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Bradford now has three-way superintendent race

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One more hat in the ring for superintendent this week, meaning the incumbent will need to defeat two candidates to keep his job.

Alan Bhajan is a science teacher at Bradford Middle School, and he is running against Will Hartley — or potentially Hartley's other challenger — to be the next superintendent of schools.

In the partisan contest, Bhajan is running with no party affiliation. That means Hartley and Tracey Kendrick, a local who principal of a Duval County elementary school, will face each

other as Republicans in the August primary. The winner of the primary will run against Bhajan to Election Day in November.

It is the only such race on the Bradford ballot right now. There is a partisan race for the District 1 county commission seat held by incumbent Carolyn Spooner, a Democrat. She is being challenged by her former colleague on the city commission, Shannon Smith, who is running as a Republican.

There is also a three-way nonpartisan race for the District 4 school board seat between incumbent Candace Osteen and challengers Dana Bell and Mitchell Gunter.

Julie Johnson is still the only candidate seeking to replace Cheryl Canova on the school board in District 3. Canova is retiring from office.

Smith is also retiring from the city commission to run for the county position. His seat in Starke's District 3 will be filled during a special election coinciding with the August primary. Former Sheriff Bob Milner, also a former city commissioner and city manager, has said he would run for the position.

County commissioners Chris Dougherty and Diane Andrews are unopposed in county District 3 and 5. All the constitutional officers are unopposed as well, including Sheriff

Gordon Smith, Clerk of Court Denny Thompson, Property Appraiser Kenny Clark, Tax Collector Teresa Phillips and Supervisor of Elections Amanda Seyfang.

Qualifying week is June 10-14. Candidates may submit announcements of their intention to run for office to the Telegraph along with a photograph through Monday, June 17, by emailing editor@bctelegraph.com. There is a \$50 charge, and no exceptions will be made to the deadline. Payment must be made prior to publication.

Iconic Animal Hospital reopens

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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For 55 years, Robert Stewart "Doc" Mullins operated his animal hospital at the corner of State Road 100 and Southeast 144th Street. Mullins was well known in Bradford County, not only for his clinic, which he operated from 1955 to 2010, but also for his 20-year membership on the Clay Electric board of trustees and involvement in other community organizations.

Dr. Jennifer Blackburn and her husband, Charlie, recently opened their animal hospital in the building that formally housed Mullins's clinic after around a decade of inactivity.

Dr. Blackburn said the current building was Mullins's second clinic, replacing the one nearer to the highway, which is now a parking lot.

The upgraded facility has a treatment area, digital x-ray equipment, blood machines, and a break room.

Lisa Weisgerber, D.V.M., is at the hospital Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and every other Saturday. Originally from West Virginia, Weisgerber moved to Florida in 2016 and now lives on a horse farm in the Hawthorne area.

Caroline Chern, D.V.M., is at

Blackburn's Keystone Heights Hospital four and a half days a week, and the owner said she floats between the two locations.

Currently, the Starke facility accepts walk-ins only, so if the Keystone hospital is booked, pet owners can drive 10 miles north to the Starke facility.

Dr. Blackburn took over Larry Parrish's practice in Keystone Heights 10 years ago. A couple of years later, she heard that the veterinarian who was practicing in Dr. Mullins's building was retiring. She called Mullins's family to see if the property was for sale. However, the time wasn't right.

Before the COVID-19 Pandemic, Blackburn and the family got together again, and the two parties reached a deal. However, the pandemic, supply chain issues, and a change of construction contractors delayed the facility's re-opening by four years.

Dr. Blackburn said that even though Dr. Mullins's children don't practice veterinary medicine and no longer live in the area, she thinks they are pleased their father's property is once again used to treat animals.

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Lisa Weisgerber, D.V.M. (left) moved to Florida in 2016 and now lives on a horse farm in the Hawthorne area. Dr. Jennifer Blackburn (right) took over Larry Parrish's practice in Keystone Heights 10 years ago. She and her husband, Charlie, recently opened Starke Animal Hospital.

Crosby overseeing operations as Starke looks to the future

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Jimmy Crosby's retirement was more like a short hiatus. While no longer serving in an elected position, Crosby has rejoined city employment as director of operations.

City Manager Drew Mullins, who has worked closely with Crosby, named him operations director about two weeks ago.

Mullins said Crosby's job description closely matches that of former Project Director Scott Anaheim, but Crosby won't have oversight of the utility departments.

Instead, Mullins said Crosby would continue being active in areas like finance, grant writing, building and zoning, and economic development.

"A lot of the reason I wanted to do this was because of how much work that he did already as city clerk," Mullins said. "I did not want any of that to go to waste. We just need to keep moving forward."

The compensation package includes an annual salary of \$79,000.

"I didn't anticipate this happening when I resigned, but I was excited when I was contacted and offered to come back and see through the projects that we've gotten started, some of the things that have happened in the past two years that are still ongoing," Crosby said.

Those projects include CityWalk, the annexation and development at the bypass and others — projects that have drawn millions of dollars of support from the state. Other potential grants

have been identified, like the funding that built the new pickleball courts. Crosby said if anything besides the corrections and improvements made in city finance makes him excited, it is work on Starke's future development.

"I didn't anticipate it, but I feel very blessed the opportunity came," Crosby said. "And it's easy to work with Drew. We've been working together for two and a half years. There's a lot going on, and we're having to staff it to meet to meet the demand. And I'm very fortunate that a majority of the commission has been very responsive to do that. They want to keep moving forward. They didn't want it to slow down."

"I can tell you, it is something that is greatly needed to have Jimmy's skill level and Drew's skill level working

together," Mayor Scott Roberts said. "We do have a lot going and a lot we want to get going on."

In addition to projects downtown, including the purchase and eventual repurposing of the Jarmon building, Roberts said there are other projects being discussed in the background. While the public doesn't see it all, some efforts like code enforcement and cleaning the city up are underway.

"We just want to keep this going, and I can't overemphasize the fact that Jimmy and Drew working together is making all this happen," Roberts said. "I think we've had some issues, but right now it's all working out, and it's really exciting some of the stuff we're trying to get done."

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Starke wants waste collection site access back

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Many Starke residents took advantage of a county solid waste collection site tucked just inside the city limits for years but are now barred access.

According to city commissioners who have heard the complaints, residents want to be able to dump there again. After multiple staff meetings, the city will take the request directly to county commissioners next month.

Bradford County imposed a solid waste collection assessment to help pay for the collection, transport and disposal of solid waste in the late 1980s and went more than 30 years without raising the fee. Seeing the need to do so last year, the fee increased 67%, including the residential fee, which

increased from \$75 to \$125.

Starke residents do not pay the annual fee on their tax bills. Starke commissioners would have to agree to that. So, while Starke residents are county taxpayers, they are not funding the solid waste service at the same level as county residents.

They weren't alone in taking advantage of the county's dump sites, however. Disposal by noncounty residents at the Keystone Heights collection site was also noted when the fee increased.

To weed out disposal by nonpaying users, the solid waste sites implemented a sticker program at the end of last year. Disposal requires a sticker, and a sticker requires proof of payment.

Starke commissioners have

repeatedly addressed the issue at meetings, requesting staff communicate with the county about this recent restriction. After multiple meetings, City Manager Drew Mullins recommended city and county commissioners meet to resolve the issue.

Starke contracts for garbage collection and disposal for its residents and businesses. By ordinance they should be paying for this service as part of their monthly utility bill and receiving pickup multiple times a week. According to City Commissioner Janice Mortimer, however, nearly 400 residents are not receiving pickup and now have nowhere to take their garbage.

According to Mullins, this is an oversight on the city's part that staff

is trying to rectify by identifying unserved residents and their 911 addresses. It is taking some time, he said, calling the task labor intensive.

"I'm still getting calls. I'm still getting people stopping me on the street, at church or in the store about this. This is very important to our citizens," Mortimer said, asking Mullins to arrange a workshop date with the county commission.

She said city residents were being "saddled" with a cost that is not fair or equitable and the boards need to come up with an amicable solution.

"You know, garbage, it gets old, and it's gets stinky. We all know, and this is really gotten quite bad," she said.

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WORTH NOTING

True Vine food distribution

A communitywide food distribution hosted by Farm Share and True Vine Ministry will take Tuesday, April 23, at 10 a.m. at True Vine Outreach Ministry in Starke.

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

Scholarship available for medical study

The Shirley Ann Brown Livingstone Scholarship is available for the 2024-25 school year. Students must apply by May 30, 2024, 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, Bradford High School guidance office, North Florida Technical College and Starke City Hall. For further information, you may contact Carolyn Brown Spooner at 904-964-5807.

Scholarship for Union County woman

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. All applications should be received by or on Friday, April 28, 2023. Late applications will not be accepted. For questions, contact Bobbie Morgan at 386-867-0781.

Scholarship for UCHS seniors

Esther King Memorial Scholarship applications are being accepted at this time. The application will be completed online. You will need to go to the Union County School District's website to access the application at www.union.k12.fl.us. Click on the tabs for Schools, Union County High School and Guidance Office. The Esther King Scholarship link can be found under the heading For Seniors.

Completed application and all documents requested must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, May 2, 2024. Questions can be emailed to maddoxc@union.k12.fl.us.



Breakfast, lunch and now supper, too

Staff strives to serve more students more meals.

BY EVELYN CHASTAIN
Bradford County Schools

What do you do when you accept the position as Bradford County School District director of food service in the month of April? For Blake Dicks, director of school food service for Bradford County schools, it was set goals!

With a career in food service extending over two decades, Dicks knew what to look for which is where he began. Number one: increase breakfast and lunch participation. Number two: enhance à la carte options. Number three: support the staff to provide exceptional customer service.

So, after two years, let's check in on his progress.

A March 2024 report revealed Bradford Schools at 45% breakfast participation and 75% lunch participation. That

means about 1,300 students eat breakfast and 2,200 students eat lunch daily. If the school district was a restaurant, it would be the largest in Bradford County.

One element important to that success was the renewal of Bradford County School District in the Community Eligibility Provision under the National School Lunch Program that allows eligible schools to offer a non-pricing meal service to all students at no charge for lunch and breakfast meals. CEP allows schools that predominantly serve low-income children to offer free, nutritious school meals to all students through the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program. This benefits families tremendously with a nutritious free breakfast and free lunch for their child without additional paperwork and no cost.

Another factor in increasing breakfast and lunch participation has been feedback on the menus. Cafeteria managers tally and report on meals being served. This information factors into

menu planning which begins about six months before the actual meal is served. Generally, there are two major food service seasons: winter and spring. Dicks described the winter season as comfort food with items like chili, grilled cheese, and meatloaf offered. The spring menu includes chicken tender wraps, soft tacos and dill chicken bites. Minor tweaks occur during each season based on availability and demand.

Choice is an important factor in increasing breakfast and lunch participation. All secondary schools have a daily salad option in addition to two main course options. Elementary students have a choice from two main course options but the combinations for vegetables and fruits are endless with two vegetables and two fruits offered daily across the grade levels. Variety is also the spice of life which is why vegetable choices do not repeat in the same week.

With numerous afterschool activities including elementary extended day, tutoring and



Taking a pause from food prep at Lawtey Elementary are (l-r) Wanda Curtis, food service assistant, Blake Dicks, food service director, and Kim Hazouri, food service manager.

supervised athletic programs, Dicks introduced a supper program. Bradford County schools are proud to provide organized, regularly scheduled activities, including an educational or enrichment activity, in a structured and supervised environment which allows students to benefit from the supper program. Participation has increased each month since the introduction in August 2023 with over 6,500 suppers served through the end of February 2024.

During Covid, students were not allowed to purchase additional à la carte items or "snacks" such as low-fat ice cream or bottled flavored water. Dicks was able to again start serving à la carte items in the 2022-23 school year. Snacks must meet healthy requirements but must also be popular with students. An example is Spicy Sweet Chili Doritos, the district's most popular snack seller. Dicks went to the customer to determine what was sold.

À la carte item selection is student driven by demand, however, sometimes too much of a good thing is too much, so if your student notices their favorite à la carte item absent from the options, be sure to let the staff know. It might just come back as choices are refreshed frequently.

A popular à la carte option at Bradford High is the Slushie Machine with five or six flavor options to choose from. À la carte items range in price from 25 cents to \$2 and can be purchased with MySchoolBucks accounts.

A \$15 per hour starting salary for food service employees in the Bradford County School District has contributed to maintaining a

positive solid staff. New ways to provide excellent customer service training was provided to all managers and staff. The new uniform for all food service workers speaks proudly of their Tornado status with black pants and bright red shirts.

When it's your job to cook for hundreds of customers daily, new equipment only helps you do your job better. Of course, Bradford Elementary has a state-of-the-art kitchen and serving line with the construction of the new school. New equipment and furnishings have not stopped there. All other district schools have been recipients of new equipment that ranges from new ovens to new freezers or refrigerators, most of which has been paid for with a Florida Department of Agriculture grant.

With the attainment of many initial goals comes a sound financial position for the Bradford County School District Food Service Department. While Dicks inherited an allowable fund balance of three months operating expenses as established by the Florida Department of Agriculture, the growth in that balance allows for the expansion and development of new programs as well as increased quality and taste of menu items.

What's in store for 2024? Grants offered through numerous child nutrition sources offer enhancements and opportunities for students to expand the variety of fruits and vegetables students experience. One such program, the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable program which provides students a daily healthy snack option of a fresh fruit or vegetable enjoying guava, heart of palm and

pomegranate, plus more routine choices like apples, blueberries and strawberries. Dicks anticipates offering the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable program within a year at an elementary site.

Other grants could be used to support student-produced vegetables that would be served on the menu. Still other grants provide school lunch programs to participate in one of America's popular activities like barbeque and outdoor grilling.

Creating a warm and inviting decor at Starke and Lawtey elementary schools is in the planning stages. Similar facelifts have been very successful at the middle and high school cafeterias. Refreshing the serving lines and dining area decor will benefit staff and students through a positive impact on their surroundings.

The food service team set a motto for this school year; "Exceeding Expectations." Dicks set goals to exceed the students' expectations with quality food, great food options and great customer service. Food service is no longer a one option/one meal only, institutional setting. Today's school food service offers multiple daily meal choices, two meals plus a possible third meal opportunity, a variety of à la carte items and up-to-date equipment that any commercial or restaurant kitchen would be jealous of, a competitive salary and benefits for employees and a positive dining decor with additional refreshing on the horizon. Bradford County Food Service is "exceeding expectations" for their students.



Sharon Benton, Food Service Manager at Bradford Middle School celebrates the arrival of a new oven.

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Church of God food distribution

Starke Church of God by Faith is distributing food on the first and third Thursdays each month. The April 18 drive-thru giveaway will take place from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the church, 730 Old Lawtey Road in Starke.

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Crosby ran unopposed to become city clerk in 2021 but resigned recently over a question about whether he properly qualified. Mullins was appointed to fulfill the city clerk's duties on an interim basis.

Roberts indicated when some of the dust clears, the city

will take on a long overdue charter review. That 150-year-old charter is out of step with how many other municipalities operate, according to the mayor.

"We're not trying to rewrite the book here," Roberts said. "If you look at other towns — Live Oak, Newberry, High Springs — we're trying to move more to that type of government, which is efficient. That's really what we're doing. We have a charter

that's 150 years old. It has some holes in it. We're trying to shore it up a little bit."

The mayor said the charter review could begin later this year. Generally, charter reviews are undertaken on a regular basis by a commission-appointed committee that reviews the documents in public meetings and recommends amendments, which are then voted upon by the public.

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Lawtey looks at revitalizing Middleburg Road recreation building

BY MELISSA PYLE
Special to the Telegraph

Members of the Lawtey City Council were joined by County Commissioner Carolyn Spooner, Amber Shepherd, the Strategic Alliances Business Partner from the Northeast Florida Economic Development Corporation, and local residents to assess future potential at the Middleburg Road park and recreation building.

