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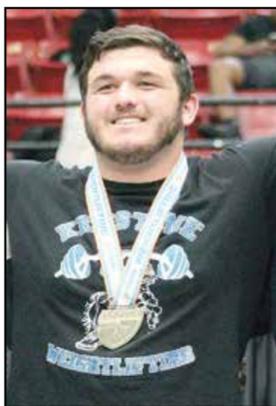


**INDIANS MAKE IT 3 IN A ROW**  
Keystone Heights High School captured its third straight state championship as it defeated Suwannee in the traditional competition (bench press and clean and jerk) at the April 15 Florida High School Athletic Association Class 1A Finals. The Indians brought home two team trophies as they were also the runner-up in the Olympic competition (snatch and clean and jerk). Pictured are: (front, l-r) Assistant Coach Doug Jones, Head Coach Lantz Lowery, Landon Hovsepian, Bo Overton, Tyler Anthony-Rozier (with his brother, Chase, to his right), Colton Hollingsworth, Reid Begue, Assistant Coach Steve Reynolds, (back, l-r) Assistant Coach Nick Verschaeve, Davin Adams, Declan Shine, Jackson Herman, Bryar Schenck, Jed Tisdale, Brayden Wester (behind Tisdale), Trey Jeffries, Tyler Duncan, Jayden Goodman, Dakota Roper, Sam Ulsch, Bryson Wester, Wyatt Van Zant and Assistant Coach Jakob Alvarez. See story inside. Photos by Cliff Smelley.

## KHHS UCHS PRODUCE 3 INDIVIDUAL CHAMPS



Bo Overton won two individual championships for Keystone, topping the 169-pound class in the Olympic and traditional competitions.



Keystone's Trey Jeffries won the traditional championship in the 219-pound class.



Union County's Christian Simmons was a state champion for the second straight year. He won the Olympic and traditional titles in the 129-pound class.



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## WORTH NOTING

### School board announces special meeting

The Bradford School Board will hold a special meeting on Friday, April 21, at noon to consider contracts on Bradford Elementary School and the Cambridge Academy curriculum. The meeting will take place at the district boardroom at 501 W. Washington St. in Starke and is open to the public.

### Democrats to meet April 24

The Bradford County Democratic Party will hold its regular monthly meeting on Zoom on Monday, April 24, at 7 p.m. All Democrats are welcome. Meetings are held the fourth Monday evening of each month. For the electronic link to the meeting, contact [bradfordcoddec@gmail.com](mailto:bradfordcoddec@gmail.com) or 904-526-2257.

### Food distribution at True Vine

A communitywide food distribution hosted by Farm Share and True Vine Ministry will take place Tuesday, April 25, 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.

### Food distribution announced

A communitywide food distribution hosted by Feeding Northeast Florida and True Vine Ministry will take place Wednesday, April 26, at 9 a.m. at the Philadelphia Baptist Church in Lawtey.

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.

## Budget workshop a reality check on Starke utilities

*Smaller transfers, higher rates recommended*

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD  
Telegraph Editor

STARKE — City commissioners received a reality check during the first workshop on their 2023-24 budget.

While counseling commissioners about the state of the city's aging infrastructure and the need to invest in capital improvements, City Manager Drew Mullins also provided a plan to turn things around.

That plan requires transferring less revenue from the business side of its operation — utilities — and using it for capital projects.

Mullins told commissioners that costs are soaring and that money spent on patching problems and maintaining

its aging fleet would be better spent on a genuine capital improvement program.

It could also help the city offer competitive pay to employees who are critical to its utilities, such as linemen and water/wastewater operators. These are positions the city is having difficulty filling.

In addition to a fleet with vehicles that are decades old or at the end of their lifespan, Mullins said the city's utility infrastructure has endured 20-plus years of neglect. From leaking water lines and terracotta sewer lines to lead joints, and old or inappropriately sized transformers, the needs continue to amass. He talked about vehicles breaking down in the street and seven lift stations with a single pump running.

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## \$23M plan to filter water

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
Telegraph Staff Writer

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — The St. Johns River Water Management District governing board unanimously approved a \$23 million contract to filter water from Black Creek before releasing it into Alligator Creek, north of Lake Brooklyn in Keystone Heights.

The filtering system is part of the Black Creek Water Resource Development Project, a plan to pump up to 10 million gallons of water daily from Black Creek to the Keystone Heights area.

Bob Naleway, the district's chief of its Bureau of Projects and Construction, said the water treatment component is one of the three major segments of the project. The other two segments are the pumping station and the pipeline.

Naleway added that after state and federal officials insisted that Black

Creek's dark water be filtered before entering the creek, the district's consultants evaluated seven different technologies that might accomplish the task.

He said the advisors settled on a natural filtration system developed by the Sustainable Water Infrastructure Group, adding that a similar natural filtering system was already operating near Doctors Lake to remove phosphorus from effluent before discharge into the St. Johns River inlet.

Nailway described one difference between the two filtration systems.

"In (the Doctors Lake) case, the system uses above-ground piping easily visible after installation," he said. "The design of the Black Creek treatment system will primarily be below-ground piping to distribute the water evenly. Both applications, though, include a liner and underdrain piping to collect the treated water."

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# Church News

## Youth services uphold future leaders

April is Youth Month at Greater Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church with another 11 a.m. Sunday service featuring Elder Malcolm Dixon on April 23. A Friday program at 7:30 p.m. will feature Minister Shantell Campbell on April 21. Come out and support our future leaders.

## Faith and Family Ag Festival April 22

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

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

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

PromisedLandFM.org.

## Homecoming at Bayless Highway Baptist

Bayless Highway Baptist Church will be celebrating Homecoming on Sunday, April 23, at 10 a.m. with special guests "Avenue" in concert. Group member Kasey Kemp will bring message. Bayless is located at 11798 NW C.R. 225 in Starke.

## Tent Revival April 23-26

Hope Baptist Church will hold a tent revival April 23-26 with Evangelist Kenny Marr. Sunday services are at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. and Monday-Wednesday services at 7 p.m. Nursery is available. A Christian school revival will take place Monday-Wednesday mornings at 8:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, please call Pastor Larry Strickland at 904-966-1093.

## Homecoming at Raiford First Baptist

Join First Baptist Church of Raiford on Sunday, April 30, at 11



a.m. for its 119th Homecoming celebration. Everyone is welcome. Lunch will be served following the worship service.

## Spring Revival at New River Baptist

Join New River Baptist Church for a Spring Revival beginning on Sunday, April 30, at 10:30 a.m. and continuing Sunday evening through Wednesday evening, May 3, at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall with finger food each night.

The speaker will be Ben Bryant and he will be preaching through the book of Ephesians answering the question of who we are in Christ. New River Baptist Church is located at 16703 SW 144th Ave. in Brooker. For more information, please call 352-485-1276.

## Hope Easter program featured The Great Commission

Hope Baptist Church hosted its Easter music and drama titled "Testify," which had a unique emphasis. The purpose for the program was to take people beyond the crucifixion and resurrection and remind them of Jesus' Great Commission — to go and tell about Him.

"The message is so relevant and needed today, especially when so many people need Jesus and need to hear truth," said HBC worship leader Virginia Denmark. "God gave me a clear vision of what He wanted. It was different than anything I've been a part of before."

"The program began in darkness with thundering immediately following the crucifixion when everyone went their own way. Connected by scripture, each song, each speaking part was a personal testimony of what Jesus Christ had done for that person and was shared to encourage others to get up and tell their own stories — to testify for Christ."

Dressed in biblical character attire, Tara Ritchie sang "Four Days Late" and told how she knew Jesus would do as He



Pic by Connie Meyer.

promised and return in three days because she saw Jesus (portrayed by Mike Hillhouse) accomplish the impossible and resurrect Lazarus (portrayed by Jason Langford).

Hope Baptist Church Pastor Larry Strickland said, "This was one of the best Easter musicals I've seen in a long time. As a Christian pastor, when I see the Bible unfold in this manner, there can be nothing but excitement and enthusiasm to want to do more for such a great God, that we serve here at Hope Baptist Church."

Other songs featured were "Jesus Messiah," "I Know My Redeemer Lives," "Testify" — an energetic group number including singers David Griffis, Brandy Hillhouse, Ernie Triest, Tara and Paul Ritchie, and Virginia and Terry Denmark —

and the finale, "The Commission" sung by Terry Denmark as Jesus spoke with the cast of actors and singers on stage. The HBC Youth Department participated with drama vignettes and also during a video and song, "I've Just Seen Jesus."

Pianist was Marcia Lee; scripture narrator was Chris Lowry; Justin Feagle and Louis Mann ran AV/Sound/Effects. Youth: Rhett Jordan, Jayden Ritchie, Afton Mann, Alecia Crowley and Reise Feagle.

Stage/set coordinators: Connie Meyer and Bill Ratliff.

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## Woman's Club offers scholarship

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

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 available for medical study

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

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

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

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



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The program will take place at the Community Health and

Wellness Resource Hub, 721 Old Lawtey Road in Starke, on Friday, April 21, at 10 a.m. Seating is limited. You can sign up at the Community Resource Hub or call the library at 904-368-3911 and ask for Kathy.

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# BMS project tackles link between discipline and learning

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD  
Telegraph Editor

STARKE — While the correlation between discipline problems and academic deficiencies may not be surprising, an ongoing project is looking at how deeply the relationship is affecting Bradford Middle School and making suggestions for improvement.

Superintendent of Schools Will Hartley asked leaders at each school to take on a school improvement project, and BMS Principal Ben Hawkins and Assistant Principal Amy Newman delivered their project to the school board last week.

Hawkins said the middle school has processed 837 discipline referrals so far this year involving 253 students. Of those, 91% were Level 1 or 2 readers. Level 2 is below satisfactory, while Level 1 is inadequate. In both cases, these students are likely to need substantial support if promoted to the next grade.

By and large, Hawkins said, proficient readers are not the students who are getting in trouble.

“They’re in class. They’re primarily focused on academics,” he said.

Seeing the degree of the problem, they have set goals next year that include increase reading comprehension levels by one and a half years in order to decrease disciplinary incidents by 25%.

It’s an attainable goal, Hawkins said, because of cause and effect. If, through remediation, students become better readers, they should be better students all around.

“If we can increase those reading levels, that means those students are more comfortable in the classroom and are not using it as an escape technique, because the vast majority of them are getting in trouble because they

don’t want to be in the classroom. If I can’t read, I don’t want to be embarrassed by my peers. So, the best way to do that is I become a distraction, or I put on antics so I still can save face and look cool to my peers, but I also get to escape from that environment,” he said.

They acknowledged several obstacles, including attendance. Lately, attendance is fluctuating between 85% and 88%, which is down from the low 90s at the beginning of the school year.

Also, out of the school’s 656 students, 67% of students are Level 1 or 2 readers in need of significant remediation. Hawkins said many are behind several grade levels. There is also a large age disparity among students, with the population ranging from 11 to 17 years old.

Hawkins said he and Newman must be creative with the assistance of their hard-working staff.

“We will get the ship right in one way or another — push, pull or drag,” he said.

With only one certified intensive reading teacher on staff, they will need to work on staffing, because you can’t filter that many students through a single teacher in a seven-period day while meeting class-size requirements and providing individual and small-group instruction.

Newman continued, saying they must also identify an instructional coach who can help facilitate reading improvement strategies across the curriculum. When a student cannot read, it is as much a problem in math, science and social studies as in language arts.

“We are going to identify someone who can help us build the capacity of our teachers, and work with our students,” she said.

Strategies include the small

group interventions, which began this year in the intensive reading classroom. Newman said they’ve seen “tremendous gains” among the Level 1 students, including a student who began with a pre-K reading level and has progressed to first grade within six months. Some students taking the FAST exam at beginning and middle of the year raised their scores 15 to 20 points.

Strategic scheduling and positive behavior support are additional approaches, as is afterschool tutoring, which began this year. Grant-funded transportation is provided. It is open to all grades and all subject areas.

“Some of our students that won’t work during the day have been at afterschool tutoring every single day and have really made a lot of progress,” Newman said.

To help implement interventions and hire additional support, Hartley announced federal Title I funding, typically shared by the elementary schools, will be split among all the schools.

School Board Member Cheryl Canova asked if moving sixth grade to the elementary schools will be better or worse for the middle school next year. Hartley said, he thinks it will be better, but they will see.

School Board Member Sheila Cummings asked about mentoring. Hawkins said they want to get more mentors in to the school, but most mentoring now takes place because of the staff.

“We have made some tremendous strides,” Hawkins said. “They aren’t so much being academically successful, but socially, they’re being extremely successful. Where back in August in September they were ‘blow it up and burn it down,’ now they have to have a hug every day.”



(L-r) Starke Kiwanis Club President David Kniseley, Clay Electric Member Relations Representative Pat Mundorf, Kiwanis Club Member and Bradford School Board member Cheryl Canova and Clay Electric Administrative Assistant Elaine Alsabrook. Photo: Clay Electric Cooperative.

