965 and from the University of Florida in 1971. She loved being a second-grade teacher for 36 years in the Keystone Heights school system. She was preceded in death by her parents; and brother, Jim Brack.

She is survived by her companion, Dave Roof; her twin sister, Glenda (Jimmy) Sanders; and her brother, Bobby (Jeanette) Brack; and nieces and nephews whom she loved dearly.

A private family gathering is planned to celebrate her life.

Her arrangements are being handled by Forest Lawn Gateway Funeral Home in Lake City, 386-752-1954. Please contact me, Glenda Sanders, at 386-247-3448 to discuss. Thank you.

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Lee Frazier

Lee Verne Frazier, known as "D-Duck," was born on March 21, 1962. He departed this life on Monday, April 3, 2023. His parents were the late Joseph Frazier and Frankie Mae Frazier. He was a manual laborer who worked as a Machinery Operator (CAT Machine) in forestry cutting down trees with Lewis Timber for many years. He loved being around family, fishing, hunting and enjoying great food.

He leaves behind two surviving children, Kimberly Tate of Gainesville and Lee Verne Tate of Starke. Also left behind are his brothers, Steve (Tamika) Frazier of Lawtey, Todd Frazier of Gainesville, Ronnie Frazier of Starke and Everett Frazier of Starke; and his special friend, Rebecca "Jane" Lawson.

The viewing will be from 2 p.m. until 7 p.m. on Friday, April 14, at Pinkney-Smith Funeral Home, 727 N.W. Second St., Gainesville. There will be a Balloon Release at 6 p.m. on Friday, April 14, at Lincoln City Park in Starke. Graveside services will be at 12 p.m. on Saturday, April 15, at Hawthorne Cemetery, 23350 S.E. Hawthorne Road, Hawthorne.

Services are entrusted to the care of Pinkney-Smith Funeral Home, Inc., 727 N.W. Second St., Gainesville. 352-376-8686.



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Mary J. Greene

Mary Janeka Greene, 57, of Starke passed away Saturday, April 1, 2023, in Starke. She was born March 15, 1966, in Jacksonville to Charles and Mary (Aultman) Greene. Prior to retiring, she owned and operated a cleaning business for many years. In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by her husband, Art Elkins.

She is survived by her daughter, Janeka Greene; mother, Mary Aultman Greene; sisters, Nita (Kindal) Mobley and Betty (Tommy) Hardenbrook; two grandsons, Charley and Kendal; and a granddaughter, Neka, all of Starke. Also left behind are several extended family members and friends who will miss her dearly.

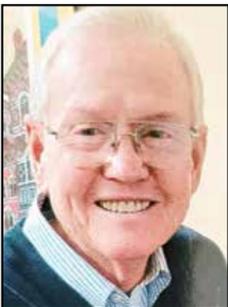
There are currently no scheduled services.

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PAID OBITUARY

Alvin Griffis

Alvin Alton Griffis, 84, a lifelong resident of Raiford, was born in an old, log farmhouse on Jan. 20, 1939, and he departed this life on Friday, April 7, 2023. He has left a legacy of Christian faith, family life, community service and involvement, mentoring and hard work. He was a committed, dedicated man, giving his all to anything he started. As a Christian, he lived out his faith as a member of New River New Congregational Methodist Church, serving as class leader for over 40 years and as a steward. He sang Southern gospel music for most of his life, founding and managing the "Gospel Sounds" and singing in churches and venues all over North Florida and South Georgia. He was always ready and willing to share his faith with others in the community. As a family man, he was married to the love of his life, Geraldine Griffis, for 62 years. He was a father who taught his sons to love the Lord, their spouses, their children and their community; to be dedicated, and to work hard. He loved being a "Papa" to his grandchildren. He enjoyed "making farmers out of them" by giving tractor rides on the old '57 put-put John Deere and providing big rolls of hay for them to play on. He loved attending football, volleyball and basketball games, concerts, High-Q matches, recitals, church revivals, graduations and award ceremonies. He and Geraldine would often travel many miles to attend these events. He was always happy to just talk, give wisdom or simply enjoy time together. He loved gardening, raising cattle, developing land and entertaining family and friends on the farm. He truly loved his community of Raiford and all of Union County. He believed his greatest accomplishment was being a Union County School Board member for 20 years. He spent countless hours helping his constituents. He was a major supporter and champion of athletics, academics, and all other extracurricular activities. He was a member of the Quarterback Club and the LBMS advisory council and became well known in Tallahassee as an advocate for Union County. He particularly enjoyed supporting FFA. There were many recipients of his generosity. He was passionate about his hometown of Raiford and was instrumental in the creation of "Raiford Day." He was a member of the Raiford Masonic Lodge #82 for over 50 years, serving as Master of the Lodge and as a District Deputy. He was a patriotic American and served the USA in the National Guard for four years. He attended school in Raiford, then graduated from Union County High School. After high school he was a hard-working man. He worked in construction, he was a cutting-room supervisor at Lake Butler Apparel Company, at RMC with the Florida Department of Corrections, and retired from Northeast Florida State Hospital as a purchasing agent. He was predeceased by his loving wife, Geraldine Opal Varnes Griffis; his parents, Calvin and Ruby Griffis; three sisters, Vera Alvarez, Eloise Pearce, and Sadie Mae Crawford; and three brothers, Clifford Griffis, Calvin Griffis Jr., and J. D. Griffis.



He is survived by two sons, Pastor Randall A. (Darlene) Griffis, Sr. and Gary Franklin (Sheila) Griffis; grandchildren, Randall (Terissa "Fancy") Griffis Jr., Joel (Brittany) Combs, Jonathan (Cindy) Griffis, Sarah-Anne (Jonathan) Albritton, Cody Griffis, Gary-Nathan "Nate" (Devin) Griffis, Andrew-Paul "AP" (Abby) Griffis, Addie-Kaye (Lawson) Yarbrough and Tyler-Clayton "TC" Griffis; great-grandchildren: Tyreshia Archer, Tayla Archer, Callie Combs, Aaron Griffis, Kenley Combs, Anderson Griffis, Dylan Griffis, Alton Griffis, and Korie Kaye Griffis; two brothers, Gerald (Joann) Griffis and Ressie (Paulette) Griffis; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Visitation was Tuesday, April 11, at Archer-Milton Funeral Home in Lake Butler Florida. Funeral Services were held at New River New Congregational Methodist Church on Wednesday, April 12. Interment followed the service at Sapp Cemetery in Raiford. Services were officiated by his sons, Randall and Gary Griffis.

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Sandra Milikin

Sandra Anita Milikin, 83, of Melrose passed away at her home Thursday, March 23, 2023. She was born Jan. 25, 1940, in Ocala to William and Ethel (Branton) McIntosh. Prior to retirement, she was employed by the Clay County School board, serving meals to children in the school cafeteria off and on for over 40 years. She was also a member of the Keystone United Methodist Church. She and her husband spent many hours volunteering at Lake Area Ministries. Whenever she and her husband had any free time, they were on the road in their motor home with friends and family, going to gospel concerts and seeing the country; and she always had a book in her hands (she loved to read). In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her loving husband of 64 years, Marvin "Bud" Milikin; and her middle son, Scott Milikin.



She is survived by two sons, Randy Milikin and Doug (Tamara) Milikin all of Keystone; three grandchildren, Jody (B.J.) Pfeiffer, Bonny (Jesse) Ivey, and Hunter Milikin; two grandchildren; and many cousins and additional family members.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m., Sunday, April 16, at the Keystone United Methodist Church.

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Frances Myers

Frances Virginia Myers, 79, died April 7, 2023. She was a member of Madison Street Baptist church. She was preceded in death by her parents; and her husband; Luther "Calvin" Myers.

Survivors are her children, Dee (Robert) Brummett, Rhonda (Charles) Dalton, Mark Myers, and Robin Myers; three siblings; and numerous extended family members.

Services were held Wednesday, April 12, at Archie Tanner Memorial Chapel with Brother Richard Cason officiating. Interment followed at Crosby Lake Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services and Archie Tanner Memorial Chapel, 14397 U.S. 301 South, Starke, 32091. 904-964-5757.



Mary Pennington

Mary Janet Pennington, 73, of Interlachen, died Sunday, April 2, 2023, in Starke. She was born March 2, 1950, in Coral Gables to F.W. and Helen (Flanagan) Pennington. She was preceded in death by her parents.

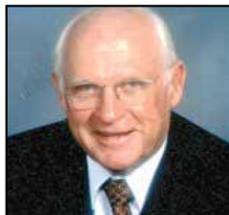
She is survived by her brother, Harry Pennington; and several extended family members.

There are currently no scheduled services.

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George Roberts Jr.