The once vibrant building sits decaying, surrounded by a baseball field, bleachers, a basketball court, and a small play area. These outdoor spaces are still maintained by the city, but they seem to entertain little more than echoes from the past. Residents are intent on changing that and with the help of city leaders, are working towards a reimagined facility and future for Lawtey.

The park and building have a history in the community. Locals recall a time when families, churches and sports teams would gather at the venue for events. Those events have a special connection for residents like Terricena Kittles and seeing the building in a condemned state is unacceptable. Kittles' grandparents were some of the past generations that helped keep the building alive. Kittles said they fought to bring basketball courts to the park so children would not have to cross U.S. 301 to play at the other city park.



Lawtey Councilwoman Debra Norman, Commissioner Carolyn Spooner and Mayor Jimmie Scott discuss future plans for the Middleburg Building with Amber Shepherd from the Northeast Florida Economic Development Corporation.

grandparents were some of the past generations that helped keep the building alive. Kittles said they fought to bring basketball courts to the park so children would not have to cross U.S. 301 to play at the other city park.

Kittles said when the park stopped being used for baseball and softball games, people just stopped coming, and over time, the building was left in disrepair. She, along with others envision a new, reimagined space to serve

the Lawtey community once again.

Resident Isaac Williams shared ideas for a space that invests in the community with programs like STEM, which will build a future, technical workforce.



Williams described a plan that would develop the building into a community center with updated Wi-Fi capabilities. He hopes this type of facility would not only draw locals, but new businesses to the area.

Shepherd responded to his ideas by discussing "incubator programs" for larger industries and if Lawtey had a building with new technical capabilities this could be a possibility. She described Bradford County's economic future as a "diamond in the rough" and was excited that residents are forward thinking in their plans for Lawtey.

There is a lot of work to be done to the existing structure. The

large block building has multiple holes in the roof, broken rafters, and water leaks. To move ahead with any possible solutions, the city is obtaining a survey from a structural engineer. Once the survey is completed, steps can be taken to renovate or, if necessary, rebuild.

The short tour of the property was the beginning of the long journey ahead for the revitalization project. Even with hurdles in the way, residents and leaders are eager to get started and they all seem to recognize that if they don't make a plan for the future of Lawtey, someone else will.

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Dr. Blackburn retained Dr. Mullins's veterinary caduceus, which hangs above the facility's front door.

"Every time I walk under it," Blackburn said, "it reminds me of our connection to this building's history."

Shortage of veterinarians

Dr. Blackburn said that even with the Town and Country clinic down the street and Bradford Pet Care on Call Street, there is still a shortage of veterinary care providers in Bradford County.

"That's why this is a walk-in facility," she said. "We wanted to make it as convenient as possible. Of course, there will be a wait if you need diagnostics, x-rays, or blood work, but we can do it all right here."

Dr. Blackburn said the nationwide shortage of veterinarians grew during the pandemic.

"I think it was a combination of factors," she said. "One reason is that more people have pets."

She added that as more people worked from home and more parents homeschooled their children during pandemic lockdowns, getting a dog or cat seemed like a natural next step.

Dr. Weisgerber added that she often sees pets acquired during COVID-19.

"We see them all the time," she said. "They're what, four years old now? And the owner's,

like: 'I used to work in the house, and now I've left, and now he's stressed out because I don't work from home anymore.' We get that story a lot."

Dr. Blackburn said another factor adding to the shortage of veterinarians is the expanding profession.

"It's not just rural animal medicine or small animal medicine," she said of veterinarians' choices. "You have a lot of different options. You have emergency medicine, specialties, and mobile practices coming up everywhere. And I think the smaller rural practices are a little bit harder to attract veterinarians to."

She also said veterinary schools slowed the pace of graduates during the 2020-2022 outbreak and that the dearth of new veterinarians continues.

"There are only 21 vet schools in the United States, and they graduate 100, 150 students each year," Blackburn said. "When I

graduated, there were 73, I think, in my graduating class, and now it's more like 120."

Dr. Weisgerber said that during her clinical year at the University of Florida's College of Veterinary Medicine, administrators were expanding the school's capacity to handle more students.

Corporate consolidation

Both veterinarians said another trend in their profession is corporate consolidation. Dr. Blackburn said corporations have purchased several practices in Gainesville without rebranding the facilities, giving them the appearance of a locally owned practice.

She added that veterinarians operating in those businesses sometimes have to follow different rules and guidelines, which isn't conducive to individual patient care.

Dr. Weisgerber said she worked

at a practice in Gainesville that was in the process of being purchased by a corporate group.

She said, "You have no freedom of medicine because a corporation makes a cookie-cutter model of how you treat something."

Dr. Blackburn said pet owners on a limited budget need care alternatives for their animals.

"We can offer the highest standard of care," she said, "IV, catheters, in-house blood work, digital x-rays, all of that. But also, if you can't afford that, we can offer you another option too."

Less products, more services

Dr. Blackburn said another

trend in veterinary medicine has been the emergence of the online market.

"We don't stock food in the Starke office because most people buy it online," she said. "Product distribution used to be huge in the veterinary field, but it's not anymore. What scares me a little bit is when it starts moving into heartworm and flea intake products because people start to make their own decisions, and they're not always the right decisions for their animals. But the pet products, the pet toys, the pet food, the pet litter, all of that has gone online."

Dr. Blackburn said providers like herself are now focusing more on services, which fits well into another trend in which people see their pets now more

like family members.

"It's not just a yard dog," she said. "It's not just a farm dog. It's a member of the family."

"If you walked your dog in a stroller when I was growing up, you were considered crazy," she continued. "Whereas now it's extremely normal in society. It's very common, and nobody's going to think you're horrible or weird."

Since pets are also living longer, their medical needs are expanding. Services like dental cleanings and cancer treatments were rare in pets decades ago because dogs and cats did not live long enough to develop gum disease and malignancies.

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of the Holy Spirit is to teach us Truth of God's Word and to show us things to come (St. John 16:13). He doesn't want us to be afraid or taken by surprise but to know what to expect as we move forward in time. If we know and believe God's Word, we can use the instruction in the Word of God to protect our families and our loved ones in the trials, tribulation and destruction that will be associated with these closing days. We are living in tumultuous and dangerous times with hatred, wickedness, economic instability, political upheaval, Christian persecution, compromising Christians and churches, unprecedented sickness, disease and pain, along with wars and rumors of wars, and might I mention an all-out attack to destroy our children and our youth. Our society continues to slide further into immorality and a godless lifestyle. I never dreamed I would see the day that we would have parents and politicians who would not know how to define a man or woman or who would side against God and turn their boys into girls and their girls into boys. As this degradation increases and we who believe and stand for the absolute truths found in God's Word will often find ourselves marginalized, penalized, persecuted and possibly prosecuted for our faith and morality. Be that as it may, we need to stand up and be bold and courageous and resolve to stand strong as shining lights in a world of darkness which according to God's Word will only increase before Jesus returns. Finally, when it seems that things in this old world can grow no worse, this period will end, and JESUS will return. We, who are ready, will meet Him at His coming. I personally believe that in the midst of this darkness and wickedness, God is going to pour out His Spirit on this world. We in America, being part of this world, will experience in unprecedented fashion, one last mighty revival and a great harvest of souls. Even so, come quickly Lord Jesus!

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Lake Region

KH mayor hosts Boy Scouts

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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Keystone Heights Mayor Nina Rodenroth spoke to scouts from Troop 185 about city government at the Keystone Beach Pavilion on Tuesday, April 9.

Around 45 Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts, along with 25 parents and guardians, attended the session. The mayor showed the group a video about what mayors typically do.

She then told the scouts about her background and how she became involved in local government, introduced City Manager Charlie Van Zant and City Clerk Stephanie Silva to the audience, and showed attendees a slide of her fellow city council members.

"So, basically, the last time I checked, 1,547 is our population," Rodenroth said of her 1.2-square-mile municipality. "I want to say within that group we have about 326 children,

12% of our population is age 65 and older, and the median age is around 36 years old. So that's a pretty young city, I think, overall."

The mayor then focused on the policymaking roles she and the council fulfill compared to the staff's day-to-day responsibilities.

"Charlie and Steph run the city day to day," she explained. "When the power goes out, they're the ones who seek help. When we have a hurricane, they initiate the request to get support from the governor."

Rodenroth reviewed some recent actions by the council, including erecting no-parking signs along a city street after a business owner complained that parked cars were blocking his entrance.

She also talked about the city's purchase of the China Chef Restaurant and its plans to convert the parcel into open space and parking.

Rodenroth also discussed city ordinances, focusing on rules that govern behavior at the beach park. She added that although one ordinance prohibits skateboarding within the facility, she caught a teenager violating the rule right before the scout's meeting and informed him of the prohibition.

The mayor then took questions from the scouts and their parents, fielding inquiries about the cost of the China Chef acquisition, the city's environmental issues, how officials balance freedom of speech with the need to correct misinformation on social media, whether Half-Moon Lake will be impacted by the Black Creek Water Resource Development Project, and how to be a good citizen.

Rodenroth wrapped up the meeting by giving each scout a medal and certificate for participating in the event.



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Irrigation-free yard awarded Yard of the Month

BY GINNY GEIGER AND
BARBARA ANDERSON
Garden Club of The Lakes

As we drove around in the middle of winter, looking for a yard that could be a Yard of The Month, things looked bleak! There were no pretty green lawns, no pretty flowers, not even any

pretty bushes. Everything was brown! Then we drove by Ed and Jo Wall's home. It was green — all the growing things were green, and there was no dead grass. We stopped immediately.

Why do people do what they do with their yards? What motivates them? Have you ever thought of that? Well, we have

because we have seen several different purposes, motives, ideas, or lack thereof.

Some love to work in the dirt, love pretty flowers and plants, hate to mow grass, like exercise, or like to share beauty with their neighbors—you continue the list.

Well, Ed and Jo's motivation comes from their concern about water consumption and conservation—to the degree that they wanted a "water-free" yard. Ed pointed out that a family of four uses 400 gallons of water daily for home use—without extras like watering lawns and plants. That same family uses 146,000 gallons a year.

"Fresh water is the most important natural resource we have" is Ed's motivation. Because that drives him to live



There is no difference between the Walls' yard in January and June. It is evergreen and needs no maintenance.

his life preserving that natural resource, he found a way to conserve our water, starting with his own yard. Everything planted there does not need water other than rainfall.

The ground is covered by mulch, which obviously does not need water, and all the plants are drought tolerant. Ed planted Sago Palms, Sylvester Palms, Pindo Palms, Washingtonia Palms, commonly known as the Mexican Fan Palm, and Loropetalum, also known as Chinese Witch Hazel. Large rocks that Ed got from numerous places are placed around to break up the landscape and add an interesting touch.

Some of these plants are really tall or big, but there is one that shocked us. It is a Sago Palm that is approximately 10 feet high. The Walls have had to move it twice because it grew too big for each location. One of those times was when it began to block their view while they were driving out of their driveway! It is truly amazing!

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The people and the water resources drew Ed and Jo Wall to Keystone Heights. But most of all, they love our lakes and have a deep desire to conserve our water supply.

June. It is evergreen and needs no maintenance. Ed does have to spread mulch once a year and

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Meet the Candidates

Spooner running for reelection

The following is an announcement of intention to seek public office paid for by the candidate.

Carolyn Brown Spooner intends to seek reelection to the office of County Commissioner, District 1. She is the current Chair of the Bradford County Board of County Commissioners. During this first term in office, she has acquired valuable political experience and knowledge which has helped to prepare her for this important role. During her first term as County Commissioner, she wanted to ensure that she received all the training that would make her a more effective and competent County Commissioner. Therefore, during her very first year in office, she attended the voluntary education program of specialized training for Florida's County Commissioners and obtained the designation as a "Certified County Commissioner". During her second year she completed the advanced leadership program and was conferred the designation of "Advanced County Commissioner Level-1". During her 3rd year of office, through the Institute of County Government in partnership with University of Florida IFAS Extension program, she obtained the highest level of training for a County Commissioner, earning the designation of "Advanced County Commissioner Level II", becoming one of only 13 other commissioners in the state to receive such distinction during the year 2023. The program focused on transforming counties and the state of Florida by producing strong, versatile leaders with the necessary tools to add challenges across multiple fields and governing bodies. Commissioner Spooner put her knowledge, skills and ability to good use in the role of County Commissioner and as a leader and Chairwoman of the Board. She took lead in helping the Board in developing a Strategic Plan until the Board embraced the process. This planning process ensured the County was on the pathway to developing a 5-year plan and beyond. She ensured that the Board had a Mission as well as Vision and Value statements that were accessible to the public and could be viewed online on the County's website. She held public Town-hall meetings with all of the local municipalities to gather input from them along with residents and stakeholders. She included their input on things that were most important to them and incorporated their input into the plan. She encouraged the Board to pursue economic development projects that would enhance the County's growth and development and bring more revenue into the county. She researched and followed up on funding that was unknown and available to our community and invited LSF Health Systems, the managing entity of such funding (Opioid Abatement Funds) to meet with our Board. This resulted in our county's discovery of additional available funding for over \$321,000.00 in Opioid Abatement Funding for Bradford County.

She takes her job very seriously and never takes anything for granted. She makes sure she is prepared for Board meetings, by reviewing, studying, researching information and asking questions. She is always prepared to work. She is so committed that she has never missed a single regularly scheduled board meeting during her entire 3.5 years in office. She does a drive through in District 1 on as regular basis to access the conditions and also reports her findings to the road department. She can be seen often picking up trash along the roadways to help keep our community clean and to encourage and be an example to others to keep our community clean and to take pride in it.

She not only has concern for District 1, but for all 5 Districts. She is often called throughout the county concerning issues because everyone knows that she will always reply or get back to them with an answer. She has a



Carolyn Spooner

deep love for the entire Bradford County Community and always reminds everyone that we are one community, "Bradford County strong".

Commissioner Spooner is a native of Bradford County. She graduated with honors from BHS in 1970. She received a BS degree from Bethune-Cookman College in 1974 and M.Ed. & Ed.S degrees from UF in 1975. She also became a Certified Public Manager through Florida State University Public Manager's certification program in 2008. She worked for the University of Florida briefly before taking a position with the Bradford-Union Guidance Clinic as the Clinical Director, where she served for 9 years. She later accepted a job at Northeast Florida State Hospital where she was a Unit Director and later promoted to Staff & Customer Relations Director, serving 30.5 years before retiring in 2018.

Commissioner Spooner's political history includes receiving two appointments from former Governor Bob Graham. She was first appointed to the Bradford County Historical Board of Trustees, which leased the old Bradford County Court House to Santa Fe Community College, which is now known as the Santa Fe Community College Andrews Center. This Board approved the funding for the Historic Camp Blanding Museum and the Eugene Matthew Historic Museum/Rosenberg Building at Starke Santa Fe Community College. Her second appointment was to the Florida Governor's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Celebration Commission. She coordinated the first Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration for Bradford County, Jan 1986.

Commissioner Spooner has had experience in City government having been elected as a City Commissioner in the City of Starke, District 2, April 2003. She was selected as Vice-Mayor in October 2003 and Mayor in Oct 2004. She served a second term as Mayor in 2006. She was re-elected unopposed as City Commissioner, District 2 and was selected as Mayor for the 3rd time on Oct 1, 2013.

Mrs. Spooner assisted the City of Starke in acquiring District-wide clean-up crews. She helped to guide the city in developing a city webpage, updated recording system for meetings, and on-line billing. She facilitated the city in the development of its first Strategic planning process. In addition, she guided the city through a difficult state audit. She helped to resolve annexation conflicts between the City & County and helped to bridge the gap between City and County government to facilitate the two bodies of government to be able to work together for the good of the community. She helped to guide the city in pursuing grants for better housing, road improvements, recreation, as well as sewer and water improvements. She initiated the City's employee recognition program, and the first City Hall Open House celebration to encourage better communication and open government with the unveiling of a new City of Starke Logo. She served in City government for 13 years before retiring from the City of Starke in 2016.