## Foundation awards \$20,000 to Lake Area Ministries, \$10k to Starke Kiwanis

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
Telegraph Staff Writer

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — Clay Electric said its foundation awarded 13 organizations \$165,900 in March. Lake Area Ministries in Keystone Heights and the Foundation for Florida Gateway College led the nonprofits in gifts, receiving \$20,000 each.

Clay Electric said the Lake Region food bank will use its funds to finance its food

assistance program. The college foundation will use its grant to fund eight commercial vehicle driving program scholarships.

Additional local charities receiving grants were the Starke Kiwanis Club to support math and science education programs for K-12 students and the ACORN Dental Clinic near Brooker to provide dental services to rural residents.

Other organizations receiving grants were St. Catherine’s

Society of St. Vincent de Paul - \$15,000, YMCA of Florida’s First Coast Take Stock in Children - \$14,000, Clay County Habitat for Humanity - \$15,000, BASCA Inc. - \$9,400, Child Evangelism Fellowship of Florida/Camp Good News - \$10,000, Art League of North Florida/Gateway Art Gallery - \$5,500, Operation New Uniform - \$10,000, United Way of Suwannee Valley - \$10,000 and ACE Mentor Program - \$12,000.

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The longer the problems go unaddressed, the more costly the solutions become. Four years ago, it cost about a million a mile to run water and sewer lines, Mullins said. Today, it’s around \$1.7 million a mile. Electric transformers have increased 40% in price. Specialized vehicles are up 25% to 35%. The wastewater plant project went from an original estimate of \$16 million to \$27 million, only around half of which is grant funded.

The patch-as-you-go approach has not served the city, and it needs to be more forward thinking, he said.

“We are at a critical crossroads here. We’ve got two choices: continue the status quo or actually get serious about everything. To me, it’s time to get serious,” Mullins said.

Mullins’ five-year plan totals \$7.25 million. Year one amounts to \$1.25 million, and this would increase 5% a year over the next few years. They can get there by reducing the amount of money transferred from utilities to the general fund — usually around \$1 million a year. The transfer was budgeted at \$890,000 this year, but \$150,000 was also pulled from reserves to cover additional costs.

The plan includes investing in advanced (automated) metering infrastructure for accurate billing of all utilities, which in Mullins’ experience enhances revenue. For wastewater, water treatment and water distribution, it includes equipment replacement, line replacement or extension, manhole replacement, pump installation, generator upgrades, water main replacement and emergency equipment replacement. In electric, it includes pole, transformer, and small and large equipment replacement. In gas, it includes line extension and replacement as well as equipment.

A 5% across-the-board pay increase is built in, as well as money for 5% performance pay when earned.

With the assistance of information from City Clerk Jimmy Crosby, Finance Director James Hughes and consultant Jim Farrell, Mullins projects utility revenue of \$19.5 million

next year, up from \$14 million. Investing in infrastructure would reduce funding available to transfer to general government to \$500,000.

“Here we are transferring \$1 million a year to shore up the general fund. You can’t keep doing that and letting your business fail, because that’s what’s happening: Your business is failing,” Mullins said.

Rate increases of 5% for water and sewer will increase customers’ bills, but the city must also raise funds to begin paying down the debt incurred in rebuilding the wastewater plant. Five percent annual increases are proposed for the foreseeable future. The annual increase for gas has already been approved.

Staff shared information on infrastructure needs with commissioners in the past, but an action plan was never funded. While not always easy to hear, commissioners were appreciative of the work, saying it was the most detailed information they’ve had to date. They gave the green light to base the rest of the budget around the infrastructure plan moving forward.

“We’ve got to rebuild our enterprise,” Commissioner Shannon Smith said. “We’ve got to put our money back into the system that’s making the money to help move the city forward. We’re getting growth. We’re getting everything coming this way, so we’ve got to be ready. We’re not ready, and I think this is a hard step, but it’s a step we’ve got to take.”

The budget will be addressed in future sessions, the next of which is May 9 at 5:30 p.m.

## Public comments on flood maps due April 30

The Suwannee River Water Management District wants to remind residents in the Santa Fe Watershed of the extended timeframe for public feedback.

Residents have until April 30 to provide feedback on potential flood zone changes.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency, in coordination with the district, hosted a series of meetings in February for citizens to provide feedback on proposed flood zones changes to their property. For those who could not attend, a public comment period was authorized for additional feedback.

Those with requested changes and feedback on the existing maps should utilize this critical time to provide written comments. Changes requested after April 30 may require engineering studies and other formal analysis.

Map changes based on feedback are not guaranteed, but data or photos from recent flood events are encouraged to be submitted for consideration. Preliminary maps are expected to be available early next year, with the new flood maps going into effect in 2025.

Additional information, including the presentations made during the meeting and flood zone designation status, can be found by visiting [www.SRWMDfloodreport.com/virtual](http://www.SRWMDfloodreport.com/virtual).



(L-r) Clay Electric Chief Public Relations Officer Derick Thomas, Lake Area Ministries’ Teri Sapp and Barbara Sullivan, Clay Electric Member Relations Representative Pat Mundorf, and Lake Area Ministries’ Scott Stanland and Billy Jackson. Photo: Clay Electric Cooperative.

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# Lake Region



Departing Keystone Heights Airport Manager Maria Searcy arrives at a reception in her honor in a hot rod owned by airport tenant Ken Oddy. Also pictured (l-r) Ken Oddy, Searcy's dog Scout and husband Chris. Photo: Dan Hildebran, Telegraph Staff Writer.

## Airport says goodbye to manager

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
Telegraph Staff Writer

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — Airport officials and tenants said goodbye to departing airport manager Maria Searcy during a reception at the facility on March 31.

Searcy arrived at the event in a hot rod owned by retired commercial pilot and current airport tenant Ken Oddy.

Officials from some of the airport's commercial tenants,

including MHD Rockland and the College of Missionary Aviation, paid tribute to the departing manager.

Clay County Sheriff Michelle Cook sent a letter to the airport marking Searcy's departure and praising her performance.

Airport Authority Board Chair David Kirkland and Vice chair Scott Fryar also spoke about Searcy's 12 years of service at the airport.

"When she was hired in December of 2010, she was told,

well, you've got to answer a few phone calls, and you'll do a little bit of financial stuff," Kirkland said.

He added that as Searcy's responsibilities expanded, she learned to drive the fuel truck and pump jet fuel into airplanes. She also handled interactions with city, county, state and federal officials in addition to a wide range of additional responsibilities.

## Residents sound off on preservation

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
Telegraph Staff Writer

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — Less than a dozen Lake Region residents showed up at the beach pavilion Monday night to tell officials how they want land preserved throughout Clay County.

Ramesh Buch and Heather Nagy of the North Florida Land Trust, in addition to county Planner Dodie Selig were in town to gauge the public's priorities about a developing plan to preserve land in Clay County.

Commissioners held a workshop in January to discuss preserving acreage. They discussed a possible property tax increase that would fund public land acquisitions. Any such tax would have to be approved by voters, and commissioners said they were aiming to put a referendum on the November 2024 ballot.

Buch said Monday's workshop in Keystone Heights, along with two more planned for Middleburg and Green Cove Springs, is meant to help the county prioritize the top land preservation values the county might use to acquire lands.

During an earlier workshop, commissioners ranked preserving threatened or endangered species as their top value, followed by conserving drinking water, increasing access to recreation, preserving surface water, increasing connectivity between preserved lands, protecting cultural and historical resources and saving farmland.

Buch said Clay's approach to land acquisition and preservation follows the successful implementation of Nassau County's plan. He added that the strategy is for the county to create its own fund for land acquisition and then partner with state and federal agencies to



County Planner Dodie Selig signs up a Lake Region resident for the county's land preservation workshop at the beach pavilion. Also pictured is Ramesh Buch (background). Photo: Dan Hildebran, Telegraph Staff Writer.

acquire properties.

The North Florida Land Trust helped Nassau County devise and execute its land preservation plan.

Buch said other Florida counties have used the same approach, beginning with Miami-Dade in 1996.

"And now it's been replicated up and down the state," he said. "I think there's a total of 27 or almost 30 counties now that

have done this kind of thing. So, there's a playbook. It starts with a sense that there's a need for a program, and then those values need to be identified by the county commission and then also by the public, which is what we're doing right now."

Buch said once commissioners have settled on land acquisition values, then the Land Trust will help the county put together a plan, which will be presented to voters through a referendum.

Buch said Clay County is important to the Land Trust because of the organization's efforts to create a wildlife corridor between the Ocala and Osceola National Forests.

"We also have a contract with the Army to buffer Camp Blanding, which is right here in western Clay County," he said. "So, we thought it's a natural for us to work with the county and help them build a local land conservation program."

## Next Sheriff's NET set of April 27

Clay Sheriff's NET will meet again Thursday, April 27, at 6 p.m. at St. Willams Catholic Church, 275 Satsuma St. in Keystone Heights. Guest speakers will be Mayor Nina

Rodenroth, Sheriff Michelle Cook, County Commissioner Betsy Condon, Sara Pleasants (First Coast Expressway), Tara Sheppard (Humana Insurance), and City Council members Chris

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

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Women MotoSurf competitors make practice runs on the Lake Geneva course during last year's event. Photo: Dan Hildebran, Telegraph Staff Writer.

## MotoSurf returning to Keystone Beach

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
Telegraph Staff Writer

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — The MotoSurf Games are returning to Keystone Beach from April 21 through April 23.

Promoters of the event said MotoSurf, motorized surfboards designed for racing on water, is the fastest growing, most affordable and safest watersport in the world.

The Keystone event is the first stop in the MotoSurf World Championship Series, established in 2012. The series covers racing venues in over 15 countries, with 25 nations represented among the contestants.

CBS Sports, which covered

last year's event in the Lake Region, will again televise the event to a national audience.

Last year, over 40 motorized surfboard racers from nine countries competed on Lake Geneva.

JetSurf USA racer Antony Squire won the men's class, and 55 million households had access to the show on CBS.

Practice and qualification for the event will be held on April 21, with an opening ceremony, heat rides, an electric challenge and a tube race the following day. The finals, skateboard races and closing ceremony will wrap up the event on Sunday, April 23.

## Voters green light 2 of 4 charter amendments

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
Telegraph Staff Writer

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — Voters approved a charter amendment that will allow the city council to increase the dollar amount of purchases the city could make without soliciting bids and a second that will allow for the censure of council members.

However, they turned away an amendment that would have allowed the city council to choose Keystone Heights's mayor instead of voters and rejected a second that would have prohibited council members from interfering in the day-to-day activities of city workers.

Only mail-in ballots were excepted for the April 10 election. The Clay County Supervisor of Elections, who ran the election for the city, said it received only 141 ballots, about one-half the number usually cast in a Keystone Heights city election.

# Heritage Commission hosts KHES

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
Telegraph Staff Writer

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — The Keystone Heights Heritage Commission hosted over 100 fourth graders from Keystone Heights Elementary School to teach the students about the town's history.

During the April 6 field trip, students watched a video about what school was like in the early 1900s and learned about the town's beginnings from Mayor-elect Nina Rodenroth. They also visited the city's welcome center and viewed artifacts

from the Keystone Inn, heard about Keystone Heights's past association with the Chautauqua education and social movement in the early 1900s and watched reenactor John Zieser talk about Fort 11: a wooden structure built between Lake Keystone and Lake Geneva during the Second Seminole war.

Event volunteer Christine Arnold said Fort 11 was a little-known outpost that guarded the road between Fort Shannon in Palatka and Fort King near Ocala.

Arnold added that during the war, which lasted between 1835

and 1842, Lake Geneva is labled as Lake 11 on maps and Lake Keystone was known as Soldiers Pond.

Principal Beth Turbeville said the state requires fourth graders to learn about Florida's history, so the field trip to the beach pavilion and surrounding area fit well in the curriculum.

"This is a really good hands-on opportunity for them to not only learn about a part of Florida history," she said, "but learn about their own community so that perhaps when they get older, they can give back as well."



Reenactor John Zieser tells students about Fort 11, which was located between Lake Geneva and Lake Keystone in the 1800s. Photo: Dan Hildebran, Telegraph Staff Writer.



Deirdre Murphy helps fourth grader Aria Bryan imprint the official seal of the Keystone Inn on paper. Photo: Dan Hildebran, Telegraph Staff Writer.



Nina Rodenroth welcomes over 100 Keystone Heights Elementary School fourth graders to the beach pavilion. Rodenroth showed the students a video of what a day in school was like 100 years ago and talked about the beginnings of Keystone Heights.

Reenactor John Zieser sets off a miniature canon as part of his presentation describing Fort 11 and the Lake Region's participation in the Second Seminole War. Photo: Dan Hildebran, Telegraph Staff Writer.



Peyton LaPiano (left) and Allison Outlaw listen as Nina Rodenroth talks about Keystone Heights's beginnings. Photo: Dan Hildebran, Telegraph Staff Writer.

# JTA to downgrade Magenta Line

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
Telegraph Staff Writer

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — JTA officials told Clay County commissioners that it plans to eventually downgrade its Magenta Line from a scheduled bus route to an on-demand service.

The Jacksonville-based agency took over Clay County bus service in 2019 after the Council on Aging, which previously managed the service, ran out of money.