George W. Roberts Jr., 92, of Starke passed away Friday, April 7, 2023, at his home. He was born in Lawtey on March 21, 1931, to the late George W. Roberts Sr., and Jewel (Tatum) Roberts and was a lifelong area resident. Prior to retirement he was the owner/operator of Roberts Insurance Company and Roberts Realty Company. He served in the Naval Air Reserve and was an active member of the First United Methodist Church of Starke. He also served his community as a Bradford County Commissioner for 16 years and was a member of Bradford Lodge #35 of FA Masons. He was a Scottish Rite of 32nd Degree and a University of Florida alumni. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 70 years, Nancy (Wyllis) Roberts.



Survivors are his children, Richard W. (Janet) Roberts of Palm Coast, Brenda R. (David) Kniseley and Charles "Scott" (Kim) Roberts all of Starke. Also left are his seven grandchildren: Lea, Tyler, JoBeth, Wesley, Priscilla, DarbyAnn, and Meghan; plus 11 great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, April 13, from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. at DeWitt C. Jones Chapel of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home. Memorial services will be held on Friday, April 14, at 3 p.m. at First United Methodist Church of Starke with Rev. Mike Moore and Rev. Josh Rankin officiating. Interment will be at a later date in Crosby Lake Cemetery. Flowers will be accepted, or memorial contributions may be made to the Bradford Food Pantry, P.O. Box 1094, Starke, 32091.

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Jo Ann Tankersley

Jo Ann Tankersley, 69, of Interlachen died Tuesday, March 28, 2023.

Survivors are her husband, John Tankersley; children, Jared (Jennifer) Riddell, Regina Jalbert, Laura (Ben) Street, Angela Baker, Amber Swain, and Jammie Church; along with numerous grandchildren.

Visitation will be at the funeral home Saturday, April 15, beginning at 10 a.m. Funeral services will follow at 11:30 a.m. Interment will follow at a later date.

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

David Todd

David Todd, 90, passed away peacefully on Sunday, April 9, 2023, at Haven Hospice Lake City. He was born in Lake Butler on May 2, 1932, to the late Isaiah and Nita Raulerson Todd and has been a lifelong resident. He worked for over 50 years as a local and long-distance truck driver. He also had a produce stand where he would sell fresh-picked vegetables. He was preceded in death by his parents, Isaiah and Nita Todd; his wife of 60 years, Evelyn Seay Todd; son, Bobby Todd; siblings, Sidney Todd, Mallie Todd, Frank Todd, Kenneth Todd, Bennett Todd, Ray Todd, Theodore Todd, Sadie Davis, and Carolyn Greek.



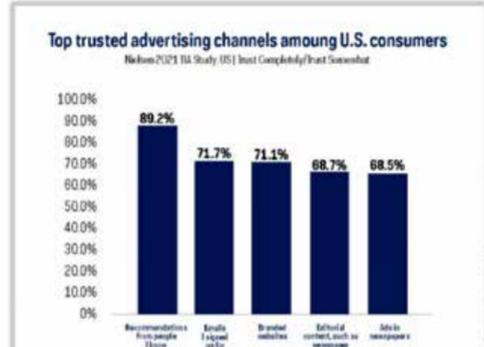
He is survived by his children, Ricky (Sherry) Todd of Lake City, Cathy (Randy) Ingram of Live Oak, Toney (Kathy) Todd of Lake City, and Lonnie Todd of Worthington Springs; step-daughter, Diane Blackwelder of LaCrosse; his brother, Vernon Todd of Lake Butler; grandchildren, Amy, Dayton, Malachi, Johnny, Jamie, Christopher, Tanya, Toney Jr., Eric, Jordan and Connie; 27 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and a host of extended family.

A service to honor him will be held Thursday, April 13, at 10 a.m. at Archer-Milton Funeral Home. The family will receive friends for a visitation the night before on Wednesday, April 12, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. He will be laid to rest immediately following the service Thursday at Elzey Chapel Cemetery. Terry Elixson will officiate the service.

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Obituaries

Moore honored at Scouting fundraiser

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

First United Methodist of Starke Pastor Michael Moore was this year's honoree at the Starke American Values Dinner, a fundraising event for North Florida Council, Boy Scouts of America, that was held March 30 at the Gov. Charley E. Johns Conference Center in Starke.

Moore, who has been the pastor at First United Methodist of Starke for 15 years, said he was thankful for the people of Bradford County, who embraced him and his family and who helped him become a better pastor. He was also touched to be among the other individuals who were honored at past American Values dinners.

"I appreciate Bradford County," Moore said. "I love each and every one of you for taking your time to come out and honor me. I really appreciate it because many people have stood in this place. I'm very humbled."

Dinner attendees pledged a total of \$11,775 in support of local Scouting in 2023.

"Scouting has been around for a while. We want to make sure it stays here for a while," said Terry Vaughan, Bradford County's retired supervisor of elections who served as the event's honorary chairman and emcee.

Vaughan said more than 115 million have been members of Scouting, which has been around for 113 years.

In regard to Bradford County, Vaughan said 135 youth and 57 adult volunteers are a part of Scouting.



Rev. Mike Moore and his wife, Debbie, pose with tokens of appreciation presented to them at the Starke American Values Dinner. Photo by Cliff Smelley.

North Florida Council's Bartram Trail District, which serves Bradford, Clay and Putnam counties, serves 895 youth and 433 adult volunteers.

"We want to thank you for helping to provide them with this vital character-building, citizenship training and physical-fitness experience," Vaughan said. "We need it now more than ever."

God's breeze

In introducing the night's honoree, Vaughan referenced the movie "Forrest Gump" and how the opening and closing credits featured a feather moving in whichever direction the wind blew. He said that image was descriptive of the different

directions Forrest Gump traveled in his life.

Moore, too, has lived a life that had him moving in directions that neither he nor others could envision at the time. Vaughan said Moore, who grew up in Jacksonville, was looking at a chance to play college football, thanks to his play at middle linebacker for Englewood High School.

"Florida, Tennessee and quite a few SEC schools clamored to convince Mike to attend their institutions on a football scholarship," Vaughan said. "He was really, really good."

However, on Moore's final high school play, he suffered a knee injury — an injury that was devastating prior to the medical advances and surgeries that exist

today. "Big-time football was not in the cards," Vaughan said.

"God's breeze," as Vaughan described it, took Moore in a direction away from football and into carpentry. He became a master cabinet maker, starting his own business. Moore Products Inc. became the largest cabinet manufacturer in the Southeast.

"Life was great," Vaughan said. "Fabulous family, fabulous profession, excellent income — but God had other plans. Following the death of his father, Mike realized God's breeze was about to dramatically redirect his life journey once again. Mike strongly felt a calling from God to go into the ministry."

Moore sold his business and enrolled in Duke University School of Divinity at the age of 42.

"Can you imagine taking that step of faith? It's amazing," Vaughan said.

Moore was carried along on God's breeze again, which took him from Durham, North Carolina, back to Jacksonville to become the pastor of Good Shepherd United Methodist Church. After nine years, the breeze took Moore to First United Methodist of Starke, where he has now pastored for 15 years.

Vaughan said Jacksonville's Good Shepherd United Methodist — a start-up church when Moore became pastor — flourished during Moore's time there, just as First United Methodist of Starke is flourishing now.

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Norma Williams



Norma Josephine Williams, 85, of Waldo, passed away on Monday April 10, 2023, at home with her loving family by her side. She was born in Nashville, Tennessee on Sept. 10, 1937, to the late Raymond Alphonso Williams Sr. and Mildred Flossie Williams. She was raised in Tennessee and, after graduation, started her longtime career as a waitress. She had an amazing personality, a servant's heart, and loved her Lord and Savior. In the late 1950s, she moved to Miami, where she raised her children, and they made their final move to Starke in 1973. She was an active member of Smyrna Baptist Church for years and was currently a member of Madison Street Baptist Church. She absolutely loved church and enjoyed praise and worship and volunteering with the clothing closet. She worked for several years at the Branding Iron and The Garden Restaurant as a waitress and enjoyed her time at the Bradford Telegraph and the Office Shop, where she worked for over 15 years. She enjoyed playing cards, going out to eat, scrapbooking and crafting, but most of all, she loved spending precious time with her family and sweet dogs. She was a devoted wife and amazing mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, who will be greatly missed. She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Rodney Carmichael; brother-in-law, Gene O'Steen; brothers, Tony Williams and Ray Williams Jr.; sisters-in-laws, Sally Williams and Pat Williams; and her chihuahua, Milo.

She is survived by her loving husband, James Williams of Waldo; children, Darlene (Steve) Douglass of Starke, Kenny (Ashley) Carmichael of Interlachen; stepsons, Hank (Rose) Williams of Waldo, and James (Laura) Williams of Daytona Beach; sister, Millie O'Steen of Hampton; brother, Donnie (Maxine) Williams of Georgia; 11 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and her chihuahua, Bandit.