She served on the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council Executive Board, which consists of 11 counties and 33 cities. She served as Chair of the board in 2014. She served on the Board for 10 years. In addition, she served on the International Relations Committee for The Florida League of Cities. She was president of the North Central

Florida Areawide Development Co., Inc., and she served as 2nd Vice President of the Florida Regional Councils Association.

Her community service included helping to organize the Lincoln City Crime Prevention Program to combat drug trafficking. She and the Lincoln City Crime Prevention program were recognized by the Secretary of the Department of Corrections for their fight against crime. She helped citizens to organize and get streetlights for the first time in Lincoln city so that the senior citizens and others could feel safer when walking after dark.

She initiated three scholarships to aid local students in seeking a college education; the RJE Founders Scholarship, the Shirley Ann Brown Livingstone Scholarship Foundation, named in honor of her late sister, and a Bethune-Cookman College Scholarship. She has helped (22) local students with college scholarships over the years, with the vast majority attending Santa Fe College. She authored a children's book, "Peggy the Slow Poke Train" to encourage literacy among Bradford County School children and to preserve the rich history of our townships in Bradford County and she provides all of the proceeds towards scholarship funds.

She has worked with the Concerned Citizens of Bradford County to obtain funding for the renovation of the RJE GYM and School project. She also serves of the Health Task Force Committee with the Health Department which initiated the Bradford Community Partners Health & Resource Hubs to bring needed services into the community.

She has been recognized by a number of venues for outstanding citizen efforts. She has been honored by the RJE Masonic Lodge for dedication to the community and Mt. Pisgah AME church with the Community Image Award for community service. True Vine Outreach Ministry of Starke recognized her community service and work for our Lord in Bradford County and surrounding areas. Florida Department of Corrections recognized her for community service. She was nominated for the Florida Times Union EVE Award. She was honored by TV 20 as a Community Builder. She was recently recognized with a TV12 Who Cares Award for Community Service. Her most recent prestigious Award was the Jacksonville Image Award, where she was the recipient of the Pinnacle Award for lifelong community service in her community.

Mrs. Spooner is a minister and member of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church of Starke, where she has served faithfully and attended all of her life. She has been the Adult Sunday School teacher since she was 14 years old. She faithfully served as a deaconess for 29 years. She started an outreach street ministry program in November 2013, to reach out to those persons on the streets who did not attend church. She became a licensed minister at Antioch Missionary Baptist church of Starke Jan. 2015 and serves as the Assistant to the Sr. Pastor. She is the daughter of the late Willie Brown, former DuPont Retiree & Antioch Church Deacon & her mother was the late Mrs. Louiza Brown, Antioch Church Mother and Choir president. Commissioner Spooner has two daughters, Kishanna & Charmil Spooner.

Commissioner Spooner's knowledge, training, skills, ability & commitment to District 1 and the entire Bradford County make her the best candidate for this role. Please keep this God-fearing, hard-working conservative, no nonsense woman as your Commissioner for District 1.

Candidates may submit an announcement and photograph to run one time for \$50. The deadline to submit announcements is Monday, June 17, at 5 p.m. Email announcements to editor@bctelegraph.com and make arrangements to pay prior to publication.

Rhoades running for reelection

The following is an announcement of intention to seek public office paid for by the candidate.

To the people of Union County, It is with great excitement and determination that I announce my candidacy for reelection as your Clerk of Courts & Comptroller, and also express my gratitude for the opportunity to have served you.

Twelve years ago, I left my career in public accounting in pursuit of public service as your Clerk & Comptroller. I ran on my education and experience, and brought a change to the politics in Union County. I have consistently made the difficult choices necessary to safeguard our resources and uphold the public trust, and performed my duty as your Clerk to report improper actions to the proper authorities.

I was surprised by my opponent, as we had a very good working relationship before his resignation. However, every citizen has a right to run for office, and this provides accountability to me as an elected official.

As a Certified Public Accountant, I understand the importance of fiscal integrity. In my twelve years of service, I have confronted tough decisions with



Kellie Rhoades

unwavering resolve, ensuring that our county's finances are managed responsibly and transparently. I have used my accounting education and experience to serve the citizens of Union County by working hands-on in the county's finances, reducing the need for additional staff and increasing efficiencies and saving the taxpayers' dollars.

The Clerk serves as checks and balances to protect the taxpayers, and is charged with enforcing policies and procedures that the Board puts in place. I have held myself and others to the highest standards, ensuring that our county government operates with honesty, efficiency, and accountability. While I don't like the turmoil it has created, I stand by my decisions of holding everyone in a leadership role to the highest standards.

The Clerk's role does not stop

with the county finances, but also serves as the County Recorder and Clerk of the Courts. My team and I have worked together to improve processes, and have moved to an entirely paperless system. Last year, we began a project to digitize historical records, enabling citizens to search county records more easily. We have indexed all marriage licenses to the county's founding in 1921.

But our work is far from over. As your Clerk of Courts & Comptroller, I am dedicated to building upon our progress and advancing initiatives that will benefit all residents of our county. Together, we will continue to make informed decisions, hold ourselves and others accountable, and restore the integrity of Union County's government.

I am deeply grateful for the trust and support you have shown me thus far, and I humbly ask for your vote once again. With your continued partnership, we will chart a course toward a brighter future for Union County.

Sincerely,
Kellie Hendricks Rhoades, CPA

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Johnson running for reelection

The following is an announcement of intention to seek public office paid for by the candidate.

My name is Lisa B. Johnson, and I would like to take this opportunity to announce my candidacy for reelection as Tax Collector of Union County.

Since being elected you have allowed me to proudly and humbly represent YOU the citizens of Union County as YOUR Tax Collector.

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Lisa Johnson

always had an open-door policy and we welcome YOU and your feedback anytime.

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With your vote and support I would like the privilege of continuing to serve YOU and our great county for the next four years as YOUR Tax Collector.

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Revival at CrossRoads

CrossRoads To Victory Church will be having a revival Sunday, April 21, through Tuesday, April 23, with Brother Jamie W. Williams as guest speaker. Sunday night services will start at 6 p.m., and Monday and Tuesday night services will start at 7 p.m. The church is located off C.R. 125 in Union County on NE 271st Ave. Everyone is invited.

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What's all the flock about??



Freshman Student Government spent the last two weeks flocking Bradford County. Literally! lol We would like to say THANK YOU to the support that c/o 2027 received! This fundraiser will help the class put on the 2024 Homecoming Dance.

UNION COUNTY

Union commissioner: Stop cussing at our meetings

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Special to the Monitor

The Union County Board of Commissioners met on April 15 for their regular monthly meeting to discuss several ongoing projects and plans.

Board Chair Channing Dobbs began the meeting with a warning to citizens concerning the inappropriate language used by a citizen during the public comment portion of a previous meeting.

"I want to state my extreme displeasure about the bad language at the last meeting," Dobbs said. "There is no excuse to use such language at a public meeting, and this board will not tolerate it. If it happens again, that person will be asked to leave the podium immediately and not be allowed to finish their comments. Should they persist, then they will be removed from the meeting room by law enforcement. Cursing and other bad language will not be tolerated."

Juneteenth and EOC construction

When public comment began after Dobbs's warning, Fred Sirmones, Jr. asked permission from the board to use the R.J. Phillips Park for a Juneteenth Celebration/picnic on June 22. The actual observance of the holiday will be June 19. He told the board that the whole park might be used. Commissioner Mac Johns said he would have to check the recreation department schedule to see what, if any, other activities were scheduled that might conflict with the uses of some parts of the facility and that he would check the calendar and be in touch with Sirmones as soon as possible.

The board heard comments from Union County Sheriff

Brad Whitehead concerning two matters in which he needed the board's assistance.

Whitehead said he needed board approval for some amendments to the contract between the UCSO and Ajax Construction, the firm that will be building the new Emergency Operations Center. Whitehead said that if the board approved the amendments, the project would be able to begin in about one month. He also asked the board to waive the permit fees for the project, as it was a county project to benefit the citizens. The board approved both requests.

Damaging ditches

Whitehead also told the board that his office had been receiving quite a few complaints about damaging ditches around the county. He told commissioners that ditches that could cause damage to vehicles were in violation of state statute and asked if the road department could make signs that could be used to warn people of the particular ditches. Commissioner Mac Johns said he had also been getting calls and would volunteer to work with the road department to get the signs properly worded, made and put out. It was suggested that each commissioner make a list of any damaging ditches in their district and send the information to Johns.

Reserve for jail construction, extension on Ag building

Union County Clerk of Court and Comptroller Kellie Rhoades asked the commission if she could put the reversions turned in by the sheriff at the end of the past few years in an account

accessible to the sheriff for the new jail. Reversions are unspent money from a department's annual budget. The sheriff's reversions total \$92,211. She said the sheriff's office had been turning back money for the past few years with an eye to using it to help pay for the new jail. Commissioner Donna Jackson asked if the money could be put in a reserve for use only if needed and Rhoades said that was what she wanted to do. Jackson agreed and made a motion to approve the money being put in a fund for the new jail, and the motion passed unanimously.

The board also approved an application for an extension of the completion date for the addition to the Agricultural Education Building, as the project has been bogged down with plan changes and other delays. The board granted the permission unanimously.

When the consent agenda came up for approval by the board, Dobbs stated that he had requested that Rhoades provide a verbatim version of the minutes from the board's March 25 meeting because he felt several things had been omitted from the copy in the agenda for approval. Rhoades replied that she did not have the capacity to produce verbatim minutes. Dobbs asked his fellow commissioners to remove those minutes from their approval, and a motion was made by Jackson to approve the consent agenda with the exception of the March 25 minutes, and the motion passed unanimously.

Funding for Independence Day

The board heard a request from Jody Read and Shane Collins of the Lake Butler Rotary Club for the funds set aside in the budget by the county to help fund the

annual Rotary Independence Day Celebration at Lakeside Park. They said the event would be held on Saturday, July 6. The board approved the disbursement of the funds.

The board voted unanimously to approve the renewal of the contract with WW Gay for bimonthly maintenance on the chiller units in the courthouse. County Coordinator Jimmy Williams said the contract would provide service for the same cost as the previous year and that WW Gay was the only company that would work on the chiller units. He also said that, as asked by the board, he was looking into alternative equipment to the chiller units for cooling the courthouse in the future.

The board approved the purchase of the Unicode service for the clerk's office so that all of the county ordinances could be codified according to state statute. The service will make all of the ordinances easy to find and add new documents as they are approved. The process will take 15 to 24 months to complete and cost \$13,950.

Recreation board vacancy, lighting for field

The board heard a request from Johns to fill the vacancy on the County Recreation Board. He said the sitting board members had selected Beverly Lassiter, the person they would like to see approved, and they would move forward with electing board officers as soon as the board was up to full strength. Johns then made a Motion to approve Lassiter's appointment, and the motion passed 5-0.

Johns also asked the board for assistance in doing something about the lighting on the girls' softball LED lights, which are not

as bright as promised and need to be replaced. He said the field is scheduled for a championship series this year. He reported that the school district had purchased the lights, but they needed to be installed. Johns said it would cost \$2,500 to get the lights up and working and asked if the county could help with that expense. He said the price was for labor only. He said there was money in the budget if it could be moved from the New Equipment line item to the Operating Expenses account. The motion was made by Johns to approve the budget amendment and allow the labor costs of installing the lights to be paid, and the motion passed 5-0.

Processing public records requests

Board members heard a recommendation to change the way public record requests were handled in the county. Williams said weekly reports could be generated or commissioners. He said the new process would compile all the requests from all the county departments. Dobbs said it should be made a policy. Currently, most of the requests come to the clerk's website. Rhoades said she was not prepared to take on the compilation, that she could not take on any more work reports, but she would forward all the requests to the Board Secretary if the board chose to let her do the compilation. Jackson said she would like to see not only the requests but also the response to/handling of them. She was told that it would be done.

New Road Dept. Chief

Commissioners heard comments from Road Department Superintendent

Shelton Arnold regarding his upcoming retirement on April 26. In response to his suggestion of promoting from within, the board discussed and voted on which of the three applicants they wanted to hire to replace Arnold. Christopher Griffin was selected unanimously based on his qualifications, experience (as assistant Superintendent under Arnold) and his knowledge of the county. His starting salary was set at \$55,000, with a review after six months. All of the commissioners expressed their thanks to Arnold for the job he has done during his tenure as Road Department Superintendent.

Librarian retirement

Library Director Mary Brown said that because of her upcoming retirement, she asked for permission to advertise for her replacement and that the board set the salary for the new hire. The board set the salary range at \$46,000 to \$52,000. It was decided that Dobbs would represent the board on the interview committee, with Brown, New River Library Cooperative Director Tricia Wiley, and Union County Director of Personnel Michaela Clemons filling the other seats on the committee. The going away party for Brown will be held at the Union County Public Library on June 25, at 10 A.M. Brown also asked commissioners to remember and attend the Employee Appreciation Day event on May 14 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Agricultural Education Building, noting that this year's event will feature a picnic.

RV Park moratorium being extended

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Special to the Times

The Union County Board of County Commissioners, acting as the Planning and Zoning Board on April 16 has begun the process of extending the moratorium on the acceptance of applications and the processing of special exception applications for travel trailer parks and campgrounds for another year.

The reason for extending the moratorium is the concern of the board that such businesses would create an undue strain on county services, such as law enforcement, fire protection and EMS, as well as becoming havens for a wealth of other problems as the board's research has shown in other counties.

There are also concerns about taxation on such properties,

increased traffic and the current lack of code enforcement in the county.

The planning and zoning board passed a resolution to recommend to the board that the moratorium be extended unanimously, on a motion by Commissioner Jimmy Tallman, with Commissioner Willie Croft seconding. It is the eventual intent of the board to establish Land Development Regulations, with the assistance of the planning council, to regulate such businesses and to determine procedures and methods to continue to preserve the health, safety, and welfare of the county's citizens.

It is planned to develop LDRs, and other ordinances, regulations and other actions designed to implement provisions in the county's Comprehensive

Plan to eventually make such establishments able to locate in the county.

Later the same evening the board of county commissioners, at their regular meeting, passed on first reading an ordinance to extend the moratorium, with the second reading scheduled to take place at a special meeting on April 29.

Bradford Democrats meet April 22

The Bradford County Democratic Party will meet in person on Monday, April 22, at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at Capital City Bank in Starke in the conference room. All registered Democrats are welcome and encouraged to attend. For further information, please contact bradfordcodec@gmail.com.

Work delayed on 'most dangerous road in the county'

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Special to the Times

Progress on the roads being improved under the FDOT SCRAP grants is underway in the county, but problems have arisen on two of the projects.

County Coordinator Jimmy Williams reported on the problems and other concerns to the Union County Board of County Commissioners in his first report to them in three months.

The much-anticipated widening and repaving of County Road 18, called by Commissioner Jimmy Tallman "the most dangerous road in the county," is on hold due to environmental concerns.

It seems that the culverts, which will need to be moved due to the widening of the road, cannot be moved over due to the fact that they would infringe on areas designated as wetlands.

A court ruling has halted the work pending the acquisition of mitigation credits from the state to allow wetlands permitting. The county may have to pay for these credits. Union County is not the only location in Florida dealing with this issue, which has become more frequent since the Florida Department of Environmental Protection has taken over the permitting process in a statewide initiative to reduce wetlands impacts.

All applications in the state that have wetlands in the area or work are on hold due to the court ruling. FDOT is aware of the issue and is seeking to assist in the process, which may add to the cost of the projects.

The paving work planned for County Road 229 is also on hold due to culvert issues. Williams is currently working with the FDOT to see if the project can still be done with the approved funding.

special meeting will be held on April 29 to make a bid selection.

The project being considered to create more parking for the courthouse and County Commission Office is still in need of funding. The survey has been completed, and the layout has been sent to Williams, who is working to determine construction costs.

The board will have to approve the layout before the construction plans are drafted. As the area is located inside the city of Lake Butler, it is possible that the project can be done with the county's share of Community Redevelopment Agency funding. A representative from the board will have to meet with the city CRA board to gain their approval for the project, and Commissioner Mac Johns volunteered to take on that responsibility.