JTA officials said the Magenta Line, which runs between the Keystone Heights Senior Center and the Veterans Administration in Gainesville costs nearly \$2 million to operate, and that ridership is spotty. It plans to

convert the route into an on-demand service, providing rides to and from Gainesville by appointment only.

County Commission Chair Betsy Condon said she welcomed the change, adding that homeless people in Gainesville have been using the route to ride to Keystone Heights, obtain free food from Lake Area Ministries, and then take the bus back to Alachua County.

"The intention (of the Magenta Line) is not to provide a freeway for them to come get food from the food bank," the commissioner said. "They should be a resident to utilize those services."

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## Congratulations UCHS JROTC Drill Team

The UCHS JROTC Drill Team competed at the State Drill Meet Championships in Lakeland on Saturday. The team had 6 top 10 finishes. The Armed Platoon (Commanded by Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Adam Ali) and the Male-Mix Unarmed Squad (Commanded by Cadet Captain Alena Boyer) finished second place overall. All teams competed against 35-40 other schools. This is the second year in a row that the UCHS Armed Platoon finished second place overall. Pictured (front row, l-r) Sophia Gedelian, Talya Trent, Adrianna Gonzalez, Alexis Cox, Alena Boyer, Adam Ali, Brooke Burgess, Savannah Thompson, Syann Malone, (second row) Jamaal Reynolds, Carli Trent, Jay Parks, Matthew Ring, Emma Fulton, Tierra Williams, Natalie Piggott, Chloe Harris, Michelle Lacey, (back row) Mackenzie Ring, Makayla Nelson, Jayden Timm, Jordon Clarke, Colton Bell and Cason Forbes.



Kindall Johnson with her Grand Champion hog.



Layla Barber with her Reserve Grand Champion hog.



Rafe Alvarez holding his Grand Champion steer at the auction, along with his many buyers.



Brady Tetstone holding his Reserve Grand Champion steer for the buyer's picture.

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## Union livestock show growing every year

The Union County Livestock Association began in 2020, with the hopes of giving Union livestock exhibitors the opportunity to show closer to home.

The association's first show was interrupted due to COVID-19, but that did not deter their efforts. The number of exhibitors has increased every year, and so has the size of their facility.

One month ago, the

association's fourth annual livestock fair successfully came to a close. The fair kicked off on March 14, with the weigh-in of swine and cattle. By the end of the night, there was a total of 64 hogs and 35 steers in the barn.

The swine show took place the following day and was judged by Wyatt Wolf. The Grand Champion hog was exhibited by Kindall Johnson, and the Reserve Grand

Champion by Layla Barber.

The Grand Champion Showmanship Awards went to Naliana Hampton (Junior), Jamie-Lynn Courson (Intermediate) and Kindall Johnson (Senior).

The steer show took place on the evening of March 17, and was judged by Lynn Davis. Rafe Alvarez exhibited the Grand Champion steer, which was also the Home Grown Grand Champion. The

Reserve Grand Champion steer was shown by Brady Tetstone.

The Grand Champion Showmanship Award went to Charley Box (Junior), Miley Wilson (Intermediate) and Addison Wright (Senior). The show wrapped up on March 18, with the auction of all market animals.



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## Motorcyclist strikes deer, hit by pickup

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
Telegraph Staff Writer

STARKE — The Florida Highway Patrol said a 57-year-old Starke man was killed when he was hit by a

pickup on State Road 235 east of LaCrosse early Friday morning.

The agency added that the biker hit a deer on the highway and was ejected onto the road before being struck by the pickup.

The driver of the truck, a 25-year-old Hampton man was unhurt.

## Foster, adoption classes

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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

Ryan Edward Davis, 32, of Brooker was arrested by Bradford deputies on April 9 for simple assault.

Kelsey Lynn Friedman, 27, of Starke was arrested on April 15 for battery.

Danwandre Zikell Green, 23, of Starke was arrested by Starke police on April 9 for passing a counterfeit note.

Michael James Griffin, 26, of Starke was arrested on April 15 for out-of-county warrants.

Kimberly Michelle Gunter, 53, of Starke was arrested on April 15 for a probation violation.

Jerry Jarman Hall, 51, of Starke was arrested on April 15 for failure to appear.

Walter William-Lee Henderson, 47, of Starke was arrested on April 8 for withholding support and an out-of-county warrant.

Shayla Gail Houts, 28, was arrested by Bradford deputies on April 12 for vehicle theft.

Mauricio Martin Jimenez, 25, of Plant City was arrested on April 12 for possession of drug equipment, driving with a suspended or revoked license, child neglect, distributing or delivering drugs and trafficking in methamphetamine.

Frank Leamon Kern, 33, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on April 12 for possession of a weapon by a felon and an out-of-county warrant.

Thomas Lloyd Ledford, 32, of Glen St. Mary was arrested on April 12 for an out-of-county warrant.

Marty Benton Lee, 52, was arrested on April 15 for assault and battery.

Michael Rodney McCarter, 45, of Starke was arrested on April 8 for failure to appear.

Tatum James Mixon, 19, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on April 8 for DUI.

Braden Taylor Purdy, 35, of Jacksonville was arrested on April 15 for an out-of-county warrant.

Christopher Scott Rhoden, 30, of Starke was arrested by Starke police on April 9 for battery.

William Trevor Sheering, 21, of Starke was arrested by Starke police on April 11 for resisting an officer, larceny and a probation violation.

Brion Alton Walden, 43, of Gainesville was arrested by Bradford deputies on April 11 for driving with a suspended or revoked license and possession of marijuana.

Daniel Reid Wall, 41, of New York, New York was arrested by Bradford deputies on April 12 for vehicle theft and fraud-impersonation.

Ramona Suzette Williams, 58, of Starke was arrested on April 15 for DUI.

Telicia Elsie Wright, 42, of Gainesville was arrested by Bradford deputies on April 9 for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Kristi Mae Young, 37, of Belleview was arrested by

Lawtey police on April 11 for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

### Union

Jeffery Christopher Andrews, 37, of Raiford was arrested by Union deputies on April 15 for an out-of-county warrant.

Dalton Wayne Elixson, 22, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on April 14 for a probation violation.

Gloria Trujillo Morales, 24, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on April 14 for failure to appear.

Ira Lynn Holmes, 40, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on April 13 for a probation violation.

Tyrone King, 62, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on April 11 for an out-of-county warrant.

Deborah Marie Karr, 21, of Branford was arrested by Union deputies on April 11 for failure to appear.

### Clay

Amber Noel Carroll, 35, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on April 9 for domestic battery and child abuse

## Runaways' contact identified

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
Telegraph Staff Writer

STARKE— The Union County Sheriff's office said it has identified the person two teenagers communicated with prior to them driving toward Louisiana to meet the person.

On Thursday, April 6, the agency issued a missing child alert for 12-year-old Jade Gregory and Khloe Larson, 14, after the two went missing from the area of Northeast County Road 237.

Around four hours later, the agency announced that the two had been located in Bayou La Batre, Alabama, about halfway between Mobile, Alabama, and Pascagoula, Mississippi.

The 12-year-old had stolen her father's Ford Taurus for the trip and drove nearly 400 miles on Interstate 10.

After arriving in Alabama, the pair saw themselves on a convenience store television screen and turned themselves into Alabama law enforcement.

Sheriff's Captain Lyn Williams said investigators interviewed the pair on Wednesday, April 12, and identified the person the girls were communicating with before leaving for Louisiana.

"It was a real person," Williams said of the girls' contact, "a boy approximately their age. They had not met him personally, but he was a friend of a friend of a friend."

Williams said the sheriff's office has turned over all its casework to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement for any further action.

He added that the state agency would conduct a forensic review of the device the girls used to communicate with the boy to uncover text messages and other communications.

## Wished victim Merry Christmas, then stole car

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
Telegraph Staff Writer

STARKE — Trenton Scott Foreman, 23, of Hampton was sentenced to 30 months in prison after admitting to stealing a car from a woman who fed him grits and offered him a ride to Sampson City.

According to a warrant affidavit, the victim told Bradford deputies that Foreman arrived on a bicycle at her house in the area of the Starke Golf and Country Club on Dec. 23 and wished her Merry Christmas.

The victim added that after she

fed Foreman grits on her porch, he asked for a ride to Sampson City.

"(The victim) told Foreman she would give him a ride but needed to put warmer clothes on," reporting officer Lekiesha Lewis wrote. "Foreman was in the vehicle waiting for (the victim). When (the victim) went outside to take Foreman to Sampson City, she noticed the vehicle was gone."

The victim added that she was concerned because Foreman was consuming a beer when he arrived at her house on the bicycle.

Deputies later arrested the defendant at the Bradford Motel and Campground on Temple Avenue.

## Paid for pizza with play money

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
Telegraph Staff Writer

STARKE — Police arrested a 23-year-old Estelle Street resident after he paid for a pizza with a fake \$100 bill.

Danwandre Zikell Green of Starke was arrested for passing a counterfeit bank note.

According to an arrest report, a delivery driver at Domino's Pizza told officers that a man approached his car when he arrived at a residence to make a delivery.

"The suspect tossed a crumpled-up bill toward the car and onto the ground and then obtained the food from the delivery driver," wrote reporting officer David Hall in the report. "After this, he walked back into the residence with the food."

Hall added that the delivery driver then exited his vehicle to recover the cash and immediately recognized the paper as a counterfeit \$100 bill.

"He then attempted to knock on the door of the residence to confront the suspect about paying with counterfeit money, but nobody answered the door," Hall added. "He then left and called his manager prior to returning to the restaurant."

Hall reported that he examined the bill and observed the term "PLAY MONEY" printed on both sides of the note.

"On the back, it also had what appeared to be printed Chinese lettering," Hall wrote. "All of these obviously indicated it is not real legal U.S. currency."

Hall wrote that he and a sergeant drove to the Estelle Street house to identify the suspect. Two people within the structure identified Green as the man who took delivery of the pizza, and the 23-year-old refused to answer any questions from the officers.

## Helped woman move, helped himself to motors

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
Telegraph Staff Writer

STARKE — A Starke man was sentenced to 153 days in jail after admitting to helping a woman move out of a Hampton residence and helping himself to car motors stored in a shed on the same property.

Torsten Daniel Troutman, 46, of Starke pleaded to burglary of an unoccupied dwelling. The state dropped additional charges of grand theft and dealing in stolen property. Judge James M. Colaw also sentenced Troutman to three years' probation, ordered him to pay \$2,950 in restitution to the victim and gave him credit for time served of 153 days.

According to an arrest warrant affidavit, the victim told deputies he allowed his daughter-in-law to stay in a single-family residence in Hampton owned by him.

When she informed him she was moving out, the victim drove to the house and saw people loading her belongings from the home onto a utility trailer hauled by a red Ford, F-150.

"(The victim) stated that he spoke with (his daughter-in-law), who stated that she made it known to the individuals helping her move, identified as Torsten Troutman and (another man),

## Starke police wearing puzzle-piece badges

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
Telegraph Staff Writer

STARKE — Starke police said its officers are wearing puzzle-piece badges during April to recognize Autism Awareness Month.

"Autism Spectrum Disorder refers to a broad range of conditions characterized by challenges with social skills, repetitive behaviors, and speech and nonverbal communication," the agency said in a social media post. "According to the Centers for Disease Control, Autism affects an estimated 1 in 36 children in the United States."

"The puzzle-piece design represents how we come together to support individuals with autism," the department added.

Detective Hunter Redding said Officer Jay Raulerson came up with the idea and promoted it to the department's leadership.

"The response was: of course, we're all in," Redding said. "He



Starke police officers (Left) Michael Gillick and Taylor Sanders, along with K-9 Erin. Photo: SPD.

has a child with autism and is very passionate about the issue."

Redding added that the public has responded positively to the badges when officers are on patrol or out in the community, like in restaurants.

"Someone will see the badge and ask what it's all about," he said. "Then, when our officer explains the meaning behind the badge, they respond that it is a great idea."

not to touch anything inside the shed," wrote Detective Michael Garmon in the affidavit. "(The daughter-in-law) also stated that she overheard the two men talking about taking the items to Guide Metals in order to scrap them."

After the woman completed the move, the victim checked the property and noted car motors and a transmission missing from the shed.

Garmon reported that Guide Metal Recycling in Starke provided him with sales receipts for items sold to the business by Troutman, in addition to photographs of the defendant's truck and trailer.

"In the photographs, onlookers are able to see that there are several items on the trailer which appear to be car motors," Garmon wrote. "Those images were shown to the victim, who stated that those were the motors which were stolen out of his shed. The victim was also able to identify the vehicle as being the one he observed when stopping at the residence."

## Deputies: man threatened Mom while she cleaned his room

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
Telegraph Staff Writer

STARKE — Bradford deputies arrested a 32-year-old Brooker man after his parents claimed the defendant threatened his mother while she cleaned his room.

Ryan Edward Davis was arrested for simple assault on April 9.

According to an arrest report, the defendant's father told deputies that after he and his son returned home from the store, Davis discovered his mother in his room. The witness added that the defendant started yelling, telling the woman to get out of his room and respect his privacy.