A Celebration of Life will be held Friday, April 14, at 11 a.m. at Madison Street Baptist Church with Pastor Richard Cason and Pastor Charles Starling officiating. The family will receive friends an hour prior to the service at the church. Interment to follow at Crosby Lake Cemetery, Starke.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services and Archie Tanner Memorial Chapel, Starke. 904-964-5757. Visit www.ferreirafuneralservices.com to sign the family's guest book.

PAID OBITUARY

Zenaida Yates

Zenaida M. Yates, 76, of Melrose passed away Wednesday, April 5, 2023, in Starke. She was born March 15, 1947, in the Philippines to Paul and Eleuteria (Narciso) Marchan Sr.

The family will receive friends Saturday, April 15, from 3:30 p.m. until 5 p.m. in the Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home Chapel, 340 E. Walker Drive, Keystone Heights, 32656, 352-473-3176. A memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to your local Church of God.

Tigers score 7 in 5th, defeat Suwannee 9-5

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Union County High School's baseball team took advantage of shaky pitching, scoring seven runs in the fifth inning and defeating visiting Class 4A Suwannee 9-5 on April 10.

Tre'Von Lee, who went 3 for 3, hit an RBI double in the fourth inning to help the Tigers (11-5) enter the fifth trailing 4-2. Preston Bonsall, Ayden Elixson and Erick Lasseter drew bases-loaded walks, while Lee and Devin Diggs were hit by pitches with the bases loaded.

The big fifth inning also featured Blake Agner and Jake Walker each driving in a run.

Ethan Moody earned the win, giving up four runs, eight hits and no walks in six innings. He had five strikeouts.

Carson Rogers threw the final inning, giving up one unearned run and no hits. He struck out two.

Union, which is ranked third in the Florida High School Athletic Association's Class 1A power poll, entered the game off a 5-3 loss at Class 4A Dunnellon on April 7.

Dunnellon scored four runs in the first inning, taking advantage of two hit batters (one with the bases loaded), a bases-loaded walk, two singles and a sacrifice fly.

The Tigers were able to cut their deficit in half with a two-run second. Agner and Lee reached on singles. Lasseter drove in one run on a ground out, while Walker drove in another on a two-out single.

Dunnellon added a run to its total in the bottom of the second on two doubles with two outs.

Union's final run occurred in the third when Jeremy Miller, who was hit by a pitch, scored on an error.

Clayton Poppell, in an early relief appearance, gave up one run, three hits and no walks through three innings.

Elixson threw three innings of relief as well, giving up no runs, no hits and no walks.

The Tigers played University Christian this past Tuesday (April 11) and will travel to play First Coast on Friday, April 14, at 6 p.m. Union travels to play Bradford on Monday, April 17, at 7 p.m. before then traveling to play Columbia on Wednesday,

April 19, at 6 p.m.

Indians have big 1st inning in 6-3 victory

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Gage Smith drove in two of his three runs in the first inning as the Keystone Heights High School baseball team defeated host Williston 6-3 on April 10.

The Indians (12-4) scored five runs in all in the first. Chase Packham hit a leadoff single before Austin Musgrove was hit by a pitch. With two outs, Noah Branch was hit by a pitch to load the bases. After Packham scored on a passed ball, Andrew Wilson drew a walk. Smith hit a single to plate two runs, while Aiden Screen drove in the fourth run on a single of his own. Smith later scored on an error.

Musgrove earned the win. He started and pitched 3.2 innings, giving up no runs and two hits, while striking out five.

Ryan Jones threw the final 2.1 innings, giving up no runs, no hits and no walks. He had three strikeouts.

Keystone entered the game off a 2-0 win at Baker County. At the time, the Wildcats were ranked sixth in the Florida High School Athletic Association's Class 4A power poll.

Starting pitcher Ben Goforth gave up six hits and three walks through six innings, striking out five.

Jones pitched the final inning, giving up no hits and one walk, while striking out two.

The Indians scored both of their runs in the third inning. Smith hit a leadoff single and advanced to second on a Screen sacrifice. Wil Rogel hit a single, followed by Packham getting hit by a pitch to load the bases. Musgrove drove in the first run on a sacrifice fly. Connor Guy and Jones then drew back-to-back walks, with Jones' walk forcing in a run.

Wilson was one of two batters with multiple hits (joining Baker's Titus Richardson), going 2 for 3.

Keystone played Palatka this past Tuesday (April 11) and will host Middleburg on Thursday, April 13, at 7 p.m. The Indians host Orange Park on Tuesday, April 18, at 7 p.m. and then host Yulee on Wednesday, April 19, at 6 p.m.

BHS baseball team rallies to beat Fort White

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Luke Stucky drew a walk with the bases loaded in the bottom of

the seventh as the Bradford High School baseball team rallied from a 3-0 deficit to defeat visiting Fort White 3-2 on April 6.

It was the third time in almost a three-week period the Tornadoes (7-9) have won a game in such fashion.

Bradford put its first run on the board in the fifth. Cason Pilcher, who finished 2 for 3, hit a leadoff single, followed by a Kevin Crawford double. Pilcher scored on a Brayden Smyth ground out.

Foster Smith hit a two-out double in the sixth and scored on a single by Kacen Thomassen.

Crawford drew a walk to lead off the bottom of the seventh. Ryder Thompson was hit by a pitch, followed by Smyth reaching on an error to load the bases. Ryland Rike hit a ground ball that resulted in a force out at home. A strikeout then resulted in the inning's second out. Stucky took the first two pitches he saw for balls. After fouling off the third pitch, he took two more pitches to draw the game-winning walk.

Matthew Stafford earned the win. In three innings of relief, he gave up one hit and one walk, while striking out three.

Stucky started and pitched four innings, giving up the two runs on five hits and no walks. He had three strikeouts.

The Tornadoes played Suwannee this past Tuesday (April 11) and will travel to play Crescent City on Thursday, April 13, at 7 p.m. Bradford hosts Interlachen on Friday, April 14, at 7 p.m. and Union County on Monday, April 17, at 7 p.m.

Indians defeat Tornadoes 7-4 in baseball

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Aiden Screen hit a two-run single as part of a three-run fifth inning that proved to be the difference as the Keystone Heights High School baseball team defeated visiting Bradford 7-4 on April 4.

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Easley leads BHS at Don Hall meet with 4th-place finish

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Bradford High School's Jaleel Easley earned a fourth-place finish at the Don Hall Invitational, which was held April 6 at Orange Park High School.

Easley ran the 400m in 53.10 to give the boys team one of its four top-10 finishes. The 4x100m relay team of Branden Williams, Ne-O Addison, Michael Oliver and Jeremiah McKenzie was fifth with a time of 46.50, while the 4x800m team of Chayten Sanders, Hayden Starling, Jordan Barton and Krystian Harris was sixth with a time of 10:09. Jacob Ferguson placed seventh in the shot put with a distance of 37-10.5.

Nathaniel Raymond just missed a top10 finish in the shot put, placing 11th with a distance of 35-3.75.

Other boys results: 100m — Williams 11.96, Addison 12.04, Oliver 12.15; 200m — Oliver 24.43, Marcus Hewitt 24.60, Easley 24.86; 400m — Elijah Lawrence 1:17; 800m — Barton 2:22, Harris 2:34, Starling 2:50; long jump — McKenzie 18-7.25, Brian Clifflin 15-9.5; discus — Ferguson 98-8, Raymond 97-9, Cayden Carter 84-7; and shot put — Carter 30-9.25, Clifflin 28-0.25.

The girls team got a ninth-

place finish in the 4x100m relay, with Diamond Ferguson, Kaelyn Booker, Kendell Shanks and Holly Holt teaming up to run 53.39.

Other girls results: 100m — Booker 13.57, Shanks 13.88, Ferguson 13.91; 200m — Shanks 29.39, Booker 32.94; 400m — Booker 1:07, Holt 1:13; and 800m — Layne Loper 4:00.

Prior to the invitational, Bradford competed in a meet at Santa Fe High School on April 4, with the girls earning a fifth-place finish in the 4x100m relay. Ferguson, Shanks, Booker and Izariya DeSue teamed up to run 52.58.

Booker earned eighth place in the 400m with a time of 1:05.

Other girls results: 100m — Booker 13.38, DeSue 13.92, Shanks 13.95, Ferguson 13.99; 400m — Holt 1:12, Kaiya Booker 1:15; 800m — Loper 3:54; and shot put — Loper 18-4.5.