Courthouse security

The committee for the courthouse security upgrades met on March 26 and approved the building layout and parking reconfiguration. The final plans will be drawn up, and then board approval to advertise the project will be requested. Still to be determined will be the finalizing of the design of a temporary entrance and the addition of the Sheriff's Office parking reconfiguration to match the entrance to the Clerk's Office.

Providence fire station, courthouse parking

Progress is still being made on the Providence fire station, as the project was advertised and the pre-bid meeting has been held, with five bidders present. Now the county is waiting for the bids to come in to see how short the grant money for the project will be. The bids will be opening at 2 p.m. on April 23 and then a



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June 25, 2024

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Seats 1 and 2 are up for election.

David Stegall currently holds seat 1
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Qualifying begins at
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Crime

Recent arrests in Bradford, Union and Clay

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

Bradford

Kathryn Kesha Morabito, 35, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on April 11 for driving with a suspended or revoked license, aggravated assault, child cruelty, and

criminal mischief with property damage.

Sherdon Vance Morris, 52, of Macclenny, was arrested by Bradford deputies on April 11 for an out-of-county warrant.

Scott Ensley Mosley, 52, of Fort McCoy, was arrested by Bradford deputies on April 10 for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Curtis Shell, 62, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on April 6 for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Vera Washington Thompson, 58, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on April 11 for aggravated assault, simple assault, resisting an officer, and criminal mischief with property damage.

Dominique Trevon Williams, 24, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on April 12 for probation violations.

Union

None reported.

Clay

Bruce Ray Bach, 24, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Clay deputies on April 6 for domestic battery.

Scott Edward Bowen, 56, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Clay deputies on April 11 for probation violations.

Joseph Karl Rowe, 22, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Clay deputies on April 8 for grand theft auto.

Pond management workshops set

Own a pond? Interested in what makes a water body healthy for fish? Need aquatic pesticide applicator CEUs? If you answered yes to any of these questions, you'll want to attend two University of Florida Pond Management Workshops.

The workshops will be on April 23 and May 7 from 4:45 to 8 p.m. at the Lake Butler Community Center, 155 NW Third Street in Lake Butler.

April 23 topics include aquatic plant identification, pond construction, fish stocking, water and plant sampling and

weed management. Cassidy Dossin, Lizzie Whitehead, Jim DeValerio and Tim Wilson from Clay, Bradford, Union and St. Johns County Extension and Dr. Stephen Enloe, UF Agronomy Department, are presenting. Two Aquatic or two Private Pesticide Applicator CEUs available.

May 7 topics include aquatic plant id, water quality and fish health and using copper sulphate or lime in a pond. Cassidy Dossin, Lizzie Whitehead, Jim DeValerio and Tim Wilson and Dr. Ruth Francis-Floyd, UF College of Veterinary Medicine,

are presenting. Two Aquatic Pesticide Applicator CEUs available.

Join them for a hot dog dinner and good conversations on pond management and fish health.

Registration details: \$5 per attendee. For planning purposes, call the Union County Extension ASAP at 386-496-2321 to reserve a seat and to get a detailed program.

The University of Florida is an Equal Opportunity Institution. Submitted by Jim DeValerio/UF/IFAS, Union County Extension.

New roads added to priority list

Differences over paving vs. sealing

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
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Bradford County commissioners were presented with a new list of possible roads to pave using gas tax revenue last week.

Each was about a quarter-mile long and four of the five were in the Lawtey area, including:

—Northeast 213th Street between Northeast 216th and C.R. 225. Currently has asphalt millings.

—Northeast 17th Avenue off Northeast 200B. Currently has asphalt millings.

—Northeast 20th Avenue a quarter-mile from Northeast 200B. Currently has asphalt millings.

—Northeast 223rd Street a quarter-mile from C.R. 225.

The fifth is Southeast 17th Avenue from Southeast 150th Street to S.R. 230.

The Lawtey roads are in Chairwoman Carolyn Spooner's district, and she said they are in desperate need. She said the consensus of the board last

fall was to proceed with these roads. The roads continue to deteriorate, she said, and cost money to maintain.

Commissioner Chris Dougherty differed, however, saying the county should consider using chip seal applications to preserved roads with asphalt millings. He wanted to see a cost comparison between sealing the roads and paving them, believing sealing the smaller roads would be more cost effective. The more roads the county paves, the more roads it will have to maintain, he said.

Dougherty said the gas tax revenue should be used for busier roadways.

"I'm just trying to figure out a way we can stretch these dollars," he said.

There were no cost estimates to perform the work. Now that they are on the priority list, Director Jason Dodds can request quotes to design and permit the roads. That cost must come to commission for approval.

Dodds agreed with Dougherty that if the road has the proper base, sealing them would be more cost effective than paving and allow the county to save

some of its gas tax revenue. A lot of money is saved on engineering and permitting costs in addition to construction, he said.

Dodds' update will include cost estimates to seal the roads versus paving them.

The road department has already completed work on Southeast Second Avenue, Southeast 48th Avenue, Northwest 84th Avenue and Southwest 106th Avenue. Thirty-Eighth Avenue was being prepared for paving, and the department anticipates completing Northeast 219th Street this year.

Southeast 11th Avenue is on hold. It was set to be chip sealed, but the contractor was delayed, and the road deteriorated too much for the chip seal coating to be effective.

After approving the new priority list, the commission approved two design and permitting projects. CHW Professional consulting services will work on plans for Southeast 17th Avenue from the new list for \$16,250. CHW will also take on Southeast 11th Avenue for \$46,000.

Woman pickpockets attacker's phone to call 911

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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Bradford deputies arrested an 18-year-old Starke man after his girlfriend claimed he smashed her cell phone, broke her key fob, restrained her by laying on top of her, and trapped her within her vehicle.

Cody Alex Drew was arrested for battery and three counts of criminal mischief with property damage.

The victim told deputies that while she was sitting in her vehicle, Drew began questioning her about her allegedly kissing another man at an area bar and that during the talk, he grabbed her phone and smashed it against her car tires.

"(The victim) stated that Cody then started laying on top of her with his arms crossed, yelling at her," wrote Deputy Paul Moody Jr. in an arrest report. "(She) stated that Cody was getting so mad that when he was yelling,



Cody Alex Drew

his back pocket and hid it behind her back," wrote Moody in the report. "(She) was eventually able to get him out of the vehicle and was able to call 911 from Cody's cellphone."

The victim added that before deputies arrived, Drew used a metal object to strike the victim's car window.

Drew told deputies that he found out the woman was cheating on him, and after the pair got into an argument, she grabbed his throat. Drew admitted to breaking the woman's cell phone and key fob and added that he struck her car with the metal object in an attempt to get his own phone back.

Moody wrote that since he saw no marks on the defendant's neck and since the injuries to Drew's knuckles and the damage to the victim's vehicle appeared to back up the victim's story, he arrested Drew and transported him to jail.

spit was coming from his mouth."

The woman said that the defendant took her keys from the ignition and damaged her key fob, then prevented her from closing her car door.

"Cody then got back on top of her, and she took his phone from

Calls 911 on himself, tells deputy 'never mind'

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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A 40-year-old Starke man called deputies to Starke's Motel 6, claiming a woman he was in a relationship with downloaded child pornography onto his phone and then banged her head against a towel rack to get him arrested.

Travis Marlon Desue was arrested for battery, false imprisonment, evidence tampering, robbery, and fraud-swindle.

According to an arrest report, the defendant called 911 to report that child porn was on the woman's phone and that he had taken the device from her.

"Travis advised he confronted (the victim) about her sleeping with young boys," wrote Deputy Robert Malley in the report, "and she became upset and banged her head on a towel rack and stated, 'Now you are going to go to jail for hitting me.'"

The officer added that Desue was unable to show him pornography on the woman's phone and that Malley could not search the device without the owner's permission or a warrant.



Travis Marlon Desue

for anything, then never mind."

The officer added that while he was talking to Desue, deputies were dispatched to the Pleasant Grove area about a battery at Motel 6, in which Desue was the suspect.

The victim told deputies that the two entered the room at the motel around 6 p.m. and that four hours later, Desue started "acting crazy."

When the woman tried to leave, the defendant physically restrained her and then accused her of trying to put pornography on his phone. She added that she eventually escaped from the room and that in the parking lot, the defendant hit her, knocking her to the ground.

Malley reported that Desue was excited and agitated when being questioned. He added that the injuries to the woman and a blood trail corroborated her story. In addition, there was no towel rack in the room where the couple stayed.

The deputy wrote that while Desue was in possession of the woman's phone, he accessed the Cash App on the device and sent \$171 to himself.

The defendant could not produce any porn that was allegedly downloaded onto his phone.

"Travis asked me on scene if (the victim) had reported him for battery on her," added the deputy. "I advised that we had not received a call for battery at the Motel 6, and Travis stated, 'Never mind then, there is not anything on her phone.' Travis then picked up the phone and tried to walk away. Travis then stated, 'If she has not reported me

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County Public Works Director Jason Dodds confirmed he met with the city manager and clerk more than once and offered a solution that was ultimately rejected.

The county suggested the city provide the names of the

underserved residents. The county would then provide a special form for those residents allowing them to provide their tax ID and location and purchase a windshield sticker for permission to use any of the county's disposal sites. The cost would be the same as \$125 as the assessment paid by county residents.

Dodds said the city never provided that information, and

when he asked, he was told the city didn't have the time, so the county moved forward with enforcing the sticker program as planned.

Now commissioners from both the city and county are set to meet and discuss a solution. The workshop has been set for Tuesday, May 7, at the courthouse following the county commission's 9:30 a.m. meeting.

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cut off a few dead limbs every once in a while. But there is no fertilizing, edging, cutting grass, or pesticides to seep into our water! During a long dry spell, Ed will do what he calls individual spot watering. They have a sprinkler system that has not been turned on for years.

April is Water Conservation Month

When Ed showed such a passion for water conservation, we were reminded of the excellent and informative presentation that Vivian Katz-James, President of the Save Our Lakes Organization, gave at one of our Garden Club meetings.

Vivian so kindly agreed to contribute to this article, explaining the work of SOLO

and the importance of conserving one of our most precious natural resources.

Vivian mentioned that April is Water Conservation Month. How fun is that! Here is a summary of Vivian's information that we hope you will find as interesting as we did.

Beginning in the mid-1970s, the area's growing population began to overtax our water supply, even though we average an annual rainfall of approximately 51 inches.

Lakes Brooklyn and Geneva are two of the major recharge areas for the Floridan Aquifer, our water supply. The other major recharge area is near Valdosta, Georgia.

Government officials initially responded to dropping lake water levels by emphasizing conservation. However, conservation was not enough.

Officials eventually recognized the need for a new water source, and the St. Johns River Water Management District is now building the Black Creek Water

Resource Development Project. The project will recharge the aquifer and is a part of the district's recovery strategy for Lakes Brooklyn and Geneva.

Vivian concluded by saying that new water projects will be needed as the area's population grows, but each of us can do our part by conserving as much water as we can.

The Walls have been doing just that since they moved here from Starke 21 years ago. The people and the water resources drew them to Keystone Heights. But most of all, they love our lakes and have a deep desire to conserve our water supply. Can you do your share?

To learn more about Save Our Lakes and get involved, please call Vivian at 904-699-2653.

If you want to learn more about the Garden Club of the Lakes or nominate yourself or anyone in the community for Yard of the Month, please call Pat Lorenzo at (904)728-9460.

Drunk, disruptive in hospital ER

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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Bradford deputies arrested a 35-year-old Starke woman after witnesses claimed she harassed patients at a Starke emergency department, refusing to leave and accusing one patient of being a terrorist.

Sholeke Lomeke Merriweather was arrested for disorderly conduct, resisting an officer, and making a false report.

According to an arrest report, the defendant showed up at HCA Florida Starke Emergency intoxicated, cursing loudly, and confronting patients in the facility's waiting room.

Two deputies arrested the

defendant after she refused their requests for her to leave.

Deputy Devin K. Jones wrote in the report that Merriweather initially resisted his attempts to handcuff her and told him her name was Samantha Smith.

Hospital personnel provided the officers with the defendant's name and date of birth.

Democratic Women meet April 25

The Democratic Women's Club of the Lakes Area will hold its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, April 25. The speaker

will be Sierra Club board member David Vaina. All Democrats are welcome. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with the speaker at 7. The club will meet at the new location, Melrose Center, 309 S.R. 26 in Melrose. For further information: 352-235-4161 or Info@dwc-la.org.

VFW hosts bingo

Lake Butler VFW Post 10082 has bingo on Thursdays at 7 p.m. The VFW is located off C.R. 231 just outside of Lake Butler. Look for the sign on the left (coming from town).



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Eddie Ash

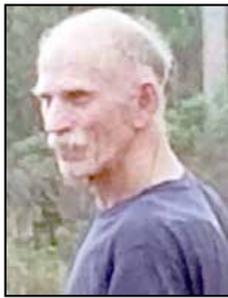
Eddie George Ash, 67, passed away at his home at Kingsley Lake, with his devoted wife, Cathy, by his side. He was born on July 8, 1956, in Tampa to the late George Calvin Ash Jr. and Mary Gordon Ash. He was a beautiful soul who gave everything he could to the community, which he loved very much. He worked diligently to meet the needs of so many through his plumbing business, Eddie's Drain Repair & Cleaning. He worked tirelessly with his hands to leave a legacy of love and integrity. If you ask his family, they will say he was a wonderful husband, father, and "Papa Eddie." They'd say he exhibited the wonder of unending love and was pure fun. He ensured that his home was open to everyone. He knew no stranger. He had a love for hunting, gun safety, walking the woods, and tinkering in his yard. He enjoyed mechanics and loved building. Eddie built a fun backyard for others to enjoy and for years wanted to create laughter and a happy place for generations. He was filled with joy and the Lord's light shined through him. He was such a treasure to so many, his presence will be deeply missed, the legacy of love and gifts he left behind will never be forgotten. He was preceded in death by his parents George and Mary Ash.

He is survived by his wife of 29 years, Cathy Ash of Kingsley Lake; three children, Esther (Chad McKenzie) Nall and Mary Starling both of Starke and William (Janie Coe) Starling of Murfreesboro, Tennessee; two brothers; five sisters; nine grandchildren, Alex Starling, Jacob (Mackenzie) Nall, Dillon Starling, Destiny McKenzie, Leeann McCauley, Justin Gunter, Claryssa Starling, Allannah Starling, Collyn Starling; seven great-grandchildren, Arianna Starling, Aidynn Jones, Timberly Jones, Eli Starling, Bayleigh Starling, Mason Kapellen, Everleigh Starling; and several nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and friends.

A Celebration of Life was held on Friday, April 12, at Archie Tanner Memorial Chapel with Chaplain Jim Cox officiating. The family will receive friends on prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Nellie's Champions for Kids, Ensuring No Kid Fights Cancer Alone, 374 Morrison Rd. Suite C, Columbus, OH 43213, 614-300-3995, <https://give.nc4k.org/give/221270/#!/donation/checkout>.

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.

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Barrett Carver

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Barrett Edwin Carver, a cherished 3-year-old boy who left this world on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at Haven Hospice in Gainesville with his loving parents by his side. Barrett's gentle spirit and radiant smile brought immense joy to all who were blessed to know him. He was born on Dec. 20, 2020, in Gainesville to Eric Carver and Amber Templeton. He enjoyed playing outside with his big brother and dancing and he loved to make jokes. He was a loving child who cherished his family above all else. He had a special bond with his parents and his big brother, and his face would light up with delight whenever they were together. Barrett's love knew no bounds, and he brought warmth and happiness to every moment he shared with his family.

He is survived by his parents, Eric Carver of Keystone Heights and Amber Templeton of Trenton; a brother, Calyx Cook of Trenton; and many extended family members.

A Celebration of Barrett's Life will be held on Monday, April 22, at 6 p.m. at Belle Oaks Barn in Brooker. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Haven Hospice, The Haven Foundation beyourhaven.org.