"Ryan became very aggressive towards (the victim) and started throwing things and "bowed" up at (the victim) and came toward her in a very aggressive manner," wrote reporting officer B. Whitehead.

"(The witness) stated that he had to get between Ryan to keep him away from (the victim) due to Ryan's behavior."

The deputy added that after the confrontation, the victim packed up some belongings and told (the witness) that she was going to

stay with her other son and that he needed to handle the situation with their son.

Deputies reached the victim by phone, and she corroborated the witness's account of the incident.

"(The victim) stated that Ryan's room was a mess and had glass from something falling off his bed all over the floor, along with tools and other miscellaneous items," Whitehead wrote. "When Ryan came home from going to the store with his father, he became very upset with her and started yelling at her and throwing things around the room and charged at her."

The victim added that after the defendant's father got between her and Davis, she left the room and packed some belongings, not knowing what the defendant might do next.

## Accused of sexual battery, pleads to lesser charge

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
Telegraph Staff Writer

STARKE — A 22-year-old Citra man accused of sexual battery in 2019 pleaded to a lesser charge on April 12 and was sentenced to five years in prison.

Matthew William Missimer pleaded to aggravated assault with intent to commit a felony. The state dropped its original charge of sexual battery on a victim younger than 18 years old, which carries a maximum sentence of 30 years.

According to a sworn complaint, the victim told deputies she was engaged in a consensual sexual act with the defendant when the encounter became painful for her, and she told him to stop. The victim added that the defendant refused and held her down against her will.

A witness told Sheriff's Detective Kimberly Mosely that she was watching television in a home while the victim and defendant were in Missimer's truck on the night of the incident.

"(The witness) stated she all of the sudden (saw the victim) run towards her crying and shaking stating 'he raped me,'" wrote Mosely in the sworn complaint. "(The witness) stated (the victim) curled up in a fetal position in pain from the assault and cried all night."

Mosely added that when she contacted Missimer about the victim's claims, he responded that he did not know the girl.

"Missimer then spontaneously uttered he did not have to force anyone to be with him (because) he is too good-looking," Mosely wrote in the report. "Missimer has since quit answering any calls or messages from me."

## Prison after snatching cell phone

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
Telegraph Staff Writer

STARKE—A 30-year-old Lawtey man was sentenced to 20 months in prison, followed by three years' drug offender probation after admitting to snatching a cell phone from a woman.

Aaron Roy Griffis pleaded to tampering with a witness or victim. In a plea agreement, the state dropped another charge of battery on a person 65 years or older.

According to an arrest report, the defendant and his girlfriend were arguing in their mutual residence. The victim told the pair to stop arguing, adding that she was calling law enforcement to get the defendant help with anger management.

"As the victim exited the residence onto the porch area, the suspect followed and took her phone from her hand prior to her being able to contact law enforcement," wrote Deputy Paul King in an arrest report. "As a result, the victim sustained a minor injury to the top of her right hand."

King added that the victim called the sheriff's office to the same residence earlier in the day to have the defendant committed under Florida's Baker Act. However, Griffis did not meet the criteria for commitment under the statute.

"It is believed that once the victim was made aware that Aaron did not meet the criteria, she then wanted to report the domestic incident," the deputy wrote.

In a criminal punishment code scoresheet, the recommended sentence for the defendant was 22.575 months, with Griffis's previous convictions figuring heavily into the computation.

The defendant's previous convictions include child abuse, battery, petit theft, evidence tampering, resisting an officer, possession of a firearm by a felon, possession of methamphetamine, conspiracy and a hunting violation.



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# Indians lift state trophy for 3rd straight year

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Head Coach Lantz Lowery tried to come up with the perfect adjective.

Crazy.  
Amazing.  
Special.

However you want to describe it, Keystone Heights High School won its third straight championship at the Florida High School Athletic Association Class 1A Boys Weightlifting Finals, which were held April 15 in Lakeland. The Indians compiled 41 points in the traditional competition (bench press and clean and jerk), which put them six points ahead of Suwannee — last year's runner-up in Class 2A. They had two individual champions and a total of nine earn medals (awarded for top-six finishes) in becoming the third school (joining Baker County and Spruce Creek) in winning at least three titles in a row.

Perhaps "blessed" is a good adjective.

"God blessed us to have this opportunity," said Bo Overton, who won the 169 class in both the traditional and Olympic (snatch and clean and jerk) competitions.

Trey Jeffries, who won the 219 class in the traditional competition, said, "It's awesome. We couldn't be more thankful to God."

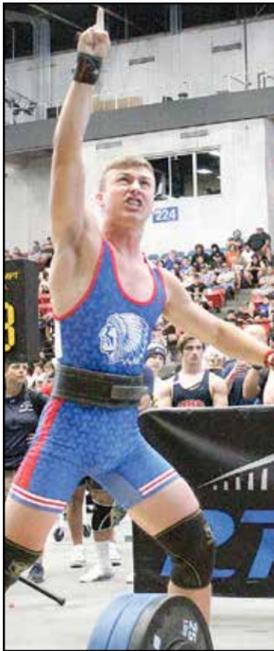
Landon Hovsepian and Bryar Schenck echoed their teammates' sentiments.

"It was God's plan, not ours," said Hovsepian, who was the runner-up in the 183 class in the traditional event. "That's the way I look at it."

Schenck, who was the Olympic runner-up in the 183 class, said, "We give all the glory to God."

Keystone earned two team trophies at the event as the Indians finished in a tie for second place in the Olympic competition. Suwannee placed first with 49 points, while Keystone and South Sumter were tied with 29 points each.

As he did in the traditional competition, Overton won his class in the Olympic



**Bo Overton is fired up after his successful third attempt in the clean and jerk. Overton won the Olympic and traditional titles in the 169 class. Photos by Cliff Smelley.**

competition, which also saw six other Keystone lifters earn medals.

Hovsepian, besides giving thanks to God, gave credit to Lowery for putting the Indians in a position to win or at least challenge for state championships. Keystone has now won a total of four state championships under Lowery, with the first occurring in 2014.

"We couldn't have done it without Coach Lowery," Hovsepian said. "The pushing, the keeping us in a straight line, making sure we're doing what we need to do with the dieting — everything. He kept us on track throughout the year."

Lowery likes to downplay his involvement, saying he's not the one who's doing the lifting. He credits the buy-in from the

student-athletes he coaches.

"It's an amazing group of kids who show up every day and work hard every day," Lowery said, adding, "Sweat equity pays off."

Three in a row sounds good. How about another championship next year?

"Please don't mention number four," Lowery said. "Don't even bring that up yet."

Jeffries, who's a junior, wasn't hesitant about bringing it up.

"I can't wait to make it four," he said.

Schenck, as a senior, won't be a part of next year's team, but he said, "I think they can come back and do something special."

## 2 individual champs and 2 near misses

It was quite a season for Overton, who couldn't compete last year due to a knee injury. He won traditional and Olympic championships at the district and regional levels before concluding his final season with two state titles.

"It's special," Lowery said. "It's hard work paying off. He overcame to do that."

Overton was still coming to grips with the fact he was a state champion after the meet.

"It doesn't feel real," he said. "I'm happy that God gave me the ability to get here. I'm just happy with all the people who've been put in my life to get me here. I couldn't have done it by myself."

Overton had a bench press of 300 and a clean and jerk of 285 to compile a traditional total of 585, which put him in first place by 20 pounds, finishing ahead of Baker's Brady Bright. He had the best clean and jerk in the class by

**RIGHT: Wyatt Van Zant congratulates Reid Begue after Begue's third bench press, which gave him the runner-up spot in the 139 class in the traditional competition. Van Zant was third in the same class in both the Olympic and traditional competitions, while Begue was fourth in the Olympic competition.**



**Bryar Schenck was the Olympic runner-up in the 183 class and fifth in the traditional competition.**

20 pounds and the second-best bench press.

In the Olympic competition, Overton took first by 40 pounds over South Sumter's Jamare Dorsey. He had a snatch total of 215, which, when coupled with his clean and jerk, gave him a 500 total.

Lowery said if Overton had been able to compete last year,

he would've been in the 154 class and had quite a battle with Keystone's Ulysses Freed, who won two state titles and was named Florida Dairy Farmers Class 1A Weightlifter of the Year — an honor Lowery believes Overton should receive this year.

The coach, again stressing

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**LEFT: Landon Hovsepian was the traditional runner-up in the 183 class. BELOW: Trey Jeffries was the traditional state champ in the 219 class. He also placed third in the Olympic competition.**



# Union's Simmons is a repeat state champion

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Union County High School's Christian Simmons stood on the medal platform as a state champion for the second straight year, this time winning two titles at the Florida High School Athletic Association Class 1A Boys Weightlifting Finals, which were held April 15 in Lakeland.

Simmons, a senior who competes in the 129-pound class, won the traditional competition (bench press and clean and jerk) last year and did so again this year. He also claimed the top spot in the Olympic competition (snatch and clean and jerk).

"I'm pretty grateful, to say the least, but I expected a lot more out of myself, so I have my disappointments when I reflect on how the day went," Simmons said, adding, "I didn't break the record in clean and jerk and bench. I was quite close on clean and jerk, but I didn't get it."

Still, Simmons had no real competition. His 505-pound total in the traditional competition put him 45 pounds ahead of runner-up Kristian Sarakinis of The Villages, while his 435 total in the Olympic competition put him 35 pounds ahead of runner-up Zach Warner of Eagle's View.

"It's definitely very mind-boggling," Simmons said of how far ahead of everyone he was. "I can't really believe it."

Simmons was upset over the lifts he missed. His first clean and jerk attempt of 240 was unsuccessful, so he tried it again on this second attempt, which



**Christian Simmons won his second straight traditional state championship and was the Olympic state champion in his weight class as well. UCHS grad Quinn Raulerson, a state champ himself, looks on (background, second from left). Photo by Cliff Smelley.**

was successful. He then went for 280 on his third attempt, but didn't get it.

After opening the bench press with a successful attempt of 265, he missed two attempts at 285.

The snatch went better, Simmons said. He did 185 on his first attempt. After failing to get 195 on his second attempt, he went for it again on his third attempt, which was successful.

Simmons' trainer, Bryan Griffis of Raiford Wreckshop, and friend Quinn Raulerson, a UCHS graduate and state champion, reminded him to not lose sight of what he's accomplished the last two years.

"There aren't many people who become three-time state champions," Simmons said. "To

be a three-time state champion is pretty good."

Simmons said he could never give enough thanks to his grandparents and the rest of his family who've supported him. He also thanked everyone who played a role in helping him achieve what he's done.

"I'm just so appreciative of everyone who helped me get to where I am, whether they played a role in my life positively or negatively," Simmons said. "They are the reason for who I am today."

Thomas Williams, a junior making his second appearance at state, earned a medal for Union as well, placing sixth in the 199 class in the traditional competition. Williams, who was 6 of 6 on all of his attempts, had a best clean and jerk of 250 for a 575 overall total. He tied with Marianna's Isaiah Clemmons and South Sumter's Ty Kadur. Clemmons, who weighed in at 188.9 pounds, was awarded fifth place ahead of Williams. Williams weighed in at 189.9 pounds, while Kadur weighed in at 194 pounds, giving Williams sixth place and Kadur seventh.

Maddox Wheeler, a sophomore, was making his first appearance at state. He had a bench press of 290 and a clean and jerk of 250, giving him a 16th-place total of 540.

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## BHS' Clark just misses top-10 finish at state

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Chason Clark, the only state qualifier from Bradford High School, finished 11th in his weight class at the April 15 Florida High School Athletic Association Boys Weightlifting Finals, which were held in Lakeland.

Clark, competing in the 199-pound class, had a clean and jerk of 245 and a bench press of 315 to finish with a 560-pound total. His clean and jerk total was a personal record by 20 pounds.

Keystone Heights' Bryson Wester and Bolles' Jackson Brill, who were ninth and 10th, respectively, each had a total that was 5 pounds better than Clark's.

Clark was only 15 pounds away from earning a medal, which is awarded for a top-six finish. If he had compiled a 575-pound overall total, he would've tied with Marianna's Isaiah Clemons, Union County's Thomas Williams and South Sumter's Ty Kadur for the fifth-highest total and would've been awarded fifth place with the weigh-in tiebreaker.

## Tornadoes win 1st district tourney game in flag football

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

It was the just another typical performance from the Bradford High School girls flag football team, which got six touchdown passes from Ar'Nayshia Griffin and the 11th shutout from its defense in a 38-0 win over visiting Baldwin in the quarterfinals of the District 2-1A tournament on April 18.

The Tornadoes, the number-one seed in the 10-team district, played a semifinal game this past Wednesday (April 19). If they won, they'll play for the championship at home on

Thursday, April 20, at 7 p.m.

Bradford (14-0) scored on the game's first drive when Griffin threw a touchdown pass to Nichelle Brown. It was the first of four times the duo hooked up for a score.

The next time the Tornadoes had the ball, they scored on one play, with Brown hauling in a 38-yard touchdown pass to put Bradford ahead 12-0 in the first quarter.