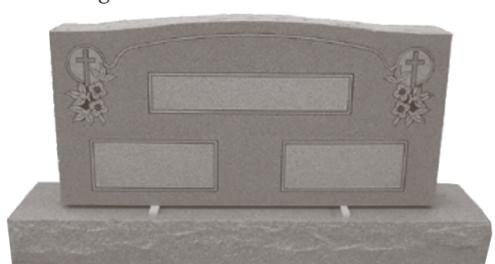
The boys team got a pair of top-10 finishes in the shot put, with Raymond placing seventh (38-0.75) and Ferguson placing ninth (36-9.5).

Williams, Addison, Lawrence and Oliver ran an eighth-place time of 45.57 in the 4x100m, while Easley placed ninth in the 400m (53.15).

Other boys results: 100m — Williams 11.91, Oliver 12.01, Addison 12.02, Lawrence 12.35, Sanders 12.59, Barton 12.69, Hewitt 13.13; 400m — Sanders 1:03; 800m — Barton 2:24, Harris 2:36; 1600m — Harris 6:12, Starling 7:09; and shot put — Carter 34-9, Clifflin 32-1.5.

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Indians win Region 2-1A traditional championship

Keystone, which was the Olympic runner-up, will send 15 to state in each event

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Keystone Heights High School had already settled for the runner-up trophy in the Olympic competition and was in second place behind Suwannee in the traditional competition, trailing by a score of 53-49. Its hopes for the championship trophy rested on the shoulders of Tyler Anthony-Rozier.

Everyone else was done competing before Anthony-Rozier had even attempted his first bench press in the 238-pound class. He successfully benched 330 pounds, which moved the Indians past Suwannee, making the score 56-53 and giving them the first-place trophy at the Region 2-1A finals, which were held April 7 at Suwannee.

Sounds like a lot of pressure was on Anthony-Rozier, who went on to bench 355 and 370 on his second and third attempts, but he wasn't aware of it. He didn't know what the team scores were before he lifted. That's the

coaches' job. Not his. "Head Coach (Lantz) Lowery tells me I'm not allowed to think," Anthony-Rozier said. "I'm just allowed to do what I'm allowed to do. That's lifting weights."

Anthony-Rozier was one of three Keystone lifters to place first in the traditional competition and one of two to do so in the second session of the bench

press, when lifters in classes 183-unlimited competed. Trey Jeffries, who lifts in the 219 class, was one of the last competitors as well. Like Anthony-Rozier, all he had to do was be successful on his first attempt to win his class. He was, bench pressing 330 and following that up with 350 on his second attempt to help Keystone pull it out in the end.

When it comes down to it, all

Keystone needed was Jeffries and Anthony-Rozier to lift the weight they're capable of lifting. As Lowery said, he doesn't go into meets expecting pleasant surprises. He gives each lifter a sheet of paper with the weight he expects them to get — weight they've successfully lifted in the past.

The surprises at the Region 2 meet were several lifters not getting those totals and putting them into quite a battle with host Suwannee, which won the Olympic team championship with a score of 74 to Keystone's 54.

"They're very good," Lowery said. "We helped them out a little bit. Next week's going to be a tougher week, but it's supposed to be."

Lowery was referring to the state finals, which will be held Saturday, April 15, at the R.P. Funding Center in Lakeland. The individual champions at the Region 2 meet automatically qualified. For Keystone, that meant Anthony-Rozier, Jeffries and Bo Overton in the traditional competition and Anthony-Rozier and Overton in the Olympic competition.

The Indians had 13 earn at-large berths in the Olympic event: Jeffries, Davin Adams, Reid Begue, Tyler Duncan, Jayden Goodman, Jackson Herman, Colton Hollingsworth, Landon Hovsepian, Bryar Schenck, Jed Tisdale, Sam Ulsch, Wyatt Van Zant and Bryson Wester.

Keystone will have 15 in all compete in the traditional event at state, with the following earning at-large berths: Begue, Goodman, Hollingsworth, Hovsepian, Schenck, Tisdale, Ulsch, Van Zant, Wester, Dakota Roper, Declan Shine and Brayden Wester.

Adams, Anthony-Rozier, Begue, Goodman, Herman, Hovsepian, Jeffries, Schenck, Shine, Ulsch, Van Zant and Bryson Wester were state qualifiers last year as well.

Anthony-Rozier, a senior, admitted it was an emotional moment for him when he earned his first championship of the day in the Olympic competition and punched his return ticket to state.

"I started crying a little bit after I snatched and did my clean and jerk," he said. "I was like, 'I made it to state three times now.' It's crazy, how far I've come from seventh grade all the way up to now."

So many lifters qualifying puts the Indians in good position to challenge for its third straight state championship.

"My expectation every year is to be in the state championship with a chance to win it. I don't expect anything less," Lowery said, adding, "Somebody's got to win it. Why not Keystone?"

Anthony-Rozier said the key is for him and his teammates is to not miss any lifts.

"I totally think we have a chance," he said.

The first session of the state finals, which will include the 119-169 classes, will begin at 8 a.m., while the second session (183-unlimited classes) will begin at 1 p.m.



Tyler Anthony-Rozier won both the traditional and Olympic titles in the 238 class.

Tickets are \$9 if purchased in advance via rpfundingcenter.com and \$12 the day of the event.

Parking at the venue will be \$10.

Traditional results

A total of 12 lifters earned points for top-six finishes in the traditional competition. Lowery admitted the Indians were a little better in the traditional event as opposed to the Olympic event, but added, "We still made a lot of mistakes that we can't make moving forward."

Mistakes aside, the team did come out on top in three weight classes, with Overton, who lifted in the first sessions of the clean and jerk and bench press, becoming the first traditional champion of the day. Overton won the 169 class with a 590 total (290 clean and jerk, 300 bench press). That put him 85 pounds ahead of Chiefland's Paul Davis. Overton had the best clean-and-jerk total by 45 pounds, while his bench-press total was 35 pounds better than everyone else's.

Jeffries' 665 total (315, 350) put him 25 pounds ahead of Suwannee's Brandon Robinson. His bench press was 25 pounds better than Robinson's, while the two finished with the same clean-and-jerk total.

Anthony-Rozier finished 65 pounds ahead of Taylor County's Madden Metcalf with a 655 total (285, 370). He had the best bench press by 55 pounds.

The traditional championships were the second of the day for Anthony-Rozier and Overton, who won their classes in the Olympic competition as well.

"They're living proof that hard work over a lot of years pays off," Lowery said. "Both of those kids have been with me since seventh or eighth grade. I bet you they haven't missed a handful of workouts that whole time."

Keystone had four finish as runners-up in their classes: Begue with a 485 total (225, 260) in the 139 class, Ulsch with a 520 total (235, 285) in the 154 class, Hovsepian with a 615 total (300, 315) in the 183 class and Roper with a 575 total (235, 340) in the 199 class.

The Indians earned third place in three of those classes, with Van Zant placing behind Begue with a 470 total (245, 225), Schenck placing behind Hovsepian with a 575 total (295, 280) and Bryson Wester placing behind Roper with a 560 total (250, 310).

Hollingsworth took fifth in the 119 class with a 325 total (150, 175), while Brayden Wester was sixth in the 238 class with a 545 total (265, 280).

Three lifters earned seventh-place finishes: Tisdale with a 305 total (155, 150) in the 119 class, Goodman with a 570 total (290, 280) in the 219 class and Duncan with a 565 total (265, 300) in the unlimited class.

Shine and Vernell Jackson placed ninth in the 129 and 169 classes, respectively. Shine had a 380 total (170, 210), while Jackson had a 450 total (200, 250).

Damien Dunlap was 10th in the 154 class with a 405 total (185, 220), while Brayden McCall was 16th in the 129 class with a 290 total (140, 150).

Olympic results

Keystone had 14 earn points in the Olympic competition, including champions Overton and Anthony-Rozier. Overton won with a 505 total (215 snatch, 290 clean and jerk), which put him 85 pounds ahead of Suwannee's Isaiah Love, while Anthony-Rozier won with a 470 total (185, 285), which got him just past Suwannee's Alex Mabey, who had a 465 total.

Three earned runner-up status: Van Zant with a 415 total (170, 245), Schenck with a 520 total (225, 295) and Jeffries with a 540 total (225, 315).

Third-place finishes were earned by Hovsepian with a 515 total (215, 300), Goodman with a 495 total (205, 290) and Herman with a 455 total (200, 255) in the 238 class.

Placing fourth were Begue with a 395 total (170, 225), Bryson Wester with a 415 total (165, 250) and Duncan with a 445 total (180, 265).

Tisdale and Ulsch both placed fifth. Tisdale had a 270 total (115, 155), while Ulsch had a 405 total (170, 235).

Adams placed sixth in the 154 class with a 360 total (145, 215), while Hollingsworth placed seventh in his class with a 250 total (100, 150).

Roper earned ninth place with a 370 total (135, 235), while Talan Messina was 10th in the 169 class with a 360 total (150, 210).