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

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Mercedes Chitty

Mrs. Mercedes Agnes Chitty, 87, of Starke passed away Saturday, April 13, 2024, following an extended illness at Riverwood Health and Rehab in Starke. She was born April 1, 1937, in Jacksonville to Marian and Wilma (Mickler) Hoffman. She was a homemaker and longtime member of Bible Baptist Church. She loved serving her Lord through ministering to the elderly and handicapped through their tape ministry. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 35 years, Michael "Mike" Houston Chitty.

She leaves behind extended family members and friends who will miss her dearly.

There are currently no scheduled services. Interment will take place at Crosby Lake Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Bible Baptist Church, 150 S. Cherry St., Starke, 32091.

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

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William Cloud

William "Bill" Russell Cloud, 85, of Starke, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on Sunday, April 14, 2024, at Middleburg Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Middleburg. He was born to the late James Henry "Russell" Cloud and Lalie (Welch) Young on Feb. 8, 1939, at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital in Albany, Georgia. He was the only son of only son James Henry "Russell" Cloud, who made the ultimate sacrifice and was killed in action near the end of World War II in April 1945. Later, Bill voluntarily joined the United States Air Force in 1958 and was stationed at George Air Force Base in Victorville, California until 1962. He had a long and fulfilling career working for pharmaceutical company McKesson in multiple locations that included Albany, Georgia, the Macon and Warner-Robins area, the Miami and West Palm Beach area, and Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex. He retired in 2000 after working with them in a variety of roles for about 33 years. These included warehouse supervisor and pharmaceutical buyer. After retirement, he moved from North Texas to Bradford County with his wife and youngest son. He was a Life Member of American Legion Post 56 in Starke. Over the years, he was very active and participated in many Legion activities. He is also a past commander (July 2007-July 2009) and past historian. He was preceded in death by one grandson, Joshua Lyonais of St. Cloud.

He is survived by his loving wife of nearly 34 years, Katie (Thomas) Cloud of Starke; and their loving son, Casey Cloud of Starke. He is also survived by four loving children from a previous marriage. His oldest daughter is Angela (Cloud) (Levi Jr.) Barnett of St. Mary, Missouri. His middle daughter is Celeste (Cloud) (John) Martin of St. Cloud. His youngest daughter is Rachael (Cloud) (Donald) Barnett of St. Mary, Missouri. His oldest son is Russell (Wilma) Cloud of Imperial, Missouri. He is also survived by 14 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and siblings, Janice McGough of Cabot, Arkansas, Bruce (Toni) Young of Leesburg, Georgia, and Debbie Ladwig of Columbus, Georgia.

A viewing will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, April 22, at DeWitt C. Jones Chapel at Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home in Starke. The funeral will follow at 11:30 a.m. A procession will then be made to Santa Fe Cemetery (across from Hampton Lake) in Hampton, where he will be laid to rest. He was beloved by many and will be deeply missed.

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

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Isaac Cummings

Isaac Cummings of Starke, died on Thursday, April 11, 2024, in Atlanta, Georgia. He attended the local schools of Bradford County. Mr. Cummings served in the United States Marines.

He is survived by his wife, Zephaniah Cummings; sons, DeWayne Cummings, Christopher Cummings, Cordell Strong, Timothy Golden and Alex Cummings; daughters, Beatrrix Cummings, Patricia Moore, Cheryl Suewell and Marion Hamilton; and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and sorrowing friends.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 20, at Pleasant Grove Community Church in Starke with Rev. Alvin Greene, eulogist. Interment will be held at Bob Love Cemetery, Starke under the direction of Haile Funeral Home Inc., 802 N. Oak St., Starke, 32091. 904-964-7905. Visitation for friends will be held on Friday, April 19, from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. at the Carl and Elaine D. Haile Memorial Chapel/ Haile Funeral Home. The cortege will form at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Cummings at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 20.

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Rhonda Harrell

Rhonda Lynn Harrell, 70, of Gainesville, passed away peacefully with her sister by her side on Wednesday, April 10, 2024. She was born and raised in Gainesville on Aug. 16, 1953, to Lee Orian and Ida Jackie Elizabeth Knight Harrell. She graduated from Gainesville High School in 1971. She served an 18-month mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Nevada. Rhonda graduated from Brigham Young University and furthered her degree with a master's from Nova. She was an educator, retiring after 35 years of service for Union County schools. She loved genealogy and family history. Family was everything to her, especially spending time with them. She did a family newsletter for years where she would spotlight various family members and include a picture. She enjoyed traveling to Hawaii, Bermuda and every state except Alaska. She was preceded in death by her parents, Lee and Jackie Harrell; brother, Roland Harrell; and nephew, Nicholas Harrell.

She is survived by her sister, Regina Harrell (Todd) Gainey; brother, Randall (Marylou) Harrell; nieces and nephews, Kaitlyn Gainey, Tanner Gainey, Abigail Gainey, Matthew Harrell, Rachael Webster, Trieste Mechem, Michael Harrell, Cameron Harrell, Kiersten Tate, Maranda Peterson, Randy Harrell, Jr., Robbie Harrell, and Melanie Guerrero; and several great-nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to express gratitude to the nursing and medical staff at Haven Hospice of Gainesville for the loving care she received. Her request was to be cremated. A funeral service will be held Saturday, April 20, at 11 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 1305 Raiford Road, Starke, with Bishop Brian Johns officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service beginning at 10 a.m.

For those who wish, donations may be made to Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Humanitarian Fund. <https://philanthropies.churchofjesuschrist.org/humanitarian-services/funds/humanitarian-general-fund>. Please visit her memorial page at www.williamsthusfuneralhome.com.

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Michael Holmes

Michael J. Holmes, 61, died on Thursday, April 11, 2024, at Tampa General Hospital in Tampa. He attended the local schools of Bradford County and was of the Baptist faith. He was self-employed as a computer analyst.

Michael is survived by his mother, Carol Jean Holmes; sisters, Jarotha Reed and Maria Holmes; brothers, Eric Holmes and Elardzo Powell; and a host of nieces, nephews, uncles, aunts, cousins and grieving friends.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 20, at the Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. Ronald Strong, eulogist. Interment will be held at Oddfellow Cemetery in Starke under the direction of Haile Funeral Home Inc., 802 N. Oak St. 904-964-7905. Visitation will be held for friends on Friday, April 19 from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. at the Carl and Elaine D Haile Memorial Chapel/Haile Funeral Home Inc. The cortege will form at the home of Carol Jean Holmes on Saturday at 10:30 a.m., 14246 S.E. 47th Place Starke 32091.

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Genevieve Langford

Genevieve "Ginny" Bishop Langford left this mortal life to enter her heavenly home at age 75, on Wednesday, April 10, 2024. She passed in her home in Lake Butler, surrounded by family. She was born March 28, 1949, to T. J. and Geneva Bishop of Lake City. She grew up in Leesburg and moved to Lake Butler in 1963. Everyone who knew her knew without a doubt she was truly a blessing from God.

She worked as a secretary and an accountant and ran several businesses in Union County. Affectionately known as "Granny Ginny," words like loving, caring, selfless, giving, affectionate, modest, humble, and kind only words begin to fully capture the personal qualities of our loving mother,

grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great-granny. She was blessed with five generations. Her passion was spending time with her family, friends, and her children playing cards, cookouts, and softball. She was preceded in death by her parents, T.J. and Geneva Bishop; three brothers, Clinton Bishop, Dan Bishop, and Gerald Dicks; and her loving husband of 54 years, Larry Wayne Langford.

She is survived by her three children, Kimberly Campbell Langford, Larry W. "Buddy" Langford Jr., and Brian "B.J." Langford, all of Lake Butler; 11 grandchildren, Jennifer, Keisha, Cody, Colton, Matthew, Brianna, Jesse, Samantha, Amber, Dillon, and Colby; 13 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; her siblings, Kenny (Martha) Bishop of Lake City, Jone F. Welch of Lake Butler, and Joe Dicks of Jacksonville; and numerous extended family also survive.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Her final memorialization by cremation is under the care of Archer-Milton Funeral Home. 386-496-2008 www.archerfuneralhome.com

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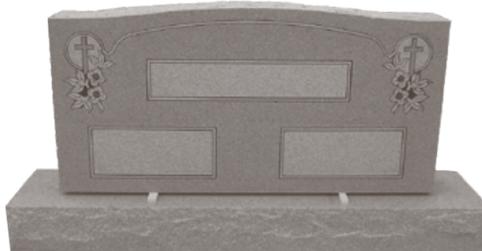
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Bradford repeats as district flag-football champ

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Bradford High School's defense came up with three interceptions and shut out its second straight opponent, defeating second seed Middleburg 7-0 to win its second straight District 4-1A championship on April 10 at BHS.

The top seed Tornadoes got another big game from Ar'Nayshia Griffin, who had two interceptions and accounted for 138 yards of offense, including completing 21 of 36 passes for 98 yards and one touchdown.

In Bradford's two district tournament games, Griffin accounted for 256 of her team's 308 total yards.

Bradford (8-1) was scheduled to play Middleburg again in a first-round playoff game on Wednesday, April 17, at 7 p.m. With a victory, the Tornadoes would advance to a Region 1 semifinal game, traveling to Tallahassee to play Florida High or hosting Suwannee on Tuesday, April 23, at 7 p.m.

In the District 4 championship game, Middleburg (8-5) ran just two plays before a tipped pass led to Griffin's first interception.

A 6-yard run by Griffin would put Bradford at the Middleburg 17 for a goal-to-go opportunity, but the Tornadoes netted only 6 yards before turning the ball over on downs.

Broncos quarterback Rachel Hansen completed an 18-yard

pass to Amber Carncross that moved Middleburg past midfield and needing 18 yards to pick up another first down. After an 8-yard reception by Cheyenne Jenkins, the Broncos were held to 5 yards on two consecutive pass plays, courtesy of pulled flags by Bradford's Alysia Rentz. Middleburg went for it on fourth-and-5, with Tatyana Brown bringing pressure against Hansen, who threw an incompletion.

The Tornadoes moved past midfield for the first time on their first drive of the second quarter. A 5-yard reception by Ajiyah Jackson and a subsequent holding penalty put Bradford at the Middleburg 39. Griffin completed three straight passes after a Nichelle Brown run, but the Tornadoes came up 2 yards shy of a first down and turned the ball over on downs.

Middleburg's Jenkins had a 20-yard reception on the following series that gave the Broncos first-and-15 at the Bradford 38. Griffin then came up with a near interception before Rentz held the Broncos to a 3-yard gain on a pass play. Brown broke up a pass on third down, forcing Middleburg to punt.

The punt pinned the Tornadoes at their own 2-yard line. After gaining just 3 yards on three plays, Bradford punted. The punt was shanked, giving the Broncos the ball at the Bradford 22 with 1:43 to play in the first half.

Middleburg couldn't take

advantage of its opportunity as Griffin came up with an interception on the Broncos' first play following the punt.

Bradford's defense came up big again on Middleburg's first drive of the second half. The Broncos ran two plays, with the second resulting in a tipped pass that was intercepted by Jackson, giving Bradford the ball at its own 34.

The Tornadoes needed just 6 yards to get a first down. After two incomplections, Griffin hooked up with Talayshia Cummings for a 9-yard gain to the Middleburg 37. Griffin, who finished with 31 yards rushing on eight carries, had runs of 7 and 9 yards to set up fourth-and-1 at the 21. Griffin picked up the first down on a 1-yard run.

Jackson then caught two straight passes for a total of 7 yards. A roughing-the-passer penalty tacked on more yardage after Jackson's second catch, resulting in first-and-goal at the 7. Cummings had a 4-yard reception before Jackson pulled down a pass for a 3-yard touchdown. The Tornadoes went for one point on the conversion attempt, which was good on a pass from Griffin to Brown, putting the Tornadoes up 7-0 on the final play of the third quarter.

Jackson finished with five catches for 18 yards.

On Middleburg's second play following the score, Bradford was penalized for a personal foul on a play in which a



Bradford celebrates its second consecutive district championship. Pictured (l-r) are Superintendent of Schools Will Hartley, Kha'Myra Hankerson, Alysia Rentz, Jada Hankerson, Nyasia Lopey (behind Jada Hankerson), Ajiyah Jackson, Ar'Nayshia Griffin, Malaysia Jackson, Tatyana Brown, Coach Brock Canaday, Talayshia Cummings and Nichelle Brown.

Broncos player was injured. However, before play resumed, Middleburg coaches earned three unsportsmanlike-conduct penalties, which resulted in the ejection of one coach. Instead of having the ball at their own 28, the Broncos were backed up to the 9-yard line. They punted after three plays.

Bradford was able to move past midfield on its next drive, with an 8-yard reception by Cummings putting the Tornadoes at the Middleburg 33. The Tornadoes

were unable to gain another first down, but they succeeded in taking some time off the clock and pinning the Broncos on their own 12-yard line after a punt.

The Broncos picked up one first down at their own 23, but then lost 4 yards when a snap hit the ground. After an incomplete pass, Juliana White had a 14-yard reception to set up a fourth-down play at the Middleburg 37.

The Broncos needed just 3 yards for a first down, but attempted a deep pass that was incomplete.

Middleburg got the ball back in the final minute, gaining 10 yards on three plays before the game ended on a fourth-down play on which the snap hit the ground.

Brown led the Bradford receivers with 10 catches for 38 yards and also completed 2 of 2 passes for 9 yards.

Cummings had four receptions for 27 yards, while Jada Hankerson had two for 15 yards.

Griffin caught both of Brown's pass completions.

BHS, KHHS players take part in all-star hoops event

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Two Bradford County High School seniors and one from Keystone Heights High School got to experience basketball again this season as they played in The Prep Zone All-Star Showcase, which was held April 13 at Alachua's Legacy Park Multipurpose Center.

The event consisted of two all-star girls teams and three boys teams. The East boys team consisted of Bradford's Mattox Burgin and Damarion Hankerson and Keystone's Garrison Teague. Hankerson finished with a two-game total of 15 points, four rebounds and two steals. Teague had nine points, 15 rebounds, one block and two assists, while Burgin had six points, four rebounds, a steal and an assist.

The East team, which also consisted of, First Assembly Christian players Danny Pascuma and Ta'Bryant Wooden, Lake Weir's Amari Kiner and Vanguard's D'Mareon Manning and Johnardo Turner, went 0-2

against the North and West teams.

Vanguard's Travis Licht coached the East team. Hankerson sank a three-point basket that left his team trailing by one point with 2:55 to play in its second game, but the North team outscored the East 7-4 the rest of the way for a 67-63 win.

The North team took a quick 6-0 lead on three-pointers by Kade McCaskill of Dixie County, but Hankerson then made a long-range shot of his own to put his team on the board.

Teague corralled a loose ball and scored on a layup to put the East up 11-10. Later, with the East trailing 15-14, Hankerson made a three-pointer to put his team up by two.

It was 19-17 in favor of the East in the final seconds of the first quarter when good defense by Hankerson caused a North player to lose the ball on his way to the basket for a layup. Bradford's Wyatt Persyns came up with the loose ball and scored for the North, making it a 19-19



Garrison Teague (center) drives to the basket between West all-star players Kyler Lamb of Williston (far left) and Khadrian Brown of Bronson.

game entering the second quarter. Consecutive baskets by Baker County's Jaeveon Reed helped the North take a 26-21 lead. The North then missed two straight field-goal attempts, which were rebounded by Burgin and Teague. Another missed shot was rebounded by Teague, who threw the ball downcourt to Burgin, who scored to make it 26-23.

The East, which got three-pointers from Kiner and Manning, held a 31-28 lead when Burgin came up with a steal. He passed the ball to Teague for a layup and a five-point lead.

Burgin and Teague later swapped roles, with Burgin getting a layup off a Teague assist to send the East into halftime leading 35-30. It was 41-40 in favor of the East in the third quarter when Hankerson stole the ball and was fouled on a drive to the basket. He made one of his free-throw attempts.