Izarriah DeSue and Ajiyah Jackson broke up passes on Baldwin's second possession, forcing the Indians to punt. Starting 30 yards away from the end zone, the Tornadoes got an 8-yard run from Griffin and a 17-yard reception by Khamyra Hankerson. Hankerson then caught a 5-yard touchdown pass on the third play of the second quarter. A Griffin run on the conversion attempt made it 19-0.

Griffin intercepted a pass while playing on defense, then threw a 26-yard touchdown pass to Brown to make the score 25-0.

Jada Hankerson intercepted a pass on Baldwin's first possession of the second half. That led to a 12-yard touchdown reception by Jaydyn Lee and a 31-0 lead.

On Bradford's next series, Brown caught a short pass and reversed field for a 39-yard touchdown. Griffin's run on the conversion attempt was good, capping the scoring at 38-0.

The Tornadoes kept the defensive pressure going, with Jackson recording sacks on two straight plays on Baldwin's ensuring series.

Bradford, which is ranked fifth in the Florida High School Athletic Association's Class 1A power poll, won its final three regular-season games by a combined score of 95-0.

On April 6, the Tornadoes defeated visiting Keystone Heights 25-0.

Griffin completed 14 of 30 passes for 245 yards. Khamyra Hankerson caught three passes for 90 yards, while Brown caught six for 90 yards. Jada Hankerson had three receptions for 45 yards.

Griffin also led the rushing attack, gaining 35 yards on five carries.

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# Obituaries

## Jim Cason

Jim Purvis Cason, 84, of Lake Butler, passed away on Thursday, April 13, 2023, in Gainesville. He was born April 26, 1938, in Lake Butler, to Gurney "S" Cason and Merle (Whitehead) Cason-Brown. He was a lifelong resident of Lake Butler and a 1956 graduate of Union County High School. After graduation, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps where he served a total of six years. After the Marines, he served in the United States Army, before retiring after 23 years of service. During his service, he served one tour in Lebanon and three tours in Vietnam, where he was awarded two Bronze Stars and numerous other awards. His service took him all over the world before finally returning him back home to Lake Butler. When he returned home, he soon began to work with the Department of Corrections, while also getting involved in local politics. He served on the City Commission for several years and was Mayor of Lake Butler. He was an avid gun and knife collector and enjoyed the outdoors. He was a member of First Christian Church. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Billie Cason; and his brothers, Jesse M. Cason and Clifton Robert "Rob" Cason.



He is survived by his children, Diane Holder of Newberry, David (Mary) Scarborough of Gainesville, Dean (Nancy) Scarborough of Gainesville, and Beth Marie Cason of Anniston, Alabama; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; nephews, Steve Cason of Charleston, South Carolina, Scott (Cindy) Cason of Lake Butler; and his sister-in-law, Margie F. Cason of Lake Butler; numerous extended family also survive.

A graveside service with military honors will be held on Saturday, April 22, at 4 p.m. at Dekle Cemetery in Lake Butler. The family will receive friends for a visitation on Friday, April 21, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Archer-Milton Funeral Home, Lake Butler. 386-496-2008. www.ArcherFuneralHome.com

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## Shirley Clark

Shirley Ann Padgett Clark, 75, died at Haven Hospice Lake City on Wednesday, March 29, 2023. She was preceded in death by her parents, Earl Cecil and Johnny Bell; and her husband, Alfred Lewis Clark



She is survived by her daughter, Tiffany (Ronald Lee) Ford of Starke; non-blood daughter, Cindy (Christopher) Redding; siblings, Linda Sue (Roy) Bryant, David William Padgett, Patty Darlene (Rocky) Thompson, and Brad Brown; her grandpuppy, Taco Bell; and many extended family.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

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

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## Carson Cognata

Infant Carson Michael Cognata, age 3 days, passed away in Gainesville on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, with his parents at his side. He was born Saturday, April 1, 2023, to loving parents, Nathan Cognata and Harlie Pye of Keystone Heights. Despite his short time on earth, he was deeply loved and brought joy to those around him.

Survivors are his parents; maternal grandmother, Kristal Sellers of Keystone Heights; aunt, Heather Sellers of Starke; paternal grandmother, Christine Taggart; and great-grandparents, Marty and Cheryl Phillips, all of Keystone Heights; and great-great-grandmother, Carolyn Conklin of Middleburg; in addition to aunts and uncles.

There are currently no scheduled services.

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

## John Dempsey

John Francis Dempsey, 79, of Starke passed away Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at his residence. He was born on Jan. 8, 1944, in Clyattville, Georgia to the late John Frances Dempsey Sr. and Carrie Dalene (Zipperer) Dempsey and moved to Starke in 1966 from Valdosta. He was an active member of the First United Methodist Church of Starke, where he was a longtime usher. Prior to retirement, he was a deputy for the Bradford County Sheriff's Department and later worked as a truck driver for Davis Express. He was an avid horseback rider and enjoyed many long trail rides with family and friends. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, John Allen Dempsey.



Survivors are his wife of 58 years, Sybil Mae (Sutton) Dempsey of Starke; daughter, Tamera Ann "Tammy" (Wade) Winkler of Starke; grandchildren, Austin Wade Winkler, John Riley (Morgan) Winkler, and Sheldyn Laine Winkler.

Funeral services will be held at the First United Methodist Church of Starke on Saturday, April 22, at 11 a.m. The family will receive friends prior to the service starting at 10 a.m. Interment will follow at Crosby Lake Cemetery. Rev. Mike Moore and Rev. Josh Reinken will officiate all services. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 www.stjude.org.

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

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## Joseph Eddy

Joseph Hill Eddy, 79, of Starke, died Tuesday, April 4, 2023, at his residence. He was born in Baldwin, on April 13, 1943, to the late Joseph John Eddy and Etta Howard Eddy.

He is survived by his wife, Renate Eddy of Starke; son, Butch Jewell of Jacksonville; daughter, Tina Dayl of Starke, sister, Ruby Green of Starke; brother, Jim Eddy of Sanderson; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held at a later date at Jacksonville National Cemetery with military honors.

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## Wayne Hayes

Wayne Hayes, 90, passed away peacefully at E. T. York Care Center in Gainesville on Wednesday, April 12, 2023. He was born in Brooker to the late Philip and Edna Strickland Hayes on May 10, 1932. He grew up in Gainesville and, after graduation, joined the U.S. Army. After a tour of duty in Korea during the Korean War, he moved to Tennessee. He earned his master's degree from the University of Alabama at Birmingham and worked in hospital administration for the next 40 years. After his retirement in 2000, he moved back to Brooker to spend time with his siblings, before traveling all seven continents. He also loved the Lord and his church, Seventh-day Adventist Church in Gainesville. He was preceded in death by his parents, Philip and Edna Hayes; and his four siblings.

Wayne is survived by his children, Doug (Darlene) Hayes of Clarksville, Tennessee, Don (Judy) Hayes of Portland, Tennessee, Jean (Chris) Zimnoski of Strafford, New Hampshire, and Joanie Hayes of Murfreesboro, Tennessee; his grandchildren, Wayne, Amanda, Michael, Lucas, Rachel, Rebecca, Robyn, Emily, and Jamie; 16 great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren; and a host of extended family.

A Celebration of Life was held on Tuesday, April 18, at Archer-Milton Funeral Home, Lake Butler. The family received friends for a visitation prior to the service. He was laid to rest immediately following the service at Elzey Chapel Cemetery with military honors.

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

Jason Matthew Lee, 47, of Bradford County passed away on Thursday, April 13, 2023, at his mother's residence with his loving family by his side. He was born on Feb. 26, 1976, in Gainesville to his parents, Edward Lamar Lee and Patricia Ann Rosier Bennett. He was raised in Bradford County and graduated from Bradford High School in 1995. Shortly after school, he started his longtime career working with carbon fiber composite. He traveled around the United States, serving in the aircraft maintenance industry for years, and was a truck driver for the last ten years. He was very talented in many areas and enjoyed playing his guitar. He loved watching NASCAR, was an avid FSU football fan, enjoyed being outdoors, and most of all, loved spending time with his family and friends. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, James Edmond Rosier, Minnie Griffis, Thelma Louise Bryan, and Joe Lee.

He is survived by his loving parents, Edward Lee of Lake Butler and Patricia Bennett of Lawley; sisters, Patricia (Scott) Whatley of Middleburg, Frankie Rizer of Macclenny, Amanda (Richard) Laffoon of Jacksonville, and Tabitha (Steve) Easley of Savannah, Tennessee; and many nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, extended family members and friends.

A Celebration of Life was held on Sunday, April 16, at Ferreira Funeral Services with Pastor Kris Elkins officiating. Interment followed at Oak Grove Cemetery. The family received friends on Saturday, April 15, at the funeral home.

Arrangements were under the care and direction of V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services, 250 N. Lowder St. Macclenny, 32063. 904-259-5700. Visit www.ferreirafuneralservices.com to sign the family's guest book.  
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## Robert Mayer

Robert "Bob" E. Mayer, 88, of Keystone Heights passed away at his home Friday, April 14, 2023, following an extended illness. He was born June 19, 1934, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin to John H. and Augusta (Brunke) Mayer. Following three years of active military service in the United States Army, he attended Zion Bible Institute and then went on to Central Bible College, where he earned his bachelor's degree. After obtaining his bachelor's degree, he decided he wanted to begin his career as a court stenographer until his retirement. He was a member of Keystone Heights First Assembly of God and enjoyed reading, history, and studying his Bible. He also enjoyed playing the saxophone, attending Bible study, having coffee time with his friends, and supporting the Royal Rangers. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by siblings, John and Eunice; and his grandson, Jesse.

He leaves behind his loving and devoted wife of nearly 65 years, Dorothy (Fitzgerald) Mayer of Keystone Heights; and their two children, Pastor David (Sandy) Mayer of Keystone Heights and Dawn (Sam) Heck of Goddard, Kansas. He was lovingly called "Grampy," "Gramps," and "Grampy Great" by his grandchildren, Annie, Sammy, Rebekah, Rachel (Jason), David (Kaley), Tabitha (Caleb) and Jonathan; along with great-grandchildren, Levi and Asher.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m., on Saturday, April 22, at Keystone Heights First Assembly of God with his son, Pastor Dave Mayer officiating. The family will receive friends beginning at 2 p.m. Graveside services will be on Monday, April 24, at 10:30 a.m. at Jacksonville National Cemetery.

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

Mollie Mae McCall, 75, of Keystone Heights passed away at her home on Sunday, April 16, 2023, following an extended illness. She was born Aug. 1, 1947, in Ada, Oklahoma to Raymond and Mildred (Powell) Dorsey. She had assisted hundreds of individuals and families to prepare their taxes while employed with Jackson Hewitt for 23 years before retiring. She enjoyed traveling, taking cruises and was very adventurous. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 33 year, James F. McCall.

She leaves behind her daughters, Tina Cown (A.J.) of Middleburg and Cathy (Johnny) Carey of Jacksonville; sisters, Amelia Ingram and Melissa Ingram; and half-brother, Michael Dorsey of Chesapeake, West Virginia. She was also called "Nanny" by six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will begin at 2 p.m. on Thursday, April 20, at the Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Justin Brown officiating. The family will receive friends beginning at 1 p.m. Interment will be private at Keystone Heights Cemetery.

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## Arissa McCulloch

Infant Arissa Grace McCulloch, 4 months old, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, April 8, 2023, in Starke. She was born Nov. 25, 2022, in Gainesville. She may have been here for just a short time on earth, but she definitely captured the heart of everyone who knew her and saw her precious smile.

She leaves behind her mother, Skylyn McCulloch; grandfather, Robbie McCulloch; and aunt, Mckenzi McCulloch, all of Melrose.

There currently are no services scheduled. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 340 E. Walker Drive, Keystone Heights, 32656. 352-473-3176. www.jonesgallagherfh.com

## James H. Moore

James H. "Jimmy" Moore II, 79, of White Springs, passed away on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at his home. He was born in Lawley on Feb. 22, 1944, to the late William F. Moore Sr. and Mary (Boyer) Moore. He was a graduate of Bradford High School, Class of 1962; and retired from Ring Power as a heavy equipment mechanic, having a little over 20 years of service. He also served in the US Army during the Vietnam Conflict, where he earned a Campaign Medal for his honorable service.

Survivors include his children, Mary Elizabeth Griffin of Moorehaven, Susan Ellen (Jason) Wilkin of Summerfield; brothers, Chuck (Celia) Moore of Cooper City, Mikey (Denise) Moore of Lawley; and his sister, Reeny Houseman of Broadway, North Carolina. Four grandchildren also survive.