Shine was 11th with a 295 total (125, 170), while McCall was 16th with a 245 total (105, 140).

2-title winner Simmons is 1 of 3 UCHS lifters to qualify for state

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Christian Simmons won two individual titles for Union County High School, which qualified a total of three for state at the Region 2-1A boys weightlifting finals, which were held April 7 at Suwannee High School.

Simmons earned automatic berths to state by winning both the Olympic and traditional events in the 129-pound class. He had a 435 total (180 snatch, 255 clean and jerk) in the Olympic competition, placing him 55 pounds ahead of Bronson's Emril Hall, and a 510 total (255 clean and jerk, 255 bench press) in the traditional competition, placing him 70 pounds ahead Zach Warner of Eagle's View.

The state finals will be held Saturday, April 15, at the R.P. Funding Center in Lakeland, with the first session (119-169 classes) beginning at 8 a.m. and the second session (183-unlimited classes) beginning at 1 p.m. Simmons is looking to repeat

Christian Simmons won the Region 2-1A titles in the 129 class in both the Olympic and traditional events. He, Thomas Williams and Maddox Wheeler will represent UCHS at the state finals. Photo by Cliff Smelley.



as the champion in both the Olympic and traditional events.

Two Union lifters earned at-large state berths: Maddox Wheeler and Thomas Williams. Williams placed fifth in the 199 class in the traditional event with a 545 total (235, 310), while Wheeler was ninth in the 219 class in the traditional event with a 535 total (250, 285).

Williams scratched on two of his bench-press attempts, but did get his second attempt of 310 to record an official result and

eventually earn his way to state. If he had made his third attempt of 320, he would've moved up to fourth place.

This is the second year Williams has qualified for state.

Union had three other lifters compete, with Rodney Barnett earning an eighth-place finish in the 154 class with a 410 total (195, 215). Wyatt Elixson had a 13th-place total of 350 (145, 205) in the 139 class, while Connor Bresee had a 15th-place total of 495 (230, 265) in the 238 class.

Bradford's Clark makes it to state

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Bradford High School's Chason Clark qualified for the Class 1A Boys Weightlifting Finals after his performance at the Region 2 meet, which was held April 7 at Suwannee High School.

Clark earned an at-large bid to state after placing seventh

in the 199-pound class with a 540-pound total. He had a 250 clean and jerk and a 315 bench press. Clark missed his third bench-press attempt, which was 320 pounds. If he had gotten it, he would've tied with Union County's Thomas Williams and University Christian's Kaydrick Robinson and moved up to fifth place.

The state meet will be held

Saturday, April 15, at the R.P. Funding Center in Lakeland. Clark will compete in the afternoon session, which will begin at 1 p.m.

Clark is the first BHS lifter to qualify for state in four years.

Cayden Carter earned a 14th-place finish for Bradford at the Region 2 meet, finishing with a 500 total (225 clean and jerk, 275 bench press) in the 238 class.

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KHHS gets top-4 finishes from Griffin, Shaw at Don Hall meet

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Keystone Heights High School track and field athletes Tyler Griffin and Kiersten Shaw earned top-four finishes at the Don Hall Invitational, which was held April 6 at Orange Park High School.

Griffin ran a third-place time of 4:50 in the 1600m, while Shaw cleared 4-6 for a fourth-place finish in the high jump. Shaw also earned a sixth-place finish in the long jump with a distance of 15-1.5.

The boys team also got a seventh-place finish from Shepherd Rozier in the 400m (53.67) and a 10th-place finish from Ayden Graff in the 3200m (11:55).

Other boys results: 100m — Bryce Miller 12.16, Hunter Chamberlain 14.17; 200m — Rozier 24.10; 400m — Josiah Durrenberger 1:00, Tyler Sapp 1:01; 800m — Griffin 2:13, Hunter Sheppard 2:22, Jacob Stahman 2:26, Durrenberger

2:30; long jump — Miller 19-5.5, Jaden Park 17-9.5; and shot put — Joshua Blank 24-5.75.

The girls team had the following results: 200m — Ashly McCarthy 29.64, Christine Djavaheri 30.85; 400m — McCarthy 1:10.23, Djavaheri 1:10.44; and 800m — Brook Gaudons 3:07, Candace Jackson 3:10.

Prior to the invitational, Keystone competed in an April 4 meet hosted by Santa Fe, which saw Shaw clear 4-7.75 to win the high jump.

Shaw also ran a third-place time of 17.71 in the 100m hurdles.

Alexis Taylor finished as runner-up to Shaw in the high jump clearing 4-6. Brianna Hogan was fourth (4-2).

The girls team also had a 10th-place finish in the 4x100m relay, with Taylor, Laila Brisen, Bethany Burgess and Marissa Dowell running a time of 57.80.

Other girls results: 100m — Dowell 14.75, Djavaheri 14.86, Burgess 15.20, Brisen 15.27; 400m — Djavaheri 1:12, Elizabeth Hogan 1:15.46, Tineigh Gubies 1:15.96, McCarthy 1:19; and 800m — Gaudons 3:01, Jackson 3:18, Brianna Hogan 3:36, Grace Fisher 3:37.

Keystone's Griffin and Rozier

led the boys team with fifth- and sixth-place finishes, respectively, in the 800m. Their times were 2:06 and 2:09.

Sheppard placed eighth in the 1600m (5:07).

Other boys results: 100m — Rozier 11.78; 1600m — Graff 5:27; and shot put — Blank 27-9.25.

Relay teams earn 5th-place finishes for UC

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

The Union County High School boys track and field team recorded a pair of top-five finishes in relays at the Don Hall Invitational, which was held April 6 at Orange Park High School.

Dayquan Diston, Rayvon Durant, Auntrell Ross and Davien Pressley teamed up to run a third-place time of 44.32 in the 4x100m, while Diston, Brycen Boney, Blake McCoy and Bo Thomas ran a fifth-place time of 3:44 in the 4x400m.

Individually, Ross had a pair of

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MOORE

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“Perhaps the primary reason Mike’s efforts in the ministry have been so fruitful, in my opinion, is that while he acknowledges the value of being in worship every Sunday, he tells his congregation that what really matters is what happens when they leave the building,” Vaughan said. “He emphasizes the need for his church and his parishioners to carry a light into what I think we can all agree can be a very dark world.”

Moore, because of his involvement in the community and his relationship with others, has become known as “Bradford County’s good shepherd,” Vaughan said, describing Moore as someone who leads with conviction, passion and vision, while also recognizing the value of relationships.

“No matter where he is in the community — whether he’s at McDonald’s, Walmart or Winn-Dixie — he engages people,” Vaughan said. “He shows that he cares, that he’s interested in their

lives.” Vaughan said what impresses him most about Moore is how he shows that care for others during the loss of a loved one.

“Never have I witnessed a pastor who was more caring and compassionate in a time of need and a time of grief than Mike,” Vaughan said. “He truly has a gift from God to provide comfort for those who are grieving and hurting.”

Moore’s life has been an example of the kind of life we can experience if we’ll let God take control.

“There have been so many times in Mike’s life’s journey in which it would’ve been convenient to stand his ground in the comfort of his surroundings,” Vaughan said, “but he always was willing to allow God’s breeze to carry him in a new direction. He’s always known it was his destiny to follow God’s will.”

Moore gave thanks to his children and their spouses and his grandchildren, saying, “Your family pays a price when you’re a pastor.”

“Most of all, I want to thank my

wife, Debbie. We’re celebrating 50 years in June,” Moore said, adding, “She’s supported me so much.”

Though a lot of heartfelt words were said by both Moore and Vaughan, the two couldn’t help exchanging some good-natured barbs, dating back to the 2021 Starke American Values Dinner, when Moore introduced Vaughan as that year’s honoree. Vaughan said Moore zinged him pretty good, so he returned the favor this year.

“Last Sunday, just before the sermon, Mike announced, ‘There will be a meeting of the church board in my office following the service.’ After the service was through, Mike meets in his office. There’s a guy sitting in the corner he doesn’t recognize — a visitor. Mike says, ‘Sir, I think you’re in the wrong place.

This is a meeting of the board.’ He says, ‘Buddy, after hearing that sermon, I think I’m about as bored as anybody in this room.’

When Moore took the stage, he took a dig at Vaughan for being an FSU fan, saying, “I was very confused when I came (to Bradford County) that you all would allow a person who’s a Seminole to be the supervisor of elections.”

Moore also joked that Vaughan, who now lives in Thomasville, Georgia, returns often to emcee events in Bradford County because he has no friends in Georgia.

Team effort

All joking aside, Starke Mayor Scott Roberts, a member of the Starke American Values Dinner host committee, expressed his

appreciation to Vaughan for traveling from Georgia to be a part of the event. He presented tokens of appreciation to Vaughan and his wife, Jennifer.