After a three-point basket by McCaskill put the North ahead 45-44, Burgin grabbed an offensive rebound and was fouled on his putback attempt. He sank both free throws to put his team back on top.

The game was tied in the fourth quarter when the North scored four consecutive points to go up 60-56. Hankerson made his third three-pointer of the game to make it 60-59 with less than three minutes to play.

Turner came up with a steal for the East, but missed a layup attempt. Baker County's Dawson Norman grabbed the rebound for the North and dribbled the length of the court for a successful

layup. McCaskill, who led all players with 27 points, then made his seventh three-pointer of the game to put the North ahead 65-59.

Four free throws by Kiner brought the East to within two points, but the team would never be able to regain the lead.

Hankerson finished with 10 points and two steals, while Burgin had six points, two rebounds, an assist and a steal. Teague had four points, nine rebounds and an assist.

The East team's first game of the tournament was a 78-56 loss to a West team that was led by four players from Class 1A state-champion Williston.

Teague made an impact at the start. He recorded the assist on a three-pointer by Wooden and then scored on a rebound putback to put his team ahead 5-4.

Burgin and Teague each had two rebounds in the first quarter, which ended with the East leading 18-16. Manning and Wooden combined for 14 points, with 12 of those coming on three-pointers.

The second quarter began with Hankerson grabbing an offensive rebound and sinking a short jump shot.

Hankerson and Teague each had a defensive rebound before the West team finally got on the board in the second quarter with a basket by Williston's Javon Brown. That was the start of a 19-0 run as the West outscored the East 25-5 overall in taking a 41-23 halftime lead.

Williston's Brown, Kyler Lamb and Reggie White scored all but five of the West team's

second-quarter points.

Teague blocked a shot and scored three points in the third quarter. His drive to the basket late left his team trailing 58-40. He later grabbed an offensive rebound and was fouled on his ensuing shot attempt. He made one free throw to make it a 15-point game going into the final quarter.

Hankerson had a defensive

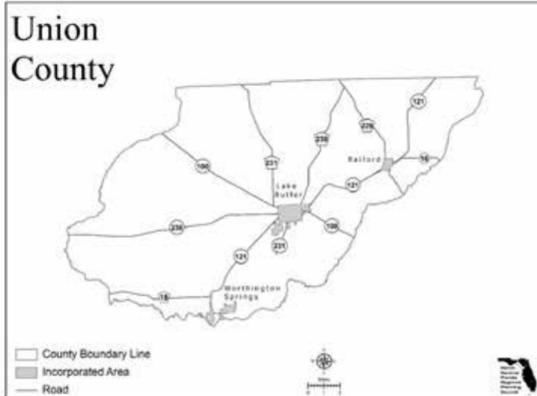
rebound and a three-pointer early in the fourth quarter. He and Teague each finished with five points. Teague and Hankerson had six and four rebounds, respectively, with Teague adding a blocked shot and an assist.

Burgin had two rebounds. The West team easily went 2-0. It opened tournament play with a 74-63 win over the North.

NOTICE OF AN EXTENSION OF THE TRAVEL TRAILER PARKS AND CAMPGROUNDS MORATORIUM

The Board of County Commissioners of Union County, Florida proposes to extend the existing moratorium on travel trailer parks and campgrounds within the area shown on the map below by amending Ordinance No. 2023-03.

Ordinance No. 2024-03, an ordinance by the Board of County Commissioners, amending Ordinance No. 2023-03, by extending the existing moratorium on the acceptance of applications and processing of special exception applications for travel trailer parks and campgrounds for a period of one year from May 15, 2024 to May 14, 2025.



A public hearing will be conducted by the Board of County Commissioners to consider the enactment of Ordinance No. 2024-03 on April 29, 2024 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, Union County Courthouse located at 55 West Main Street, Lake Butler, Florida. The title of said ordinance reads, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-03

AN ORDINANCE OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2023-03 BY EXTENDING THE EXISTING MORATORIUM ON THE ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS AND PROCESSING OF SPECIAL EXCEPTION APPLICATIONS FOR TRAVEL TRAILER PARKS AND CAMPGROUNDS FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING AN EXPIRATION DATE

At the aforementioned public hearing, all interested parties may appear to be heard with respect to the Ordinance No. 2024-03.

Copies of Ordinance No. 2024-03 are available for public inspection, at the Office of the Board of County Commissioners, located at 15 Northeast First Street, Lake Butler, Florida, during regular business hours.

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

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LEFT: Damarion Hankerson handles the ball in his team's game against the West all-stars. BELOW: Mattox Burgin (center) drives to the basket in his team's game against the North all-stars.



Indians run-rule 13th-ranked, 5A Fleming Island

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Caitlin Frampton struck out seven batters and allowed five hits and just two walks in the Keystone Heights High School softball team's 11-1, five-inning win over visiting Fleming Island on April 11.

The Indians (9-8) got two RBI each by Alaina Kinsall and Amber Wagner as part of a five-

run fifth inning that ended the game early.

Fleming Island (13-6), which entered the game 12th in the Florida High School Athletic Association's Class 5A power rankings and is currently 13th, took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first on a two-run double from Jolee Rich, but Frampton held the Eagles to just three hits after that.

Keystone, which is 21st in the FHSAA Class 3A power rankings, didn't trail for long. Leadoff batter Kinsall reached on an error in the bottom of the first. Kinsall moved to second on Wagner's sacrifice, with another error allowing Wagner to reach safely and Kinsall to advance to third. Kinsall scored on an Ashley Nugent ground out, while Wagner would score on a two-out single from Kadence Massey.

It remained 2-1 until the Indians scored four runs in the third. Wagner led off the inning with a single, followed by Abbie Roach reaching on a one-out bunt single. The Eagles unsuccessfully attempted to get Wagner out at third on a ground ball hit by Massey, loading the bases for Frampton. Like Massey, she ground into a fielder's choice that resulted in Fleming again not making the out it was attempting to. Wagner scored, and the bases were still loaded.

The Eagles did put Roach out at home on a Delia Johnson ground ball, but Keystone was able to push three more runs across with two outs. Bella

Cumbo hit an RBI single into right field before Riley Shuford ripped a two-run double into left, putting the Indians up 6-1.

Keystone's big fifth inning didn't get off to a promising start with just one runner on (Frampton, who singled) with two outs, but the Indians had five consecutive hits to ultimately enact the mercy rule. Cumbo and Shuford hit singles to load the bases, followed by another single from Kinsall that scored two runs. Wagner followed with a two-run triple before a Nugent double brought home the team's 11th run.

The top of the order and the bottom of the order were both productive. Kinsall, Wagner and Nugent (batters 1-3) each had two RBI, with Wagner going 2 for 3. Cumbo, the eighth batter, went 2 for 2 with an RBI, while Shuford, the ninth batter, was 2 for 3 with two RBI.

Frampton and Massey each finished with one RBI each.

Keystone travels to play Middleburg (the top team in the FHSAA Class 5A power rankings) on Tuesday, April 16, at 6 p.m.

RIGHT: Caitlin Frampton pitched all five innings, striking out seven. BELOW: First baseman Ashley Nugent (left) prepares to throw to first after fielding a bunt. Pitcher Caitlin Frampton is also pictured.



Left fielder Bella Cumbo (left) prepares to make a throw. Shortstop Alaina Kinsall is also pictured.

Tigers defeat Tornadoes 11-3 in baseball

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Four pitchers combined to allow five hits, while four players drive in at least two runs each in the Union County High School baseball team's 11-3 win over host Bradford on April 9.

Union starting pitcher Kacen Thomassen gave up three runs, five hits and one walk through four innings. He had five strikeouts in helping the Tigers end a two-game losing streak.

Preston Bonsall, Clayton Poppell and Devin Diggs each



Foster Smith hit a two-run single that gave the Tigers a four-run lead in the fourth inning against Bradford.

pitched one inning for the Tigers, combining to allow no hits. Bonsall had three strikeouts.

The Tigers scored the game's first two runs. Bonsall led off the top of the first with a single and stole second and third before scoring on Thomassen's double. Courtesy runner Bo Wilson scored on a two-out single from Jake Walker.

Bradford scored the next three runs.

Jeffrey Brugh led off the bottom of the first with a double and scored on a Mattox Burgin single.

In the second, Patrick Pendarvis walked, while Denver Hudson singled. The runners advanced on a sacrifice bunt by Blake Wynn. Brugh, who went 2 for 3 with two RBI, drove in both runners on a two-out single, putting the Tornadoes ahead 3-2.

Union then scored at least two runs in each of the next four innings.

Thomassen walked to lead off the third. Courtesy runner Wilson stole second and advanced to third on a ground out by Foster Smith. Walker hit a ground ball to score Wilson and reached on an error. Trenton Klein later hit a two-out triple to score another run and make the score 4-3.

The Tigers led off the fourth with three consecutive singles, with Diggs scoring on the second, which was hit by Bonsall. After a fly out, Smith hit a single to bring home two runs, putting Union up 7-3.

Klein and Diggs reached in the fifth on a single and a walk, respectively. Both scored when Bonsall, who went 3 for 4 with

three RBI, hit a single.

Union loaded the bases in the sixth when Walker walked, Riggs Davis doubled and Klein was hit by a pitch. Two runs scored when Landen Miller ground into a fielder's choice.

Diggs and Klein each finished 2 for 3, while Lasseter went 2 for 5.

The Tigers got two RBI each from Miller, Smith and Walker, while Klein and Thomassen each had one.

UCHS follows Bradford win with 2-0 loss

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Union County High School's baseball team was held to two hits in a 2-0 loss to Class 2A University Christian on April 12 in Lake Butler.

The Tigers (10-11), who are ninth in the Florida High School Athletic Association's Class 1A power rankings, struck out 10 times against Austin Pickett, who gave up no walks. One of Union's hits was a double by Riggs Davis.

Erick Lasseter started on the mound for Union, allowing the two runs on nine hits and no walks through five innings.

Clayton Poppell and Preston Bonsall each pitched one innings, with Poppell giving up two hits and no walks and Bonsall giving up no hits and no walks. Bonsall had two strikeouts.

University scored its first run in the first on a double and a sacrifice fly.

Lasseter held the visitors scoreless over the next three innings. University then added its final run in the fifth on a single and a double.

The Tigers played Class 4A Taylor County this past Tuesday and will travel to play Class 1A Lafayette on Monday, April 22, at 7 p.m. Union then hosts Class 3A Bradford on Tuesday, April 23, at 6 p.m.

BHS baseball team falls in extra innings to Fort White

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Bradford High School's baseball team held a 9-4 lead, but wound up losing 12-11 in nine



Jeffrey Brugh drove in two of the Tornadoes' three runs in the loss to Union County.

innings to host Fort White on April 15.

The Class 3A Tornadoes (7-10) trailed 4-1 before an eight-run fourth inning in which Bradford scored all of its runs with two outs. Avery Burgin drew a bases-loaded walk for the first run, while Jeffrey Brugh and Luke Stucky both hit two-run singles. Ryland Rike scored on a passed ball before Denver Hudson and Ryder Thompson each hit an RBI single.

Bradford scored two in the fifth to take an 11-6 lead. Brugh and Rike both walked. Mattox Burgin reached on an error with two outs, which allowed Brugh and Rike to both score.

Class 1A Fort White scored four runs in the sixth, taking advantage of three singles, a walk and two passed balls.

The Tornadoes had two on with two outs in the top of the seventh, but a strikeout ended the inning.

Fort White tied the score in the bottom of the ninth with one out, H Adams was hit by a pitch, while C Hall and G Depaola both walked. T Flynn hit an RBI single to make it 11-11 and send the game into extra innings.

Bradford loaded the bases in the top of the eighth. Thompson drew a one-out walk, while Jaron Hale and Blake Wynn were both hit by pitches with two outs. A fly out ended the inning.

The Indians' Depaola led off the bottom of the ninth with a single and advanced to second when Bradford committed an error on the play. Depaola remained at second after a pop-up to first baseman Patrick Pendarvis, but scored on a hit by K Haase.

Brugh and Stucky, who went 2 for 5, each finished with two RBI.

Thompson went 2 for 4 with an RBI.

Hudson, Avery Burgin and Mattox Burgin each finished with one RBI.

The Tornadoes went 1-1 in their previous two games, beginning with a 10-6 win over Class 1A Hamilton County on

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Campbell Webb hit a run-scoring single in the bottom of the eighth to give Union a 12-11 win over Class 6A Buchholz. The Tigers have won six in a row.

Webb's walk-off hit gives Tigers 12-11 win over 6A Buchholz

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Campbell Webb hit a walk-off RBI single in the Union County High School softball team's 12-11, eight-inning win over visiting Buchholz on April 12.

The Class 1A Tigers (10-7) scored three runs in the eighth to win their sixth straight game.

Class 6A Buchholz scored the game's first four runs, but Union evened it up in the bottom of the second. Webb and Brooke Hunt hit back-to-back singles with one out. Brooke Burgess reached on an error with two outs to load the bases. Jailyn Simmons hit an RBI single before Emma Handley doubled to push three runs across, making it 4-4.

Union fell behind again, 9-6, but tied it again with a three-run sixth. Simmons drew a walk, while Leanne Dicks reached on an error. Mackenzie Orton hit a two-run double, followed by Shyla Crowe's one-run single.

The score remained 9-9 after seven innings. In extra innings, each team's at-bat starts with a runner on second. Buchholz's Elizabeth Munson was placed on second to start the top of the eighth. She moved to third on a ground out before scoring on a single by Jordyn Cooper. Cooper scored on a double by Jayda Cooper, putting the Bobcats up 11-9.

Burgess was placed on second to start Union's half of the eighth. The Tigers' first two batters were put out on pop-ups. Dicks hit a single that scored Burgess, with Dicks advancing to third on the throw. Orton then hit an RBI single to tie the score. Union avoided a ninth inning when Webb connected on a 1-0 pitch for the winning run.

Hunt and Dicks went 3 for 3

and 3 for 5, respectively. Each finished with one RBI.

Orton went 2 for 4 with three RBI, while Webb was 2 for 5 with an RBI.

Handley finished with three RBI, while Crowe and Simmons each had one.

The Tigers entered the game off a 20-0, three-inning win over visiting Crescent City on April 9.

Crowe drove in four runs, two of which occurred in a five-run first.

Union scored 15 runs in the second, which included two-run doubles by Crowe and Jaydin Alvarez and a one-run single by Orton. Alvarez, in a second at-bat in the inning, drew a bases-loaded walk. Burgess, Dicks, Handley, Mia Kent, Mackenzie Radford and Michael-Ann Smith also drew bases-loaded walks, while Orton and Lillie Conner were each hit by a pitch with the bases loaded.

The big inning also included a run scored on a wild pitch.

Alvarez and Orton finished with three and two RBI, respectively, while the following had one each: Burgess, Conner, Dicks, Handley, Hunt, Kent, Radford and Smith.

Crowe pitched all three innings, giving up two hits and no walks.

Union travels to play Class 3A Bradford on Thursday, April 18, at 7 p.m. and then hosts 1A Hawthorne on Friday, April 19, at 7 p.m. The Tigers travel to play 1A Chiefland on Tuesday, April 23, at 6 p.m.

KHHS baseball team defeats Baker Co. 9-1

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Pitcher Gage Barry kept the host Wildcats off the board for five innings, while Connor Guy drove in three runs on two extra-base hits in the Keystone Heights High School baseball team's 9-1 over Class 4A Baker County on April 15 in Glen St. Mary.

Barry gave up five hits and two walks, while striking out 10 before giving way to Brady Kerlin, who faced the game's final batter, striking him out. Barry didn't allow the Wildcats' run until the sixth inning.

The Class 3A Indians (14-6) put three runs on the board in the first. Alex Addington walked and scored on a Guy triple. Guy scored on an Austin Musgrove single. Musgrove, who advanced to second on the play, went to third on an Austin Smith ground out before scoring on Aiden Screen's single.