A Celebration of Life service will be held on Sunday, June 11, at 2 p.m. at the Tatum Brothers Park in Lawley. Cremation arrangements are under the direction and care of Gateway-Forest Lawn Funeral Home, 3596 S. US HWY 441, Lake City, 32025, 386-752-1954. Please leave words of comfort for the family at www.gatewayforestlawn.com.  
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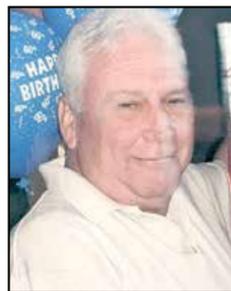
## Hisley Norman

Hisley Allen Norman, 96, of Hampton Lake passed away peacefully on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at E.T. York Care Center in Gainesville. He was born on Dec. 11, 1926, in Raiford, to the late Sam Norman and Everett Griffis Norman. He was raised in Sanderson and left school to enlist in the Merchant Marines. He proudly served in the Merchant Marines and United States Army during World War II. He was honorably discharged from the military in 1948 and married the love of his life, Louise Davis, on Jan. 4, 1950. They resided in Jacksonville for 34 years before making Hampton their forever home in 1984. He enjoyed his career as a Railroad Inspector with Amtrak and CSX where he was employed for 34 years until his retirement in 1988. He enjoyed attending church and was a longtime active member of Pine Level Baptist Church. He also enjoyed gardening, fishing and to this day loved to hunt. More than anything, he was a devoted husband, loving father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and great-great-grandfather who enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; and his siblings, Mildred Shadd, Purvis Norman, Joyce Hill, Paul Norman, Travis Norman, Vonda Shad, Gerald Norman, and Muriel Rosier.

He is survived by his loving wife of 73 years, Louise Davis Norman of Hampton Lake; daughters, Mary (Leon) Kinchen of Jacksonville, Sharon (Don) Burton of Chattanooga, Tennessee, Kathy (David) Eiland of Starke, Diane (Roger) Davis of Jacksonville, Lynn (Terry) Bacon of Starke; 12 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; along with numerous extended family members and friends.

His family received friends for visitation on Friday, April 14, at Pine Level Baptist Church. His Celebration of Life service followed with Pastor Mark Ogle and Pastor Michael Norman officiating. Interment was held at Santa Fe Cemetery in Hampton.

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

Wayne S. "Shorty" Roberts, 91, of Lake Butler met Jesus face to face Easter morning, Sunday, April 9, 2023. He was born Aug. 31, 1931, in Charlotte Harbor. He spent his childhood and early adulthood in Charlotte Harbor, moved to California for many years, but has called Lake Butler home for the past 50 years. He loved Union County. He helped start the volunteer deputy program, served as an honorary deputy, and was a past announcer for the Tiger Football games. He spent 20 plus years with the Department of Corrections until his retirement. He proudly joined the US Navy out of high school and fought for our country in the Korean War. His best friend in the Navy, Johnny, was brother to Martha Scritchfield. Johnny brought Wayne to meet her when she was 12 and they were pen pals while he was stationed in Guam. He sent her an engagement ring and asked her to marry him at age 15. That union has lasted for 69 years. He has several hobbies, fishing, building birdhouses, woodworking, and never passing up a good hot dog. He had a love for horses as he was a jockey in his earlier years, was a foreman on the biggest cattle ranch in south Florida and worked on a ranch in California in his older years; however, his passion was sharing the love of Christ. He was pastor at many churches over the years, including Pine Grove Congregational Methodist Church in Raiford and more recently he was the Seniors Pastor of Christ Central (The Anchor). He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas and Cecil Roberts; his son, Guy Wayne Roberts; his in-laws, James Henry and Lou Rena Scritchfield; two sisters; three brothers, one of which was his best friend, Colby; and his wife, Wanda Roberts.

He has left a legacy in his family, his loving wife of 69 years, Martha Raye Roberts; children, Kim (Bill) Thomas, Tony (Dawn) Roberts, Gary (Trina) Roberts, and Marlena (Rob) Jarvis; grandchildren, Jennifer, Ben, Dustin, Kayla, Tabatha, Kendice, Tianna, Robby, and Keaton; great-grandchildren, Cole, Hayden, Jackson, Olivia, Reagan, Carsen, Gavin, Malachi, Mason, Talia, Eli, Evan, Emmit, Easton, Matthias, Eydn, Honor, Keldon, Aiden, Zailey, Zoe, and Enzley.

A service to honor his life was held on Monday, April 17, at Christ Central Church (The Anchor), 16045 SE 71st Trail, Lake Butler. He was laid to rest at Jacksonville National Cemetery with military honors following the service.

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## Weldon Starling

Weldon R. Starling, 82, died at Orange Park Medical Center on Wednesday, April 12, 2023. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph and Hazel Starling; his wife of 56 years, Joan Starling; and his son, Nick Starling.

He is survived by his children, Mike Starling of Lawley, Jeff Starling of Starke, Eric Starling of Starke, and Sara Starling of Lawley; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and siblings, Vonda Stevens of Starke, Shad Starling of Starke, and Brad Starling of Lawley.

A graveside service was held April 19, at Lawley Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Archer-Milton Funeral Home, Lake Butler. 386-496-2008 www.archerfuneralhome.com

## Virgil Walker

Virgil Eugene "Speck" Walker, 88, of Hampton, passed away on Monday, April 17, 2023, at Riverwood Health and Rehab Center in Starke following an extended illness. He was born in Macclenny and had resided in Hampton for the past 36 years. He worked for Florida Power and Light Company in Macclenny for 35 years. He was a former City Commissioner and a former volunteer and fire chief for the City of Macclenny and a former member of the Macclenny Lions Club. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Macclenny and the last member of the Macclenny Hunting Club. He was preceded in death by his wife, Susie Mae Walker; and his son-in-law, David Unkelbach; and five siblings.

He is survived by two daughters, Mary Kay Unkelbach of Jacksonville and Jeana (Phil) Duval of Sanderson; three stepchildren, Jeannie (Charlie) Baker of Hampton, Wendy Williams and Eddie Lloyd both of Starke; two grandsons, Klata (Karyn) Duval and Dane Unkelbach; three great-grandchildren, Kinsley, Kenadee and Kade; four step-grandchildren, Brandon Baker and Lee, Chris and Tim Chastain; seven step-great-grandchildren also survive.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, April 21, in the Chapel of Guerry Funeral with Rev. Donnie Williams officiating. Interment will follow in Shiloh Baptist Church Cemetery, Fort White. Visitation and gathering with the family will be from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. on Friday, April 21 (One hour before services) at the funeral home. Pallbearers will be Dane Unkelbach, Klata Duval, Brandon Baker, Eddie Lloyd and Lee Chastain; honorary pallbearers will be Benny Joe Bennett, Richard Raulerson, Danny Walker, Michael Walker, Mark Walker, Keith Walker, Kevin Walker and Walker Green.

Guerry Funeral Home, U.S. 90 East, Macclenny, is in charge of arrangements.  
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On the defensive side, the Tornados got seven tackles from Jada Hankerson. Brown added five tackles, while Jamissia Williams recorded two sacks.

Brown, Griffin and Jada Hankerson each had an interception.

Bradford traveled to play Oakleaf on April 12, winning 32-0.

Jackson recorded five sacks and finished with seven tackles total. Brown and Griffin each had an interception.

Offensively, Griffin completed 19 of 26 passes for 210 yards and four touchdowns. Brown had nine receptions for 140 yards and three touchdowns, while Khamyra Hankerson had six for 65 yards and a touchdown.

Griffin rushed for 30 yards on four carries, while DeSue had one carry, which was good for a 10-yard touchdown.

The Tornados hosted Columbia in the regular-season finale, winning 38-0 on April 13.

Griffin completed 19 of 24 passes for 263 yards and six touchdowns. Brown was the recipient of four of those touchdowns, catching 11 passes for 205 yards.

Khamyra Hankerson caught four passes for 30 yards, while Jada Hankerson caught two passes for 15 yards and a touchdown. Lee caught one pass, which was good for a 10-yard touchdown.

Griffin led the team in rushing with 50 yards on six carries.

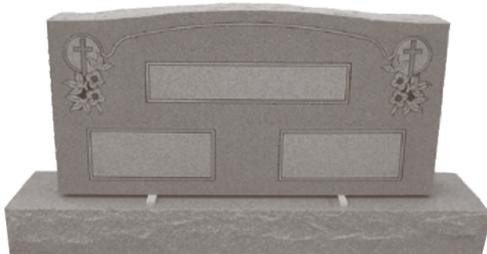
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A lunch catered by Johnny's Bar-B-Q will be served.

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You may also RSVP by calling the Bradford County Extension Office at 904-966-6224.

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## Tigers build 9-0 lead in 9-4 win over Tornadoes

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Tre'Von Lee drove in three runs, while Blake Agner and Ayden Elixson both drove in runs on doubles in the Union County High School baseball team's 9-4 win over Bradford on April 17 in Starke.

Starting pitcher Ethan Moody threw a shutout through his four innings of work, giving up two hits and one walk as the Tigers (14-5) built a 9-0 lead.

Mattox Burgin drove in two runs for Bradford (7-12) as part of a four-run fifth inning.

Union scored two runs in the first after loading the bases on singles by Elixson and Erick Lasseter and a walk drawn by Tucker Hardee. A Preston Bonsall ground ball was fielded by first baseman Kevin Crawford, who threw home to catcher Kacen Thomassen for a force out. With two outs, Lee hit a single that scored Hardee and Lasseter.

The Tigers had no one on with two outs in the second when Jeremy Miller and Elixson hit

back-to-back doubles, with Miller scoring on Elixson's hit. Hardee then delivered a single that scored Elixson and put Union ahead 4-0.

Bradford loaded the bases with no outs in the bottom of the second. Luke Stucky reached on an error, Thomassen singled and Cason Pilcher drew a walk. A strikeout, a fly out and a baserunner being called out for not tagging up ended the inning with no runs.

Lee was hit by a pitch with one out in the top of the third. He scored on an Agner double.

Union added its final runs in the fourth inning. Miller walked and stole second before Elixson reached on an error. One out later, Lasseter hit a sacrifice fly to score Miller. Preston Bonsall was hit by a pitch before Lee hit an RBI single. Bonsall eventually scored on an error before Agner hit the second of his two RBI doubles.

The Tornadoes got on the board after Moody exited the game, scoring all of their runs in the fifth. Ryland Rike hit a one-out single. Then, with two outs, Ryder Thompson and Jeffrey Brugh each walked to load the bases. Burgin hit a single to score Rike and Thompson. Brugh scored on a Foster Smith double before Burgin was able to score from third on a wild pitch.

Jake Walker, who was one of three pitchers used by Union, finished it off on the mound, giving up one hit and no runs in the final 2.1 innings.

Lee went 3 for 3, while Miller went 2 for 3. Agner, Elixson and Lasseter each went 2 for 4.

Rike and Thomassen each went 2 for 3 for Bradford.

The Tornadoes' Rike pitched a shutout in three innings of relief, giving up three hits.

Union entered the game off wins over two Jacksonville schools.

On April 11, Union trailed host University Christian 1-0 until scoring all of its runs in the sixth and winning 4-1.

Elixson, who went 2 for 4, hit a home run to lead off the top of the sixth. Hardee, who walked, scored when Bonsall bunted into a fielder's choice. Agner drove in the third run on double before courtesy runner Baler Waters (running for Bonsall) scored when Walker hit into a fielder's choice.

Starting pitcher Lee went five innings, giving up one run on four hits. He had five strikeouts.

Bonsall and Clayton Poppell each pitched one inning, with Bonsall giving up one hit and Poppell allowing none.

On April 14, Union scored four runs in the sixth to defeat host First Coast 6-3.

The Tigers trailed 2-0, but evened it up in the fourth. Elixson and Lee reached on a single and an error, respectively. A Lasseter single loaded the bases before Elixson scored on a Bonsall ground out. Lee later scored when Walker hit into a fielder's choice.

It was 3-2 in favor of First Coast before the Tigers' big sixth inning. The bases were loaded with one out when Miller drew

a walk to force the tying run in. Elixson, who went 2 for 4, then hit a two-run single, followed by a sacrifice fly by Lee that scored the final run.

Devin Diggs earned the win, giving up three runs, five hits and two walks in 4.2 innings. He had nine strikeouts.

Bonsall pitched the final 2.1 innings, allowing no hits and striking out four.

Union played Columbia this past Wednesday (April 19) and will host University Christian on Thursday, April 20, at 7 p.m. The Tigers travel to play Baker County on Tuesday, April 25, at 6:30 p.m.

## KHHS defeats Palatka 13-4

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Connor Guy and Chase Packham each drove in two runs as part of a 10-run first inning as the Keystone Heights High School baseball team defeated host Palatka 13-4 on April 11.

The Indians (13-4) opened the game with back-to-back doubles from Packham and Austin Musgrove, with Musgrove's hit scoring Packham. Keystone loaded the bases with two outs when Guy and Andrew Wilson were hit by pitches. Gage Smith and Aiden Screen drew walks to force two runs in, while the four run scored on a passed ball. Wil Rogel reached on an error, which scored a run and put Keystone ahead 5-0.

Packham, who went 2 for 5 with two RBI, then stepped up for his second at-bat of the inning, hitting a single that plated two runs. After Musgrove reached on an error, Guy hit a two-run

single. Ryan Jones reached on an error which allowed the final run of the inning to score.

Guy and Smith finished with two RBI each, while Musgrove Screen each had one.

Starting pitcher Smith allowed four runs through five innings, giving up four hits and one walk.

Guy pitched the final two innings, giving up one hit and no walks.