Joining Roberts on this year’s host committee were Chrissy Allen of The Downtown Grill, Patricia Evans of Capital City Bank, Bradford County Superintendent of Schools Will Hartley, retired Bradford County Sheriff Bob Milner and North Florida Regional Chamber of Commerce President/CEO Pam Whittle.

Community State Bank was a Gold-level sponsor for this year’s event, while The Downtown Grill, Capital City Bank, Advanced Concepts, North Florida Technical College, Starke Downtown Merchants, Roberts Insurance and Pipeline Constructors were Bronze-level

sponsors. Vaughan recognized Scout executives who were in attendance and/or helped in putting on this year’s dinner: North Florida Council Executive/CEO Kelvin Williams, Bartram Trail Senior Executive Jennifer Lowe, Five Rivers District (Marion County) Director Truman Magley, St. Johns District (St. Johns County) Executive Jennifer Klich, North Florida Council Director of Field Service/COO Cole Walters, Bartram Trail District/St. Johns District Field Director Denise Dreyer, Bartram Trail District Office Manager Jana Metzger and Fundraising Assistant Leann Lewis.

“This event did not just happen with the efforts of one or two individuals, as you can guess,” Vaughan said.

Backyard-chickens workshop to be held May 4 in Starke

A workshop on Raising Backyard Chickens will be held Thursday, May 4, from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. at the Gov. Charley E. Johns Conference Center in Starke.

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Registration costs \$20 prior to the event and \$30 at the door.

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Legal Notices

Legals for the week of April 13, 2023

BRADFORD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING A SPECIAL EXCEPTION 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 special exception, as described below, will be heard by the Board of Adjustment of Bradford County, Florida, at a public hearing on April 20th, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, at the County Commission Meeting Room, North Wing, County Courthouse, located at 954 N. Temple Avenue in Starke, Florida.

SE 23-01, an application petition by Rhonda Wilson, to request a Special Exception be granted as provided for in Section 4.8 "RSF" Residential Single Family, Section 4.8.5 # 13 of the Bradford County Land Development Regulations to allow for a Guest House with separate utility meter from primary structure to be located at the property being described as follows;

p/o the SW 1/4 of Section 26, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida, lying West of NE 17th Ave (Flume Road). Being Bradford County Parcel Number 02818-0-00400. 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. At the 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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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

Certificate Number: 858
Year of Issuance: 2020
Parcel Number: 03820-0-00000 Case Number: 04-2023-TD-0004
Description of Property:
Legal Description: Township 6 South, Range 22 East
Section 29: Begin at the NE corner of the NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 29, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, run West 100 feet, thence run South 15 feet, thence run West 50 feet to a POINT OF BEGINNING, thence run South 100 feet, thence run West 50 feet, thence run North 100 feet, thence Run East 50 feet, to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Bradford County, Florida
Name in Which Assessed: DIANA LYNN HALEY
Name on last tax roll, if different:
All of said property being in the County of Bradford, State of Florida. Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the BRADFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, STARKE, FL on 06/14/2023, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.

Denny Thompson, Clerk Of The Circuit Court Bradford County, Florida
BY: LISA BRANNON, Deputy Clerk
DATED: March 28, 2023
DATE OF PUBLICATION: APRIL 6 2023; APRIL 13 2023; APRIL 20 2023; APRIL 27 2023
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 8TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 2022-CA-0377
VILLAGE CAPITAL & INVESTMENT, LLC,
Plaintiff,
vs.
ROBERT L. BAUGH; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ROBERT L. BAUGH; UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

pursuant to In Rem Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 22nd day of March 2023, and entered in Case No. 2022-CA-0377, of the Circuit Court of the 8th Judicial Circuit in and for BRADFORD COUNTY, Florida, wherein VILLAGE CAPITAL & INVESTMENT, LLC is the Plaintiff and UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF ROBERT L. BAUGH UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ROBERT L. BAUGH LEAH A. BAUGH ISAMAH BAUGH ROBERT LEWIS BAUGH, JR.; and UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants, DENNY THOMPSON as the Clerk of the Circuit Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the east front door of the Bradford County courthouse, 945 North Temple Ave, Starke, FL., 11:00 AM on the 25th day of May 2023 the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:
A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 20 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SOUTHWEST 1/4 FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 28 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY THEREOF; 270.19 FEET TO THE IRON ROD FOUND ON THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY OF THE RIGHT OF WAY OF COUNTY ROAD 235, SAID IRON ROD BEING ON A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE NORTH AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 5679.58 FEET; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY, ALONG SAID NORTHERLY BOUNDARY AND ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE, 500.26 FEET AS MEASURED ALONG A CHORD HAVING A BEARING OF SOUTH 74 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 17 SECONDS WEST; TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT AT THE END OF SAID CURVE; THENCE SOUTH 77 DEGREES NORTH 28 MINUTES 19 SECONDS WEST, ALONG SAID NORTHERLY BOUNDARY, 371.91 FEET TO AN IRON ROD; THENCE NORTH 12 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST, 465.65 FEET TO AN IRON ROD LOCATED ON THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SOUTHWEST 1/4; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 11 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID NORTHERLY BOUNDARY, 946.76 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.
IF YOU ARE A PERSON CLAIMING A RIGHT TO FUNDS REMAINING AFTER THE SALE, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK NO LATER THAN THE DATE THAT THE CLERK REPORTS THE FUNDS AS UNCLAIMED. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A CLAIM, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY REMAINING FUNDS. AFTER THE FUNDS ARE REPORTED AS UNCLAIMED, ONLY THE OWNER OF RECORD AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MAY CLAIM THE SURPLUS.
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in a proceeding, you are entitled to be provided with certain assistance at no cost to you. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Alachua County Family and Civil Justice Center, 201 East University Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601 (352) 337-6237 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8770 via Florida Relay Service.
Denny Thompson
Clerk Of The Circuit Court
By: L. Brannon
Deputy Clerk
Submitted by:
De Cubas & Lewis, P.A.
P.O. Box 771270
Coral Springs, FL 33077
Telephone: (954) 453-0365
Facsimile: (954) 771-6052
Toll Free: 1-800-441-2438
DESIGNATED PRIMARY E-MAIL FOR SERVICE PURSUANT TO FLA. R. JUD. ADMIN 2.516
eservice@decubaslewis.com

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COMMISSION MEETING
THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT the Bradford County Board of County Commissioners will have a board meeting on April 20, 2023 at 6:30 PM inside the county commission meeting room, located in the north wing section of the Bradford County Courthouse, 945 N. Temple, Avenue, Starke, FL. A copy of the meeting agenda may be obtained from the Bradford County website: www.bradfordcountyfl.gov. Said meeting location is secured – no firearms or weapons are permitted.
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Notice is hereby given:
William R. Bushey
Last known address of:
5455 SE 125th St
Starke FL 32091
You are hereby notified that your eligibility to vote is in question. You are required to contact the Supervisor of Elections, in Starke, Florida, no later than thirty (30) days after the date of this publishing. Failure to respond will result in a determination of ineligibility by the Supervisor and your name will be removed from the statewide voter registration system.
Published one time in the Bradford County Telegraph
Amanda Seyfang
Bradford County Supervisor of Elections
P. O. Box 58
945 N. Temple Ave., Suite C
Starke, FL 32091
Date: April 10, 2023
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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REGISTER FICTITIOUS NAME
Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes, notice is hereby given that the undersigned: Connor Stephen Thompson 4837 SW 144th St., Starke, FL., 32091, sole owner, doing business under the firm name of: Mulcahy Real Estate Media, 4837 SW 144th St., Starke, FL., 32091, intends to register fictitious name under the aforesaid statute. Dated this 7th day of April, A.D., 2023, in Bradford County.
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Parcel Number: 04691-0-00200
Case Number: 04-2023-TD-0006
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From point of beginning thus described, run in a Southwesterly direction along aforesaid arc, a chord distance of 107.6 feet to a concrete monument, last aforesaid chord having a bearing of South 11 degrees, 51 minutes and 30 seconds West; run thence North 89 degrees, 11 minutes and 50 seconds East a distance of 133.52 feet to a concrete monument; run thence North 1 degree, 54 minutes and 40 seconds West to a concrete monument; run thence South 89 degrees, 11 minutes and 50 seconds West a distance of 107.9 feet to point of beginning.
Name in Which Assessed: ALBERT JAMES SIMMONS & DEBRA RUE