It was 5-1 when Keystone scored four runs in the seventh. Andru Siemer singled, while Addington reached on an error. Both scored on Guy's second triple of the night. After Guy scored on a wild pitch, Smith and Screen reached on a walk and a single, respectively. Tallon Campbell, who went 3 for 4 with an RBI, ended the scoring with run-scoring single.

Guy and Musgrove each finished 2 for 4, with Musgrove driving in two runs.

Siemer went 2 for 3 with an RBI.

The Indians entered the game following a week in which they went 1-2.



Connor Guy drove in three runs on two triples in Keystone's 9-1 win over Baker County.

On Aug. 9, Screen, Siemer and Smith all drove in runs on doubles late in the game to help Keystone defeat visiting Class 4A North Marion 11-7.

Keystone fell behind 4-0 and trailed 5-1 before a two-run third. Guy hit a solo homer before the Indians got two-out singles from Smith, Kerlin and Screen. Screen's hit drove in a run to make the score 5-3.

It was 7-3 when Keystone scored four runs in the fourth. One of those runs came courtesy of an Addington single.

The Indians pushed another three runs across in the fifth to take a 9-7 lead. Smith doubled, while Kerlin singled. Smith scored on a passed ball before Keystone got back-to-back RBI doubles from Screen and Siemer.

Smith drove in the final two runs in the sixth inning. He hit a double that scored Guy, who singled, and Musgrove, who walked.

Screen, who hit a solo homer in the second, and Smith both went 3 for 4. Screen finished with

three RBI, while Smith, who hit two doubles, had two.

Guy went 4 for 4 with an RBI, while Kerlin was 2 for 4.

Addington and Siemer each finished with one RBI.

Keystone traveled to play Class 3A Baldwin on April 11 and was held to three hits in a 13-3 loss.

The Indians scored the game's first run in the first inning on a Smith single, which scored courtesy runner Ben Goforth. Goforth had entered to run for Addington, who reached on an error to lead off the inning.

Baldwin scored four runs in the second, but Keystone was able to cut the host team's lead to 4-3 with a two-run fourth. Screen singled, followed by Campbell drawing a walk. Both scored on a Mitzel single.

It remained a one-run game until Baldwin scored nine runs in the sixth, taking advantage of six hits (including a solo home run), three walks, an error and two batters hit by pitches with the bases loaded.

The Indians struggled at the plate again in a home game on April 12, getting just four hits in a 7-0 loss to Class 3A Fernandina Beach.

Fernandina scored all of its runs against starting pitcher Musgrove, but only three of those runs were earned. Musgrove struck out seven batters in 4.2 innings.

Guy pitched 2.1 innings, giving up one hit and striking out five.

Keystone played Class 3A Bradford this past Tuesday and will travel to play Class 4A Santa Fe on Thursday, April 18, at 7 p.m. Keystone returns home to play Class 6A Toco Creek on Monday, April 22, at 6:30 p.m. and Class 5A Middleburg on Tuesday, April 23, at 7 p.m.

Legal Notices

Legals for the week of April 18, 2024

BRADFORD

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 8TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 240000S57CAAXMX
PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC,
Plaintiff,
vs.
. et al.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF JACOB J. HOUDERSHOLT A/K/A JACOB HOUDERSHOLT
4193 SE 8TH AVENUE, KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, FL 32856

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:

A PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN THE SOUTHEAST ONE QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST ONE QUARTER OF SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT A CONCRETE MONUMENT AT THE MOST WESTERLY CORNER OF LOT 20 OF KEYSTONE CLUB ESTATES UNIT ONE REPLAT AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 51 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA AND RUN SOUTH 29 DEGREES 16 MINUTES AND 20 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID KEYSTONE CLUB ESTATES UNIT ONE REPLAT, 325.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE RUN SOUTH 60 DEGREES 43 MINUTES AND 40 SECONDS WEST, 530.55 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 45 MINUTES AND 55 SECONDS WEST, 458.43 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE ON THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF A COUNTY GRADED ROAD; THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 05 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE 280.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE NORTH 00 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 05 SECONDS EAST, ALONG EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE, 46.09 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE AND THE POINT OF CURVE; THENCE RUN NORTHERLY ALONG SAID EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE WITH A CURVE CONCAVE, SAID CURVE HAVING A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 00 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 24 SECONDS, A RADIUS OF 4276.00 FEET, AN ARC LENGTH OF 68.91 FEET, AND A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF NORTH 00 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 37 SECONDS WEST, 68.91 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 55 SECONDS EAST, 220.56 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 05 SECONDS WEST, 115.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES, 45 MINUTES 55 SECONDS WEST, 220.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PARCEL OF LAND BEING LOT 4 OF INDIAN LAKE WOODS AS SURVEYED BY JOSEPH G. KNAPP, REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR AND SHOWN ON A MAP OF SAID INDIAN LAKE WOODS DATED MARCH 23, 1984 AND REVISED APRIL 25, 1984. SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT

FOR UTILITIES OVER, UNDER AND ACROSS THE EASTERLY 7.5 FEET THEREOF. SUBJECT TO THE FLORIDA POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY RIGHT OF WAY LINE AS DESCRIBED IN MISC. BOOK 8, PAGE 593 AND MISC. BOOK 9, PAGE 45, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on De Cubas & Lewis, P.A., Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is PO BOX 5026, CORAL SPRINGS, FL 33310 on or before _____ a date at least thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in the (Please publish in BRADFORD COUNTY TELEGRAPH) and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

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. WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 28th day of March 2024.

DENNY THOMPSON
As Clerk of the Court

BY:

As Deputy Clerk

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

CASE NO. 04-2023-CA-338
CAPITAL CITY BANK,

v.
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND/OR DEVISEES OF DENNIS C. RHODEN, Deceased; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND/OR DEVISEES OF WAYNETTE S. RHODEN, Deceased; DENNIS C. RHODEN, JR. and LORI DENNETTE RHODEN, as surviving heirs of Dennis C. Rhoden, Deceased; and Waynette S. Rhoden, Deceased; and JOHN DOE and JANE DOE (Unknown Tenants/Occupants), Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Final Summary Judgment of foreclosure dated March 4, 2024, entered in Case No. 04-2023-CA-338 of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit, in and for Bradford County, Florida, wherein Capital City Bank is the Plaintiff, and the Unknown Heirs and/or Devisees of Dennis C. Rhoden, deceased; the Unknown Heirs and/or Devisees of Waynette S. Rhoden, deceased; Dennis C. Rhoden, Jr., Lori Dennette Rhoden, Christopher Scott Rhoden and Corbett Brandon Rhoden, as surviving heirs of Dennis C. Rhoden, Deceased, and Waynette S. Rhoden, Deceased, are the Defendants, I will sell the property listed below to the highest and best bidder for cash at the **Bradford County Courthouse, 945 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida 32091, at 11:00 a.m. (Eastern Standard Time) on the 25th day of April, 2024**, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

A parcel of land lying in Lots 55, 56, 57 and 58 of Woodlawn in Section 15, Township 5 South, Range 22 East, as per plat recorded in Plat

Book 1, Page 17 of the public records of Bradford County, Florida; said parcel being shown as Parcel 27 on a map prepared by Patrick B. Welch & Associates, Inc. and recorded in Misc. Map Book 1, Page 1 of the public records of said County, also being described as follows:

Commence at an iron rod set at an intersection of the Southerly boundary of said Section 15 with the Southerly boundary of the right of way of County Road 125 (formerly State Road 125) and run North 89 degrees, 27 minutes and 23 seconds West, along the Southerly boundary of said Section 15, a distance of 458.01 feet to a set concrete monument; thence South 0 degrees, 32 minutes and 37 seconds West, 15.00 feet; thence North 86 degrees, 21 minutes and 33 seconds West, 492.32 feet to a set iron rod; thence North 89 degrees, 33 minutes and 20 seconds West, 803.02 feet to a set iron rod; thence North 00 degrees, 32 minutes and 37 seconds East, 341.58 feet to a set iron rod for the Point of Beginning. From Point of Beginning thus described run North 89 degrees, 27 minutes and 23 seconds West, parallel with last said Southerly boundary, 690.33 feet to the Westerly boundary of said Section 15 (also being the Easterly boundary of a parcel of land described in Deed Book 82, Page 119 of said public records); thence North 00 degrees, 47 minutes and 56 seconds East, along Said Westerly boundary and along said Easterly boundary, 315.83 feet; thence South 89 degrees, 27 minutes and 23 seconds East, parallel with last said Southerly boundary, 688.92 feet to a set iron rod; thence South 00 degrees, 32 minutes and 37 seconds West, 315.82 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Together With that certain Mobile Home situated thereon.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Amended Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

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 Clerk's Office (904) 966-6280 within seven (7) working days of your receipt of this summons; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8771.

DATED this 9th day of April, 2024.
/s/ J. Marshall Conrad
J. MARSHALL CONRAD
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Attorneys for Plaintiff

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Notice of Sale
The City of Lawtewy will be accepting sealed bids for a 2014 Dodge Charger. A minimum bid of \$2,000 is required. The vehicles will go to the highest bidder, as is. If you would like to inspect the vehicle you may do so between 8 am and 4 pm Monday through Friday at Lawtewy City Hall. Please send bids to P.O. Drawer G, Lawtewy Florida 32058 or drop off at Lawtewy City Hall, 2793 Lake St. Lawtewy, FL 32058 by 2 pm. May 2, 2024. Anyone wishing to view the vehicle may do so at Lawtewy City Hall from 8 am until 4 pm. Monday through Friday.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
To satisfy the owner's storage lien, KO Storage LLC will sell at public lien sale on May 22, 2024. The personal property in the below-listed units, which may include but are not limited to: Household goods, boxes/totes/

bags, clothing, bedding, tools and toys. The public sale of these items will begin at 10AM on May 15, 2024 and end at 2PM on May 22, 2024. The public sale will take place on www.storagetreasures.com.

KO Storage of Starke - S Walnut St, 1650 South Walnut Street, Starke FL 32091, (952) 314-7121
Time: 02:00PM CST

A16, Maddox, Carolyn, A34, Davis,

Ronald, A54, Deavers, Joseph, A62, Brown, Johnnie, B31, Whiteley, Mylinda, B74, Jackson, Theresa
Public sale terms, rules, and regulations will be made available on www.storagetreasures.com. All sales are subject to cancellation. We reserve the right to refuse any bid. Payment must be by credit/debit card, we do not accept checks or cash. Buyers must secure the units with

their own personal locks. To claim tax-exempt status, original RESALE certificates for each space purchased is required. By KO Storage LLC, 10301 Wayzata Blvd, Minnetonka, MN 55305. (952)-314-7121.

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Dr. Benjamin Franklin Recognition Day Scholarship Fund Celebration



Sunday
April 28, 2024
4 p.m.

Philadelphia Missionary Baptist Church

1191 Middleburg Road
Lawtewy, Florida 32058

Rev. Charles Green, Pastor

Rev. James Houston
Guest Speaker

Legal Notices

Legals for the week of April 18, 2024

BRADFORD

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO.: 04-2024-CP-000053
In re: THE ESTATE OF GEORGE WASHINGTON ROBERTS JR., also known as
GEORGE W. ROBERTS JR., Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of George Washington Roberts Jr., also known as George W. Roberts Jr., deceased, whose date of death was April 7, 2023, and whose Social Security Number is ***-**-4220, is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Bradford County Courthouse, 945 N Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida 32091. The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of the first publication of this Notice is April 18, 2024. Personal Representative: Charles Scott Roberts 328 E. Mimosa Drive Starke, Florida 32091 Attorneys for Personal Representative: TAYLOR ARRUBLA HARDWICK P. A. By /s/Jennifer T. Arrubla James J. Taylor Jr. Florida Bar No. 334057 Jennifer T. Arrubla Florida Bar No. 98804 420 S. Lawrence Blvd. Keystone Heights, Florida 32656 Primary Email: Jennifer@tah-law.com Secondary Email: Jim@tah-law.com Kim@tah-law.com 352-473-8088 (telephone) 352-473-8161 (facsimile)

DATE OF PUBLICATION: APRIL 4, 2024; APRIL 11, 2024; APRIL 18, 2024; APRIL 25, 2024

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Notice is hereby given that LEWIS CHAFF 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: 751 Year of Issuance: 2017 Parcel Number: 02675-0-0000 Case Number: 04-2024-TD-0005 Description of Property: Commence at SW Corner of NW1/4 of SW1/4 run E 960 feet, North 430 feet for Pt. of Beginning; Thence East 100 feet, South 130 feet, West 100 feet, North 130 feet to Point of beginning, Section 22 Township 6 South, Range 22 East.

Name in Which Assessed: LEROY THOMAS JR.; LEON THOMAS 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 07/10/2024, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date. Denny Thompson, Clerk Of The Circuit Court Bradford County, Florida BY: KANETRA JENKINS Deputy Clerk Contact the Tax Deed Office at 904-966-6280 to obtain the amount necessary to redeem. DATED: April 1, 2024 DATE OF PUBLICATION: APRIL 4, 2024; APRIL 11, 2024; APRIL 18, 2024; APRIL 25, 2024.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Notice is hereby given that LEWIS CHAFF 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: 871 Year of Issuance: 2017 Parcel Number: 03304-0-0000 Case Number: 04-2024-TD-0006 Description of Property: Lot 4 of Block 8, Livingston Truby and Company Subdivision of Northwest Quarter of Northeast Quarter, Section 28, Township 6 South, Range 22 East.

Name in Which Assessed: VICKIE HOLMES CUMMINGS 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 07/10/2024, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date. Denny Thompson, Clerk Of The Circuit Court Bradford County, Florida BY: KANETRA JENKINS Deputy Clerk Contact the Tax Deed Office at 904-966-6280 to obtain the amount necessary to redeem. DATED: April 1, 2024 DATE OF PUBLICATION: APRIL 4, 2024; APRIL 11, 2024; APRIL 18, 2024; APRIL 25, 2024.

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REQUEST FOR BID

The Town of Brooker needs a large Oak Tree cut down and hauled off. Stump can be left as low as possible. The tree is located at the corner of Melvin St/Ward St. You can call Charlene Thomas, 352-485-1022, with any questions. Bid needs to be received on or before May 14TH.

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REQUEST FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Bradford County S.H.I.P. Program will receive sealed bids until 2:30 p.m. May 6, 2024 at the Bradford County Office of the County Clerk located at 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida 32091 for the following: Renovation/Demo/Replacement of residence located at: 2727 NW 210th Street, Lawtey (demo/Replacement)

A mandatory walk through is a requisite to a valid bid. All interested bidders will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 25, 2024 at the Community Development Office located at 925-E North Temple Avenue in Starke, Florida. If you plan to submit a bid, a representative of your firm must attend the "walk through" of the unit to become familiar with the property and the scope of work to be completed. No contractors shall visit the subject property for any reason without first making arrangements with the County and owner. All contractors must have proof of Residential or General Contractor's License, proof of Liability Insurance, proof of Workers' Compensation Insurance (or Exemption Card), a statement of non-discrimination, and at least two references from previously completed jobs. Bids will be opened at 2:30 p.m. on May 6, 2024 or as soon thereafter as possible in the presence of the Clerk or his designee, Community Development staff, and all interested

persons in the Bradford County Board of County Commission Meeting Room.

The opened bids will be read into public record and preserved in the custody of the Community Development Department. Bids will not be valid unless received by the bid deadline and in a sealed envelope marked, "Sealed Bid, S.H.I.P." and received by 2:30 p.m., May 6, 2024. Questions to be submitted in writing to the Community Development office at kelly.canady@bradfordcountyfl.gov or Fax (904) 966-6384 no later than 2:30 p.m. Thursday, May 2, 2024.

The County reserves the right to reject all bids when in its best judgment they are too high or when it is determined to be in the best interest of the County that the bids be re-advertised. Pursuant to Section 255.0991, Florida Statutes, Bradford County WILL NOT offer a local preference for this project.

It is the policy of the County to promote equal opportunity to obtain adequate housing by all persons, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, familial status, handicap, or national origin.