The Indians, who are ranked 21st in the Florida High School Athletic Association's Class 3A power rankings, played Orange Park and Yulee this past Tuesday (April 18) and Wednesday (April 19) and will travel to play Fernandina Beach on Friday, April 21, at 6:30 p.m. Yulee is ranked 18th in Class 4A, while Fernandina Beach is ranked eighth in 3A.

Keystone travels to play Toco Creek on Monday, April 24, at 6:30 p.m. before returning home to play North Marion on Tuesday, April 25, at 6:30 p.m. North Marion is ranked second in 4A.

## BHS entered Union game off losses to Suwannee, Interlachen

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Prior to playing Union County on April 17 (see related story), the Bradford High School baseball team suffered losses against visiting Suwannee and Interlachen.

The Tornadoes were held to three hits in a 6-1 loss to Suwannee on April 11.

Bradford scored the game's first run when Jeffrey Brugh hit a two-out single that scored Ryland Rike in the bottom of the second.

Suwannee scored four runs in the third, taking advantage of four singles, a double and an error.

On April 14, Mattox Burgin had Bradford's only hit in a 12-0, five-inning loss to Interlachen.

The Tornadoes host Palatka on Thursday, April 20, at 7 p.m. and travel to play Hamilton County on Friday, April 21, at 6:30 p.m. Bradford returns home Monday, April 24, to play Madison County at 6 p.m. before traveling to play Wolfson on Wednesday, April 26, at 6 p.m.

## LBMS girls track and field team earns 4 top-3 finishes

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Lake Butler Middle School participated in a track and field meet in Branford on April 12, with girls team member Ivy Wilson earning a pair of third-place finishes and running as part of the runner-up 4x100m relay team.

The relay team also consisted of Brianna Taylor, Suniyah Henderson and Khamari Ellis.

Wilson's third-place finishes occurred in the 100m and 200m.

Melinda Mabrey also earned a top-three finish for the girls team, placing third in the shot put.

On the boys side, Gavin Smith, Brayolen Tyson, Zayden Williams and Ashton Bunkley teamed up for a second-place finish in the 4x100m. Phoenix Bryant took fourth in the shot put.

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## CHAMPS

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the value of hard work, said Overton's path to two state championships was a long one.

"He's been doing this since the eighth grade," Lowery said. "It's an accumulation of time — just time, day in and day out."

Jeffries earned two runner-up medals at last year's state finals, but was able to come away with one championship this year despite missing two of his clean and jerk attempts.

"It's very emotional," Jeffries said. "I worked very hard for this. It sucks that I had a very bad total. That's probably one of my worst yet, but I still won. I'm just happy."

Jeffries was successful on his first clean and jerk attempt of 300, but then missed 325 twice. His 300 was still the second-best total in his class and was 15 pounds more than the third-best total.

In the bench press, Jeffries missed 330 on his first attempt, but came back to get it successfully on his second attempt. He then did 345 on his third attempt to finish with an overall total of 645, which put him 15 pounds ahead of Suwannee's Brandon Robinson.

Jeffries said it was easy to put his missed lifts behind him when he thought of his senior teammates and how he wanted to do his part to send them out as

part of a championship team.

"I didn't do it for myself," he said. "I did it for my teammates. My coach walked up to me and whispered in my ear: 'Think about the seniors right now.' I went into sudden tunnel vision. It's amazing what you can do for family."

Jeffries earned two medals as he also placed third in the Olympic competition. His 215 snatch, coupled with his clean and jerk, gave him a 515 total.

Keystone actually had three lifters finish with the top totals in their classes in the traditional competition, but Reid Begue had to settle for second place in the 139 class. He and Hilliard's Colton Conner each had a 505 total, but Conner was awarded the championship due to the fact he weighed in at 1 pound less than Begue.

"It feels great," said Begue, who had a 230 clean and jerk and a 275 bench press. "I'm a little disappointed because I was looking for first place. This was my third year, so I was really looking to pull it out, but tying for first and losing by body weight isn't as bad as just straight up losing."

Hovsepian was close to winning his class in the traditional competition, but judges ruled that his rear end came up off the bench on his third bench press attempt of 325 pounds. Officially, his best bench press was 305. That and a 305 clean and jerk gave him a second-place total of 610, which left him trailing Suwannee's Sam Wainwright by 20 pounds.

"It just didn't happen. God must've wanted me to get second," Hovsepian said, adding, "I was so close. So close. It's OK, though. Everything happens for a reason."

Hovsepian looked at the bigger picture, saying, "We still came out as three-time state champion. It feels great."

Near championship misses aside, Hovsepian and Begue walked away with two medals each. Hovsepian placed third in his class in the Olympic

competition, getting a snatch of 215 and finishing with a 520 total. Begue was fourth in his class in the Olympic competition, getting a snatch of 165 and finishing with a 395 total.

## Schenck earns a runner-up medal

Besides Begue and Hovsepian, Keystone had another runner-up in Schenck, who had a second-place total of 525 in the Olympic competition. He had a snatch of 225 and a clean and jerk of 300.

Schenck admitted his feelings were bittersweet because he had won a state championship in 2022, but was happy that his snatch total was 20 pounds better this year and that he did his part in Keystone being the Olympic runner-up.

"It hurts a little bit. It's good and bad at the same time," Schenck said. "It scored the points that we needed in order to be able to place second as a team in Olympic. I did break my record from last year. I wasn't able to get first place, where I wanted to be, but I'm not mad. As long as it helped the team."

On the traditional side, Schenck earned a medal for placing fifth. He had a 280 bench press, which, when coupled with his clean and jerk, gave him a 580 total and more points to put toward the team score and the eventual third straight state title.

"I feel blessed to be a part of it," Schenck said.

## More medal winners

Wyatt Van Zant earned two medals, while Tyler Anthony-Rozier, Jayden Goodman, Dakota Roper and Sam Ulsch each earned one.

Van Zant, competing in the 139 class, had a third-place traditional total of 470 (225 bench press, 245 clean and jerk) and a third-place Olympic total of 415 (170 snatch, 245 clean and jerk). He was successful on all nine of his lift attempts (snatch,

bench press and clean and jerk). In fact, he had only one instance in which a judge deemed one of his lifts unsuccessful (though it was ultimately a good lift based on the other two judges).

"Wyatt got one red light all day," Lowery said, adding, "He's as steady as it gets."

Anthony-Rozier and Ulsch both earned third-place finishes in the traditional competition. Ulsch had a bench press of 280 and a clean and jerk of 240 for a 520 total in the 154 class, while Anthony-Rozier had a bench press of 370 and a clean and jerk of 265 for a 565 total in the 238 class. The two lifters had the second-best bench press totals in their classes.

Roper placed fourth in the 199 class in the traditional competition with a 580 total. He went six of six on his attempts, with a best bench press of 340 and a best clean and jerk of 240. Roper's bench press total was the second-best in his class.

Goodman took fifth in the 219 class in the Olympic competition with a 490 total. He had a 205 snatch and a 285 clean and jerk.

Jed Tisdale fell two spots shy of earning a medal in the Olympic competition. He had a snatch of 105 and a clean and jerk of 160 to finish with an eighth-place total of 265. He was 25 pounds away from earning a medal.

Bryson Wester placed in the top 10 in the traditional competition with a ninth-place total of 565 (310 bench press, 255 clean and jerk) in the 199 class.

Ulsch placed 10th in the Olympic competition with a 395 total (155 snatch).

Anthony-Rozier earned a 10th-place finish in the Olympic competition as well. He had a 185 snatch and finished with a 450 overall total.

## Other results

Keystone also had the following traditional results: Tisdale 320 (160 bench press, 160 clean and jerk), 12th place; Colton Hollingsworth 315 (170, 145), 14th 119 class; Declan Shine 395 (210, 185), 11th 129 class; Goodman 565 (280, 285), 11th; and Brayden Wester 550 (280, 270), 13th 238.

On the Olympic side, the Indians had these additional results: Hollingsworth 245 (100 snatch), 15th; Davin Adams 355 (145 snatch, 210 clean and jerk), 18th 154; Bryson Wester 425 (170 snatch), 12th; Jackson Herman 445 (195 snatch, 250 clean and jerk), 11th 238; and Tyler Duncan 440 (180 snatch, 260 clean and jerk), 15th unlimited.

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# Legal Notices

Legals for the week of April 20, 2023

## BRADFORD

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

Certificate Number: 858  
Year of Issuance: 2020  
Parcel Number: 03820-0-00000 Case Number: 04-2023-TD-0004  
Description of Property:  
Legal Description: Township 6 South, Range 22 East  
Section 29: Begin at the NE corner of the NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 29, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, run West 100 feet, thence run South 15 feet, thence run West 50 feet to a POINT OF BEGINNING, thence run South 100 feet, thence run West 50 feet, thence run North 100 feet, thence

Run East 50 feet, to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Bradford County, Florida  
Name in Which Assessed: DIANA LYNNE HALEY  
Name on last tax roll, if different: All of said property being in the County of Bradford, State of Florida. Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the BRADFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, STARKE, FL on 06/14/2023, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.  
Denny Thompson, Clerk Of The Circuit Court Bradford County, Florida  
BY: LISA BRANNON, Deputy Clerk  
DATED: March 28, 2023  
DATE OF PUBLICATION: APRIL 6 2023; APRIL 13 2023; APRIL 20 2023; APRIL 27 2023

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### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

File No. 23000014CPAXMX  
IN RE: ESTATE OF LEE ANDREWS BASS

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of LEE ANDREWS BASS, deceased, whose date of death was November 3, 2021; File Number 23000014CPAXMX, is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Post Office Box 340, Starke, FL 32091. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is: April 13, 2023.

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### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

Certificate Number: 967  
Year of Issuance: 2020  
Parcel Number: 04691-0-00200

Case Number: 04-2023-TD-0006  
Description of Property: A parcel of land lying in the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of Section 5, Township 7 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northwest Corner of said NE1/4 of NE1/4 and run thence North 89 degrees, 11 minutes and 50 seconds East along the Northerly boundary thereof a distance of 52.95 feet to a concrete monument; run thence South 1 degree, 54 minutes and 40 seconds East a distance of 105 feet to a concrete monument at the beginning of a curve, said curve being concave to the West and having a radius of 432.7 feet run thence in a Southerly direction along the arc of said curve, a chord distance of 50.03 feet to a concrete monument for point of beginning, said chord having a bearing of South 1 degree, 24 minutes and 10 seconds West. From point of beginning thus described, run in a Southwesterly direction along aforesaid arc, a chord distance of 107.6 feet to a concrete monument, last aforesaid chord having a bearing of South 11 degrees, 51 minutes and 30 seconds West; run thence North 89 degrees, 11 minutes and 50 seconds East a distance of 133.52 feet to a concrete monument; run thence North 1 degree, 54 minutes and 40 seconds West to a concrete monument; run thence South 89 degrees, 11 minutes and 50 seconds East a distance of 107.9 feet to point of beginning.

Name in Which Assessed: ALBERT JAMES SIMMONS & DEBRA RUE SIMMONS  
Name on last tax roll, if different: ALBERT JAMES SIMMONS SR ET AL  
All of said property being in the County of Bradford, State of Florida. Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the BRADFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, STARKE, FL on 06/14/2023, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.

Denny Thompson, Clerk Of The Circuit Court Bradford County, Florida  
BY: L. Brannon  
LISA BRANNON, Deputy Clerk  
DATED: April 4, 2023  
DATE OF PUBLICATION: 04-13-2023; 04-20-2023; 04-27-2023; 05-04-2023

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### NOTICE OF SALE

T & M Towing gives notice of lien and intent to sell these vehicles on May 1st, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at T & M Storage yard located at 3687 Ambient Air Rd., Starke, FL 32091. T & M Towing reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.  
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### PUBLIC HEARING

A HEARING REGARDING THE BELOW RULES WILL BE HELD  
May 15, 2023  
5:15 P.M.

Bradford County School District Office  
501 West Washington Street,  
Starke Florida 32091

POLICY NUMBER: 5.030+  
POLICY TITLE: Student Assignment  
PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The School Board shall establish residential attendance zones for each school based  
SUMMARY: REVISION: The Superintendent may assign a student to any district school or educational program if it is in the best interest of the school district.  
POLICY NUMBER: 5.032  
POLICY TITLE: School Zone Boundary Descriptions  
PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of this policy is to make aware of the school zone of where one resides.  
SUMMARY: NEW: The policy explains in detail the School Boundaries for Bradford Elementary, Lawtey Elementary and Starke Elementary Schools.  
POLICY NUMBER: 5.150\*  
POLICY TITLE: Administration of Medication  
PURPOSE AND EFFECT: Awareness of Opioid Antagonist Naloxone ("Narcan")  
SUMMARY: REVISION: Adding the Ability for schools to maintain and dispense Narcan. Policy is required but the Narcan language is district choice.