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SHARRI ELAINE BANKS
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6814 Rojo Court
Jacksonville, FL 32210
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SIMMONS
Name on last tax roll, if different: ALBERT JAMES SIMMONS SR ET AL
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Denny Thompson, Clerk Of The Circuit Court
Bradford County, Florida
BY: L. Brannon
LISA BRANNON, Deputy Clerk
DATED: April 4, 2023
DATE OF PUBLICATION: 04-13-2023; 04-20-2023; 04-27-2023; 05-04-2023
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NOTICE OF SALE
T & M Towing gives notice of lien and intent to sell these vehicles on May 1st, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at T & M Storage yard located at 3687 Ambient Air Rd., Starke, FL 32091. T & M Towing reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.
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Vin# 3FMCR9B62MRA71288 2021 FORD
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PUBLIC HEARING
A HEARING REGARDING THE BELOW RULES WILL BE HELD
May 15, 2023
5:15 P.M.
Bradford County School District
Office
501 West Washington Street,
Starke Florida 32091

POLICY NUMBER: 5.030+
POLICY TITLE: Student Assignment
PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The School Board shall establish residential attendance zones for each school based
SUMMARY: REVISION: The Superintendent may assign a student to any district school or educational program if it is in the best interest of the school district.
POLICY NUMBER: 5.032
POLICY TITLE: School Zone Boundary Descriptions
PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of this policy is to make aware of the school zone of where one resides.
SUMMARY: NEW: The policy explains in detail the School Boundaries for, Bradford Elementary, Lawtey Elementary and Starke Elementary Schools.
POLICY NUMBER: 5.150*
POLICY TITLE: Administration of Medication
PURPOSE AND EFFECT: Awareness of Opioid Antagonist Naloxone ("Narcan")
SUMMARY: REVISION: Adding the Ability for schools to maintain and dispense Narcan. Policy is required but the Narcan language is district choice.
POLICY NUMBER: 5.190+
POLICY TITLE: Student Records
POLICY NUMBER: 6.451
POLICY TITLE: Drug Free Workplace – Pre-Employment Drug Screening
PURPOSE AND EFFECT: An effort to meet its commitment to provide children with a quality education and eliminate future substance abuse related costs from its operation.
SUMMARY: REVISION: General review and corrections to the last update.
POLICY NUMBER: 7.170*
POLICY TITLE: Authorized Travel Expenses
PURPOSE AND EFFECT: Addresses travel for officers and employees of the school board and reimbursement
SUMMARY: REVISION: To establish the maximum rate established by Florida Statutes for public employees
POLICY NUMBER: 7.400*#
POLICY TITLE: Online Educational Services Agreement/Contracts
PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The district is committed to maintaining the privacy and security of student data and teacher and principal data and will following all applicable laws and regulations
SUMMARY: REVISION: Pursuant to Administrative Rule change 6A-1.0955
SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:
The School Board has determined that this policy will not have an adverse impact on small business or likely increase directly or indirectly regulatory costs in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate within one year after the implementation of the policy. A statement of estimated regulatory costs ("SERC") has not been prepared by the School Board. The School Board has determined that the proposed policy is not expected to require legislative ratification based on no SERC being required at this time by F.S. 120.54 or F.S. 120.541. In the event a SERC becomes required, the School Board will promptly prepare one.
Any person who wishes to provide information regarding the statement of estimated regulatory costs, or to provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days of this notice.
RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 1001.41, 1001.42, F.S.
THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: For information regarding the proposed rule, how to present evidence and argument as to the proposed rule, and how to obtain a copy (at no charge) of the proposed rule, please contact: Lila Sellars, sellars.lila@mybradford.us and 904-966-6018. Any request to present evidence and argument must be received within twenty-one (21) days

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after the date of this notice.
DATE AND PLACE OF THE NOTICE OF RULE DEVELOPMENT: April 10, 2023, 5:00 P.M. Bradford County School District Office 501 West Washington Street, Starke Florida 32091
All policies can be found on the Bradford County School District web page @ www.bradfordschools.org - School Board - Agenda tab
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA A HEARING REGARDING THE BELOW RULE WILL BE HELD
May 15, 2023
5:01 P.M.
Bradford County School District
Office
501 West Washington Street, Starke Florida 32091

TITLE: Redistricting Map "D2"
PURPOSE: To stay in compliance per statute. It is required to Redistrict every 10 years. The School Board and The Bradford County Commissioners met and work together during scheduled workshops creating a map that would represent the residents of Bradford County fair and equally in each district.
DATE AND PLACE OF THE NOTICE OF RULE DEVELOPMENT: April 10, 2023, 5:00 P.M. Bradford County School District Office 501 West Washington Street, Starke Florida 32091
Between the Bradford county Commissioners and The Bradford County School Board -Redistricting Map "D2"
The map can be found on the Bradford County School District web page @ www.bradfordschools.org - School Board - Agenda tab
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UNION

IN THE COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA
JUVENILE DIVISION
CASE NO.: 63-2021-DP-000031
IN THE INTEREST OF:
W., F. (F) DOB: 1/30/2018
W., D. (F) DOB: 6/21/2022
Minor Children

NOTICE OF SUIT FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS AND PLACEMENT FOR ADOPTION THE STATE OF FLORIDA
TO: Amber William
ADDRESS UNKNOWN
You are hereby notified that a petition under oath has been filed in the above-styled Court for the termination of your parental rights to F. W., a female child, born in Alachua County, Florida, on 1/30/2018; D. W., a female child, born in Bay County, Florida, on 6/21/2022, and for permanent commitment of the children to the Department of Children and Families, (the Department), for subsequent adoption. You are hereby commanded to be present and personally appear for an Advisory Hearing on the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights and for Permanent Commitment for subsequent Adoption filed by the Department before, the Honorable Bridget Baker, a Magistrate of the Circuit Court, at the Union County Courthouse, 55 W Main St, Lake Butler, Florida on WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2023 at 9:40 A.M., or as soon thereafter that counsel may be heard. FAILURE TO PERSONALLY APPEAR AT THIS ADVISORY CONSTITUTES CONSENT TO THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AS TO THESE CHILDREN. IF YOU FAIL TO PERSONALLY APPEAR ON THE DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED YOU SHALL LOSE ALL LEGAL RIGHTS AS A PARENT TO THE CHILDREN NAMED IN THE PETITION. YOU ARE ENTITLED TO HAVE AN ATTORNEY PRESENT TO REPRESENT YOU IN THIS MATTER. IF YOU WANT AN ATTORNEY BUT ARE UNABLE TO AFFORD ONE YOU MUST NOTIFY THE COURT AND THE COURT WILL APPOINT AN ATTORNEY TO REPRESENT YOU.

Under the American 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. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at (352) 337-6237, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance. If you are hearing or voice impaired, please call 711. If you are deaf or hard of hearing and require an ASL interpreter or an assisted listening device to participate in a proceeding, please contact Court Interpreting at interpreter@circuit8.org.
This notice shall be published once a week for four consecutive weeks in The Bradford County Telegraph newspaper of Starke, Florida.
WITNESS my hand as the clerk of said Court and the Seal therefore, March 23, 2023.
J. K. "Jess" Irby, Esq.
Clerk of Circuit Court
Deputy Clerk
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NOTICE OF SELF STORAGE SALE
Please take notice Lake Butler Mini Storage, located at 1015 SW 3rd St. Lake Butler, FL, 32054 intends to hold an auction of goods stored in the following units in default for non-payment of rent on Lockerfox.com. The sale will occur on April 27, 2023 at 11:00 am on Lockerfox.com. Unless

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stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings.
Units #43 W. Henderson, #76 A. Strickland, #31 R. Carbone, and #35 K. Little
All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. See manager for details.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
Case #: 23000010CAAXMX
UNITED WHOLESALE MORTGAGE, LLC
Plaintiff,
-VS.-
Honar Mzory; Unknown Spouse of Honar Mzory; Unknown Parties in Possession #1, if living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s); Unknown Parties in Possession #2, if living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s)
Defendant(s).
FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS-PROPERTY
TO: Unknown Spouse of Honar Mzory; LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 13135 Northeast 235th Court, Raiford, FL 32083
Residence unknown, if living, including any unknown spouse of the said Defendants, if either has remarried and if either or both of said Defendants are dead, their respective unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, creditors, lienors, and trustees, and all other persons claiming by, through, under or against the named Defendant(s); and the aforementioned named Defendant(s) and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendants and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendants as may be infants, incompetents or otherwise not sui juris.
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action has been commenced to foreclose a mortgage on the following real property, lying and being and situated in Union County, Florida, more particularly described as follows:
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:
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BHS softball team defeats Rams 14-4

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Bradford High School scored seven runs in the first two innings en route to a 14-4, six-inning win over visiting Interlachen on April 10.

Takeirra Bakken, Madison Highland, Addyson Hinds, Kirsten Hodges, Masey Padgett and Kallie Yowell each drove in two runs as the Tornados (5-6) won for the third time in four games.

Bakken, who went 2 for 3, hit a solo home run as part of a four-run first inning, which also included a two-run single by Highland.