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NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that on dates below these vehicles will be sold at public sale on the date listed below at 10AM for monies owed on vehicle repair and storage cost pursuant to Florida Statutes 713.585 or Florida Statutes 713.78. Please note, parties claiming interest have right to a hearing prior to the date of sale with the Clerk of Courts as reflected in the notice. The owner has the right to recover possession of the vehicle without judicial proceedings as pursuant to Florida Statute 559.917. Any proceeds recovered from the sale of the vehicle over the amount of the lien will be deposited with the clerk of the court for disposition upon court order. May 13, 2024 The Shop of Agriculture & Equipment, 10362 Hampton Ave., Starke, FL. 1995 CHEV 1GCEC14K1SZ197872 \$4810.00

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

File No. 04-2024-CP-00040 Division

IN RE: ESTATE OF RICHARD ALFRED LOVELESS Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of Richard Alfred Loveless, deceased, whose date of death was August 15, 2023, is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Drawer B, Starke, Florida 32091. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this notice is April 18, 2024. Attorney for Personal Representative Rodolfo Suarez Jr. Esq., Attorney Florida Bar Number: 013201 9100 South Dadeland Blvd, Suite 1620 Miami, Florida 33156 Telephone: 305-448-4244 E-Mail: rudy@suarezlawyers.com Secondary E-Mail: eca@suarezlawyers.com Personal Representative: John Paul Loveless 86040 Clyde Street Yulee, Florida 32097

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

CASE NUMBER: 04-2024-CA-0122 MILES NELSON CARTER, SR. AND CONNIE J. CARTER, Plaintiffs, VS.

UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND ANY OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST CATHERINE JEFFERS COBB, deceased, and UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND ANY OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST ROBERT JEROME JEFFERS JR., deceased, Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED OF THE filing of a Complaint against you to

quiet title to the following described property in Bradford County, Florida: Lot 43

A parcel of land containing 1.00 acre, more or less, and lying in the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 12, Township 7 South, Range 21 East, Bradford County, Florida; said parcel being more particularly described as follows:

The South 132.00 feet of the North 264.00 feet of the East 330.00 feet of the West 390.00 feet of said NW 1/4 of SW 1/4. Above described parcel being conveyed with a right of ingress, egress and utilities over the following described parcel. Commence at a concrete monument located at the Northwest corner of said NW 1/4 of SW 1/4 and run North 88 degrees, 16 minutes and 43 seconds East, along the Northerly boundary thereof, 30.0 feet to the centerline of an existing road for Point of Beginning

(said road being 60 feet in width and lying 30.0 feet on each side of a centerline described as follows). From Point of Beginning thus described, run South 01 degree, 18 minutes and 18 seconds East, parallel with the Westerly boundary of said NW 1/4 of SW 1/4, a distance of 1297.29 feet; thence North 88 degrees, 36 minutes and 33 seconds East, parallel with the Southerly boundary of said NW 1/4 of SW 1/4, a distance of 317.82 feet; thence South 34 degrees, 03 minutes and 46 seconds East, 16.60 feet to the Northerly boundary of the right of way of County Road 227 (formerly State Road 227) and the end of said centerline. Bradford County Parcel Identification Number: 00880-0-00322 You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, on M. Aaron Dukes, the Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is Post Office Box 328, Lake Butler, Florida 32054, on or before the 19th day of May, 2024, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either immediately before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. DATED this 8th day of April, 2024. DENNY THOMPSON Clerk of the Circuit Court

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UNION

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

Case No: 63-2024-0047 Division:

TIFFANY KERSEY, Petitioner and DENNIS KERSEY, Respondent

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR TEMPORARY CUSTODY BY EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBER

TO: (name of Respondent) DENNIS KERSEY (Respondent's last known address) UNKNOWN (DUVAL COUNTY) YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for (identify the type of case) TEMPORARY CUSTODY has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on (name of Petitioner) TIFFANY KERSEY, whose address is 16501 SE 71ST TRAIL, LAKE BUTLER, FL 32054, on or before (date) MAY 2, 2024 and file the original with the clerk of this Court at (clerk's address) UNION COUNTY CLERK OF COURT, 55 WEST MAIN STREET, ROOM 103, LAKE BUTLER, FL 32054 before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition. If applicable, insert the legal description of real Property, a specific description of personal property, and the name of the county in Florida where the Property is located)

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request. You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Designation of Current Mailing and E-Mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 22-915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e-mailed to the addressee on record at the clerk's office. Instructions for Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.913(a)(2). Notice of Action for Family Cases With Minor or Dependent Child(ren) (06/18) Warning: Rule 12.285, Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings. Dated: April 2, 2024. CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT KELLIE HENDRICKS RHOADES BY: C. Norman (Deputy Clerk)

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NOTICE OF ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE MORATORIUM ON TRAVEL TRAILER PARKS AND CAMPGROUNDS BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ordinance, which title hereinafter appears will be considered for

enactment by the Board of County Commissioners of Union County, Florida, at a public hearing on April 29, 2024 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, County Courthouse located at 55 West Main Street, Lake Butler, Florida. A copy of Ordinance No. 2024-03 may be inspected by any member of the public at the Office of the Board of County Commissioners located at 15 Northeast First Street, Lake Butler, Florida, during regular business hours. On the date, time and place first above mentioned, all interested persons may appear and be heard with respect to said ordinance. The title of said ordinance reads, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-03

AN ORDINANCE OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2023-03 BY EXTENDING THE EXISTING MORATORIUM ON THE ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS AND PROCESSING OF SPECIAL EXCEPTION APPLICATIONS FOR TRAVEL TRAILER PARKS AND CAMPGROUNDS FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING AN EXPIRATION DATE

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

DIVISION

CASE NO. 23000059CAAXMX WINTRUST MORTGAGE, A DIVISION OF BARRINGTON BANK & TRUST COMPANY N.A., Plaintiff,

vs. ANDREW GLEASON A/K/A ANDREW K. GLEASON AND KATHRYN GLEASON A/K/A KATHRYN C. GLEASON A/K/A KATHRYN COLLEEN GLEASON, et al. Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated January 12, 2024, and entered in 23000059CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the EIGHTH Judicial Circuit in and for Union County, Florida, wherein WINTRUST MORTGAGE, A DIVISION OF BARRINGTON BANK & TRUST COMPANY, N.A. is the Plaintiff and ANDREW GLEASON A/K/A ANDREW K. GLEASON A/K/A KATHRYN C. GLEASON A/K/A KATHRYN COLLEEN GLEASON are the Defendant(s). Kellie Hendricks Rhoades as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Front Lobby, Union County Courthouse 55 W. Main Street, Lake Butler, FL 32054, at 11:00 AM, on May 02, 2024, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: LOT 3, BLOCK B, PROVIDENCE VILLAGE PHASE 2, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 17, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA. Property Address: 4878 SOUTHWEST 84TH TERRACE, LAKE BUTLER, FL 32054 Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 45.031. Dated this 16th day of April, 2024. Kellie Hendricks Rhoades As Clerk of the Court By: Crystal Norman As Deputy Clerk

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CITY OF LAKE BUTLER NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING FLORIDA RECREATION DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (FRDAP) Sole Purpose Meeting

A public meeting will be held at the City of Lake Butler City Hall located at 200 SW 1st Street Lake Butler, FL 32054 on Thursday, April 25, 2024 at 5:45 p.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard for the sole purpose of providing the public an opportunity to comment on a proposed \$200,000 Florida Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) grant application that the City intends to submit to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. The application will request funding for recreation improvements at Lakeside Park. Proposed improvements may include new and renovated playground equipment/facilities, beach access improvements, picnic facility improvements, dock/pier repairs and related recreation improvements. For more information concerning this meeting, contact Ms. Kimberly Hayes, City Manager at (386) 496-3401.

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Northside improves to 4-2 in softball with 11-1 win

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Pitcher Brook Parrish gave up just two hits, while four batters drove in two runs each in the Northside Christian Academy softball team's 11-1, five-inning win over visiting Open Bible of Valdosta, Georgia, on April 12.

It was a 2-1 game until the Eagles (4-2) scored nine runs in the fourth and fifth innings, with Bella Smith drawing a bases-



Bella Smith drew a walk in all four of her at-bats in the win over Open Bible. Her final walk occurred with the bases loaded, forcing a run in and enforcing the mercy rule.

loaded walk to force a run in that enforced the mercy rule and ended the game early.

Open Bible's lone run was unearned. Parrish struck out five and allowed just one walk.

Northside leadoff batter Ava Welsh drew a walk in the bottom of the first. She advanced along the base paths on ground outs by Caydence Slayton and Briley Parrish, scoring on the ball put into play by Parrish.

The Eagles went up 2-0 in the second when Rosalea Norman tripled and scored on a Maddie Kennedy ground out.

Open Bible led off the top of the third with a batter reaching on an error. Another error on a fielder's choice allowed the runner to score and make it a 2-1 game. A third error in the inning gave the Warriors runners at first and second with two outs. Northside got out of the inning when third baseman Welsh caught a pop-up.

Smith led off the bottom of the fourth with a walk and advanced on a ground out by Welsh and a single by Slayton. Briley Parrish walked to load the bases. Allie Crocker drew another walk to force a run in, followed by a Brook Parrish that scored two runs. Kaylea King and Norman hit back-to-back RBI singles. Smith came up to bat again with the bases loaded, drawing a walk to force a run in and make it an 8-1 game.

The Warriors threatened to



Brook Parrish gave up two hits and struck out five in the win over Open Bible.



Rosalea Norman went 2 for 2 with two RBI in the 11-1 win over Open Bible.

score in the fifth, loading the bases with two outs on two errors and an infield single. Brook Parrish got out of the inning when she forced a batter to ground out.

Northside had two runners on with two outs in the bottom of the fifth after Briley Parrish walked and Crocker singled. Four straight batters then walked: King, Norman, Kennedy and Smith. Runs scored on the walks drawn by Norman, Kennedy and Smith.

Smith drew walks in all four of her at-bats. She, Kennedy, Norman and Brook Parrish each had two RBI, with Norman going 2 for 2.

Crocker and King each went 2 for 3 with an RBI.

Briley Parrish finished with one RBI also.

It was the second straight win for Northside, which was coming off a 5-1 win over Trenton's Riverside Christian on April 9.

The Eagles opened the season on March 14 with a 9-4 win over Jasper's Corinth Christian, followed by a 15-8 loss to High Springs' First Christian, an 18-3 win over Hope and a 1-0 loss to Jacksonville's Old Plank.

Northside played Open Bible again this past Tuesday and will travel to play Corinth Christian on Thursday, April 18, at 4 p.m.

The Eagles host Southside Christian of Waycross, Georgia, on Friday, April 19, at 4 p.m.



RIGHT: Shortstop Briley Parrish catches a line drive in the game against Open Bible. BELOW: Third baseman Ava Welsh (left) prepares to put out an Open Bible runner.



KHSA to offer flag football for the 1st time

Keystone Heights Sports Association is currently registering for its first-ever flag-football season. Children 5 and up as well as adults are welcome.

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Please register by Tuesday, April 30.

KHHS' Thomas scores points in 2 events at Toco Creek

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Keystone Heights High School competed in the Toco Creek Toro Track and Field Showdown on April 13, with boys team member Ryder Thomas earning

top-eight finishes in the 1600m and 3200m.

Thomas ran a sixth-place time of 4:47 in the 1600, while his time of 10:45 in the 3200m placed him eighth.

The boys team also scored a point with an eighth-place finish in the 4x400m relay. Tyler Sapp, Jamari Turner, Ryeland Wahl and Josiah Durrenberger teamed up to run a time of 3:46.

Other boys results were: 100m — Durrenberger 12.63, Sapp 12.99, De'Shawn Williams 14.24, Luke Lewis 14.38; 200m — Durrenberger 25.08, Williams 28.95, Carter Andrews 35.46; 400m — Sapp 56.67, Wahl 56.99, Williams 1:05, Andrews 1:15; 800m — Hunter Sheppard 2:15, Wahl 2:24, Jason Parales 2:40; 1600m — Sheppard 5:09, Parales 5:46, Parker Pescara 5:49; 110m hurdles — Turner 20.21; 400m hurdles — Turner 1:07; high jump — Thomas 5-0.25; long jump — Turner 18-1.25, Williams 15-8.25; javelin — Lewis 108-8, Pescara 45-10.75; and shot put — Ricardo Rosario 33-9.5.

Keystone had the following girls results: 100m — Christine Djavaheri 14.15, Laila Briseno

15.0, Jasmine Walls 16.47; 200m — Djavaheri 28.31, Briseno 30.89, Kenslee Phillips 31.33, Brook Gaudons 32.27; 400m — Phillips 1:11, Gaudons 1:14, Walls 1:22; 800m — Olivia Griffin 2:35; discus — Zoey Gill 37-6; and javelin — Gill 64-5.25.

BHS softball team loses 8-5 to Gainesville

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Bradford High School's softball team fell behind 8-0 in the second inning and ultimately lost 8-5 to host Gainesville on April 15.

Gainesville, which is fifth in the Florida High School Athletic Association Class 5A power rankings, hit a two-run homer and a two-run double as part of an eight-run second inning that also saw batters draw two bases-loaded walks. Two runs also scored on errors.

The Class 3A Tornados trailed 8-1 before scoring three runs in the sixth. Addyson Hinds hit a one-out single, but was put out

at second when Emy Crawford ground into a fielder's choice. Kallie Yowell singled, followed by Madison Highland drawing a walk to load the bases. Tinsley Higginbotham drove in two runs on a single, while an error on a Carly Beggs single allowed another run to score.

Higginbotham finished with two RBI, while Crawford and Keegan Yowell each had one.

Beggs and Hinds went 2 for 3 and 2 for 4, respectively.

Bailey Smith pitched four innings of relief, allowing no runs, five hits and no walks. She had three strikeouts.

Bradford entered the game off an 11-0 loss to Gainesville on April 10 in Starke.

The Tornados had no hits and struck out 13 times against Gainesville pitcher Leanna Bourdage.

Bradford played Class 3A Interlachen this past Tuesday and will host Class 1A Union County on Thursday, April 18, at 6:30 p.m. The Tornados then host Class 3A Baldwin on Monday, April 22, at 6 p.m. and Class 3A Suwannee on Tuesday, April 23, at 7 p.m.

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April 11 in Jasper. Bradford fell behind 6-1, but an RBI triple by Jaxson Carter in the fourth helped make it a 6-4 game. That's how the score stood until Bradford scored five runs

in the sixth. Cason Pilcher and Pendarvis walked, while Hudson reached on an error to load the bases. Pilcher scored on a balk before Avery Burgin hit a two-run single. Brugh reached on an error, while Rike singled to load the bases again. Mattox Burgin and Pilcher both drew walks to force runs in, putting Bradford up 9-6.

Carter and Avery Burgin, who went 2 for 3, each finished with two RBI. Pilcher, Rike and Mattox Burgin each had one RBI. Hudson went 4 for 4, while Rike went 2 for 5. Mattox Burgin entered to pitch in the second inning, giving up one run, five hits and three walks through six innings. He had

seven strikeouts. On April 12, the Tornadoes allowed only three earned runs, but lost 8-3 to visiting Class 4A Baker County. The Tornadoes held a 3-1 lead, with two of their runs occurring in the third inning. Rike and Stucky both walked and advanced on a Mattox Burgin ground out. Hudson was hit by a pitch before

Thompson hit a two-run single. Baker scored seven runs in the fourth and fifth innings, taking advantage of three singles, three walks, three errors and a hit batter. Starting pitcher Pilcher allowed six hits and struck out four in five innings. Hudson pitched two innings, giving up no runs and one hit.

The Tornadoes played fellow Class 3A team Keystone Heights this past Tuesday and will travel to play Class 3A P.K. Yonge on Thursday, April 18, at 7 p.m. Bradford returns home to play Hamilton County on Friday, April 19, at 6 p.m. On Tuesday, April 23, the Tornadoes travel to play Class 1A Union County at 6 p.m.



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