Hodges, who went 3 for 4, and Padgett, who went 2 for 3, each hit an RBI single in a three-run second that put the Tornados ahead 7-1.

A solo homer by Padgett in the fourth inning made it an 8-1 game.

The Rams cut into the lead with three runs in the top of the fifth. Saige Culpan and Baileigh Riddley hit back-to-back singles to start the inning. Culpan scored on a Jasmine Smith double, while bases-loaded walks forced in another two runs.

Bradford responded by almost enacting the mercy rule in the bottom of the inning, scoring five runs to go up 13-4. With two outs, Rylie Blankenship singled. After Bakken was intentionally walked, Padgett drew a walk to load the bases. A Hinds single scored two runs before Hodges

and Yowell hit back-to-back doubles, with Hodges' hit driving in one run and Yowell's hit driving in two.

The Tornados did put an early end to the game in the bottom of the sixth. With two outs and nobody on, Blankenship drew a walk. After stealing second, she scored on a Bakken double.

Blankenship and Hinds each finished 2 for 4 at the plate.

Starting pitcher Keegan Yowell gave up five hits through 4.1 innings, striking out three. Kallie Yowell threw 1.2 innings of relief, giving up no runs on one hit. She had two strikeouts.

Bradford went 1-1 the previous week, which began with a 16-2, five-inning win at Bishop Snyder on April 4.

The Tornados scored eight runs in the first inning, which featured a three-run triple by Kallie Yowell, a run-scoring double by Bakken and run-scoring singles by Hodges and Padgett.

A seven-run fifth inning included an RBI triple by Padgett, RBI doubles by Bakken and Highland and an RBI single by Hodges.

Kallie Yowell finished with three RBI, going 3 for 4, while Hodges had a perfect game at the plate, going 4 for 4 with two RBI.

Bakken, who went 2 for 4, and Padgett, who went 3 for 5, also had two RBI each, while Blankenship, Highland, Hinds and Kassady Arnette each had one RBI.

Starting pitcher Keegan Yowell pitched two innings, giving up one hit. Blankenship pitched the final three innings, giving up two hits and striking out three.

On April 7, host Yulee scored two runs in the fifth to defeat the Tornados 6-4.

Bradford trailed 4-1 entering the third. Blakeleigh Smith and Blankenship hit back-to-back singles to start the inning, setting the stage for Bakken's three-run homer — a 1-2 pitch she drove over the fence in left field.

Bakken and Blankenship each went 2 for 4.

The Tornados host Orange Park on Friday, April 14, at 6 p.m. They then play home games against Gainesville on Monday, April 17, at 6:30 p.m. and against Columbia on Tuesday, April 18, at 7 p.m.

UCHS softball team falls 13-3 to Trenton

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Visiting Trenton hit a grand slam as part of a seven-run third inning in handing the Union County High School softball team a 13-3, five-inning loss on April 7.

The Tigers (3-11) trailed 10-0 before scoring three runs in the bottom of the third. Union loaded the bases with Maggie Thomas getting hit by a pitch and Hannah Rivera and Tamia Young hitting back-to-back singles. Mackenzie Orton hit a bases-clearing double with two outs, giving the Tigers their only runs.

Orton's double was one of just four hits for the Tigers.

Union's week began with a 17-16, nine-inning win over visiting Santa Fe on April 4.

The teams combined for 38 hits, including eight extra-base

hits (two home runs, one triple and five doubles) by Santa Fe.

The Class 3A Raiders, however, also committed nine errors.

Union trailed 4-1 before scoring six runs in the fourth. The Tigers loaded the bases with no outs, with Hailey Rivera reaching on an error and Shyla Crowe and Thomas each hitting a single. Hailey Rivera scored when Hannah Rivera ground into a fielder's choice. Young hit a ground ball that Santa Fe committed an error on, allowing Crowe to score. Angela Tucker drove in a run on a sacrifice fly, followed by an RBI single by Leah Clark. Hayley Burke drove in a run on a sacrifice bunt, while Leigh Ann Dicks' single drove in the inning's final run, putting the Tigers up 7-4.

Santa Fe scored four runs in the fifth to take a one-run lead, but Union went back on top with a two-run sixth inning. Hailey Rivera hit a triple that scored Burke, who reached on an error,

and Dicks, who reached on a single.

In the top of the seventh, the Raiders hit back-to-back doubles, followed by back-to-back singles to score three runs and take an 11-9 lead. The Tigers answered with two runs in the bottom of the inning. Hannah Rivera hit a leadoff double, followed by a one-out single by Tucker. Both scored on a Clark single to even it up and force extra innings.

Santa Fe scored five runs in the top of the ninth, including three on two errors. The Raiders also took advantage of four singles, a double and a walk.

The Tigers had two outs with nobody on in the bottom of the inning. Clark hit a single and stole second and third. After Burke drew a walk, Campbell Webb hit a two-run double. Hailey Rivera hit an RBI single. Crowe reached on an error before Orton hit an RBI single, making the score 16-15. The Raiders then committed an error on a ground ball hit by Hannah Rivera, allowing the

tying and winning runs to score.

Clark and Hailey Rivera each finished with three RBI. Clark went 4 for 6, while Rivera went 2 for 6.

Webb drove in two runs, while Burke, Dicks, Orton, Tucker, Young and Hannah Rivera each had one RBI. Orton went 2 for 4, while Dicks and Tucker each went 2 for 5.

On April 6, Union traveled to Williston, losing 6-2.

Williston scored all of its runs in the first inning, taking advantage of two triples, two doubles and two errors.

Tucker, who went 2 for 3, hit a two-out solo home run in the third. She and Clark, who went 2 for 4, had the Tigers' only hits.

Crowe pitched 5.1 innings of relief, giving up no runs, three hits and one walk.

Union played Chieftan this past Tuesday (April 11) and will travel to play Fort White on Thursday, April 13, at 6:30 p.m.

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seventh-place finishes, running the 100m in 11.37 and the 200m in 23.03. He also placed ninth in the long jump with a distance of 20.5.

McCoy had a 10th-place distance of 20.425 in the long jump, while Deonte Jones just missed out on a top-10 finish in the 400m, running an 11th-place time of 54.02.

Other boys results: 100m — Durant 11.84, Jabari Young 11.89, McCoy 12.14; 200m — Diston 24.12, Treyjan Tyson 25.22; 1600m — Joseph Harris 5:31, Case Denson 6:18; long jump — Ibn Williams 17-9.5; triple jump — Thomas 35-6.75; and shot put — Jacob Jenkins 32-11, Anthony Holmes 27-10.25.

Union's girls team got an eighth-place finish from Amia Bethea, who had a time of 13.17 in the 100m.

The girls 4x100m team of Bethea, Holly Halfacre, Daina

Smith and Ny'asia Jones had a 10th-place time of 53.74.

Other girls results: 100m — Jones 13.62, Smith 14.99; 200m — Jones 28.20, Grace Newsome 33.37; 400m — Mia Odum 1:08; long jump — Taliyah Harper 13-2, Halfacre 12-10, Odum 11-9.75; and discus — Taleyah Smith 66-9, Deashia Gainer 42-8, Gracie Manning 35-4.

The Tigers were coming off of competing in the Bolles Sprint Field Meet on April 5, which saw the boys team earn three runner-up finishes.

Ross took second in the 200m with a time of 23.0 and teamed up with Diston, Durant and Pressley to run a second-place time of 45.13 in the 4x100m. He also had a third-place finish in the long jump (19-8.75) and a fifth-place finish in the 100m (11.33).

Thomas Williams placed second in the long jump with a distance of 20-11.25.

The 4x400m team was fifth with a time of 4:00. McCoy also earned a fifth-place finish in the

triple jump (37-9.25).

Boney placed seventh in the 400m (53.10), while Tyson was eighth in the 100m (11.40).

Other boys results: 100m — Jones 11.48, Thomas Williams 11.61, Durant 11.62, Young 11.73; 200m — Diston 23.73, Jones 23.97, Pressley 24.88, Thomas Williams 26.30; 400m — Thomas 56.33, McCoy 57.23, Tyson 57.98, Wyatt Boehne 60.0; long jump — Ibn Williams 15-0; and shot put — Jenkins 33-8.5, Holmes 29-1.25.

The girls team got a fourth-place finish from Isabelle Kirston, who cleared 4-5 in the high jump.

Leah Clark had a pair of fifth-place finishes, running the 100m in 12.50 and the 200m in 25.77.

Other girls results: 100m — Jones 13.54, Alleayah Stitt 14.52; 200m — Jones 28.08, Stitt 30.31, Newsome 33.50, Daina Smith 34.89; 400m — Kirston 1:20; and shot put — Manning 24-11, Gainer 20-8.

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