POLICY NUMBER: 5.190\*+  
POLICY TITLE: Student Records  
POLICY NUMBER: 6.451  
POLICY TITLE: Drug Free Workplace - Pre-Employment Drug Screening  
PURPOSE AND EFFECT: An effort to meet its commitment to provide children with a quality education and eliminate future substance abuse related costs from its operation.  
SUMMARY: REVISION: General review and corrections to the last update.  
POLICY NUMBER: 7.170\*  
POLICY TITLE: Authorized Travel Expenses  
PURPOSE AND EFFECT: Addresses travel for officers and employees of the school board and reimbursement  
SUMMARY: REVISION: To establish

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the maximum rate established by Florida Statutes for public employees  
POLICY NUMBER: 7.400\*#  
POLICY TITLE: Online Educational Services Agreement/Contracts  
PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The district is committed to maintaining the privacy and security of student data and teacher and principal data and will following all applicable laws and regulations  
SUMMARY: REVISION: Pursuant to Administrative Rule change 6A-1.0955  
SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION: The School Board has determined that this policy will not have an adverse impact on small business or likely increase directly or indirectly regulatory costs in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate within one year after the implementation of the policy. A statement of estimated regulatory costs ("SERC") has not been prepared by the School Board. The School Board has determined that the proposed policy is not expected to require legislative ratification based on no SERC being required at this time by F.S. 120.54 or F.S. 120.541. In the event a SERC becomes required, the School Board will promptly prepare one.

Any person who wishes to provide information regarding the statement of estimated regulatory costs, or to provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days of this notice.  
RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 1001.41, 1001.42, F.S.  
THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: For information regarding the proposed rule, how to present evidence and argument as to the proposed rule, and how to obtain a copy (at no charge) of the proposed rule, please contact: Lila Sellars, sellars.lila@mybradford.us and 904-966-6018. Any request to present evidence and argument must be received within twenty-one (21) days after the date of this notice.  
DATE AND PLACE OF THE NOTICE OF RULE DEVELOPMENT: April 10, 2023, 5:00 P.M. Bradford County School District Office 501 West Washington Street, Starke Florida 32091

All policies can be found on the Bradford County School District web page @ www.bradfordschools.org - School Board - Agenda tab  
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### NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA A HEARING REGARDING THE BELOW RULE WILL BE HELD

May 15, 2023  
5:01 P.M.

Bradford County School District Office  
501 West Washington Street, Starke Florida 32091

TITLE: Redistricting Map "D2"  
PURPOSE: To stay in compliance every 10 years. The School Board and The Bradford County Commissioners met and work together during scheduled workshops creating a map that would represent the residents of Bradford County fair and equally in each district.

DATE AND PLACE OF THE NOTICE OF RULE DEVELOPMENT: April 10, 2023, 5:00 P.M. Bradford County School District Office 501 West Washington Street, Starke Florida 32091  
Between the Bradford county Commissioners and The Bradford County School Board - Redistricting Map "D2"  
The map can be found on the Bradford County School District web page @ www.bradfordschools.org - School Board - Agenda tab  
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### COMMISSION MEETING

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Bradford County Board of County Commissioners will have a board meeting on May 2, 2023 at 9:30 AM inside the county commission meeting room, located in the north wing section of the Bradford County Courthouse, 945 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, FL. A copy of the meeting agenda may be obtained from the Bradford County website: www.bradfordcountyfl.gov. Said meeting location is secured - no firearms or weapons are permitted.  
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### BUDGET WORKSHOP

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Bradford County Board of County Commissioners will hold a budget workshop on May 2, at 10:30 a.m. at the Bradford County Courthouse, inside the County Commission Chambers, located at 945 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, FL. The public is encouraged to visit www.bradfordcountyfl.gov/meetings or to call the Office of the County Manager at (904) 966-6327 to obtain a copy of the agenda for this meeting.  
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### PUBLIC AUCTION

Ron Denmark Mini Storage will hold a public auction on 4/28/23 10:00 am at 2117 N. Temple Ave. Starke, FL on the following units containing

personal items:  
# 110 - Belonging to V. Atkinson  
# 120 & 136 - Belonging to M. Bushey  
# 167 - Belonging to A. Hinds  
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Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact and Record of Decision Environmental Assessment for Facility and Infrastructure Improvements at the Keystone Heights Airport  
The Federal Aviation Administration, Orlando Airports District Office, has announced that a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and Record of Decision (ROD) has been approved based on the findings of an Environmental Assessment (EA) prepared for proposed facility and infrastructure improvements at the Keystone Heights Airport (42J). The overall Proposed Project components evaluated in the EA are summarized below.

Construct an aircraft maintenance and training facility on an approximately 17-acre site located on the south side of the airfield. The aircraft maintenance and training facility will support comprehensive training simulator-based and infield training programs for P-3 aircrew positions, provide ground operator and maintenance personnel training platforms and classes, and expand logistics and shipping warehouse space.  
Construct approximately 4,330 linear feet of a new 2-lane access road to provide additional access between SR 100, the Airport terminal, and future development sites on Airport property. Construct roadway traffic safety and capacity improvements, including acceleration and deceleration lanes on SR-100 west of the Airport, and improve the existing intersection of SR-100 and Airport Road.  
Clear and grade approximately 51 total acres of undeveloped Airport property for future non-aeronautical commercial and light industrial development.  
Install fiber optic broadband internet infrastructure throughout the airport, adjacent to existing and proposed access roads or within existing utility easements.

An economic analysis forecasts that the Proposed Project will serve as a catalyst for three to four aviation based and/or manufacturing based companies, generating a minimum of 160 new jobs, an annual employment impact of \$7.2 million, and a capital investment projection of approximately \$16.4 million over the first four years of project operations. In addition to recruiting potential new businesses, 42J is currently home to existing businesses who require the expansion of nonaeronautical development space, increased airport roadway access, and improved telecommunications capabilities that would be realized with the Proposed Project.

As described in the EA, the aircraft maintenance and training facility would increase Lockheed P-3 Orion aircraft operations at 42J. Current operations at 42J are approximately 36,896 annually. An aircraft operation is defined as one take-off or one landing. The Proposed Project is forecasted to generate an additional 26 annual aircraft operations at 42J in 2024 and 296 additional operations in 2029. The EA analyzed the increase in aircraft noise levels associated with this increase in aircraft operations. There will be a minor increase in aircraft noise because of the Proposed Project, but the DNL 65 dB contour remains on airport property and all land uses within the contour remain compatible. No residences or other noise-sensitive structures are affected.

A Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) projected that the Proposed Project could add up to 226 peak hourly vehicle trips on SR-100 by 2025, and up to 1,308 peak hourly vehicle trips by 2035. The TIA further assessed the projected Level of Service (LOS) at the existing SR-100/Airport Road intersection and at the intersection of SR-100 and the proposed access road at 81st Street. Impacts to local traffic patterns affecting the LOS at these intersections are not significant when mitigation measures, which are included as part of the Proposed Project, are implemented. Approximately 2.19 acres of Zone A floodplain intersect with the Proposed Project. Zone A is defined as those areas subject to inundation by the one percent annual chance flood event. Floodplain impacts were evaluated to determine the magnitude and potential effects of 100-year floodplain encroachment. The Proposed Project would include unavoidable floodplain encroachment, but impacts are not considered significant. Floodplain encroachment will be mitigated by drainage system improvements that will be designed to properly convey and store stormwater and will not impede floodwater flows during major storm events.

In addition, the Proposed Project is not expected to impact air quality, protected species or their habitats, historical and cultural resources, or wetlands and other water resources. The EA did not identify any significant environmental, social, or economic impacts associated with the overall Proposed Project or FAA's Proposed Action.

The FONSI/ROD indicates that the FAA Proposed Action is consistent with existing environmental policies and objectives as set forth in the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 in that it will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment. Copies of the FONSI/ROD and Final EA are available to the public at the following locations: Keystone Heights Airport 7150 Airport Road Starke, FL 32091 and https://keystoneairport.com/environmental-assessment/ Published on April 20, 2023.  
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### AMENDED NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

Certificate Number: 902  
Year of Issuance: 2020  
Parcel Number: 04318-0-00300  
Case Number: 04-2023-TD-0005  
Description of Property: North one-half of Lot 3 of Block 5 Lincoln City in S1/2 of SE1/4 W of Ry., Sec. 32 Twp. 6 S.R. 22 E. (Per Warranty Deed recorded in Deed Book 60, Page 373) South one-half of Lot 3 of Block 5 Lincoln City in S1/2 of SE1/4 W of Ry., Sec. 32 Twp. 6 S.R., 22 E. (Per Warranty Deed recorded in Deed Book 48, Page 354)  
Name in Which Assessed: ALBERTA COLLINS

Name on last tax roll, if different: COLLINS ALBERTA EST  
All of said property being in the County of Bradford, State of Florida. Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the BRADFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, STARKE, FL on 06/14/2023, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.  
Denny Thompson, Clerk Of The Circuit Court Bradford County, Florida  
BY: L Brannon  
LISA BRANNON, Deputy Clerk  
DATED: April 17, 2023  
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## UNION

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

CASE NO.: 63-2021-DP-000031  
IN THE INTEREST OF:  
W., F. (F) DOB: 1/30/2018  
W., D. (F) DOB: 6/21/2022  
Minor Children

NOTICE OF SUIT FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS AND PLACEMENT FOR ADOPTION THE STATE OF FLORIDA  
TO: Amber William  
ADDRESS UNKNOWN

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

Under the American with Disabilities Act, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at (352) 337-6237, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance. If you are hearing or voice impaired, please call 711. If you are deaf or hard of hearing and require an ASL interpreter or an assisted listening device to participate in a proceeding, please contact Court Interpreting at interpreter@circuit8.org.  
This notice shall be published once a week for four consecutive weeks

in The Bradford County Telegraph newspaper of Starke, Florida. WITNESS my hand as the clerk of said Court and the Seal therefore, March 23, 2023.  
J. K. "Jess" Irby, Esq.  
Clerk of Circuit Court  
BY T. Duker  
Deputy Clerk

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

Case #: 23000010CAAXMX  
UNITED WHOLESALE MORTGAGE, LLC

Plaintiff,  
-VS.-  
Honar Mzory; Unknown Spouse of Honar Mzory; Unknown Parties in Possession #1, if living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s); Unknown Parties in Possession #2, if living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF ACTION FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS-PROPERTY  
TO: Unknown Spouse of Honar Mzory; LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 13135 Northeast 235<sup>th</sup> Court, Raiford, FL 32083  
Residence unknown, if living, including any unknown spouse of the said Defendants, if either has remarried and if either or both of said Defendants are dead, their respective unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, creditors, lienors, and trustees, and all other persons claiming by, through, under or against the named Defendant(s); and the aforementioned named Defendant(s) and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendants and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendants as may be infants, incompetents or otherwise not sui juris.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action has been commenced to foreclose a mortgage on the following real property, lying and being and situated in Union County, Florida, more particularly described as follows:  
A PARCEL OF LAND LYING, BEING AND SITUATE IN SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST, UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:  
COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 17, AND RUN SOUTH 01 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 35 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 17, A DISTANCE OF 1332.41 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 17; THENCE RUN NORTH 88 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 46 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 17, A DISTANCE OF 552.18 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED PARCEL OF LAND: THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 18 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 628.40 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 88 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 46 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 346.59 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 18 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 628.40 FEET TO THE INTERSECTION WITH THE AFORESAID SOUTH LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 17; THENCE RUN SOUTH 88 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 46 SECONDS WEST, ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 17, A DISTANCE OF 346.59 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING SUBJECT TO A COUNTY MAINTAINED LIMEROCK ROAD OVER, ACROSS AND ALONG THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY THEREOF.  
more commonly known as 13135 Northeast 235th Court, Raiford, FL 32083.

This action has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defense, if any, upon LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP, Attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is 2424 North Federal Highway, Suite 360, Boca Raton, FL 33431, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this notice and file the original with the clerk of this Court either before with service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on the 10th day of April, 2023.

Kellie Hendricks Rhoades  
Circuit and County Courts  
BY: C. Norman  
Deputy Clerk  
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## Young hits homer, drives in 4 runs in UC's 12-5 win

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Tamia Young hit a three-run home run and drove in four runs total in the Union County High

School softball team's 12-5 win over visiting Chiefland on April 11.

The Tigers scored three runs each in the first and second innings. Angela Tucker hit an RBI single and scored on a steal of home in the first, which also included an RBI single by Campbell Webb. In the second, Young and Leah Clark hit RBI singles, while Leigh Ann Dicks

drove in a run on a ground out.

Young, who went 2 for 2, hit a 2-2 pitch over the fence in center field in the sixth, scoring Hannah Rivera, who doubled, and Clark, who was hit by a pitch.

Rivera, who also hit a triple, went 2 for 2, while Tucker went 3 for 5.

Webb finished with two RBI, while Clark, Dicks, Tucker and Hayley Burke each had one.

Lily Neal pitched a complete game, giving up eight hits and striking out three.

Union hosts Branford on Thursday, April 20, at 6:30 p.m. and travels to play Santa Fe on Monday, April 24, at 7 p.m.

Branford is ranked second in the Florida High School Athletic Association's Class 1A power poll, while Santa Fe is the 19th-ranked team in 3A.

four unanswered runs in defeating the Bradford High School softball team 5-2 on April 17.

The Tornadoes (5-8) had two on with two outs in the bottom of the second when Rylie Blankenship hit a triple that scored Kallie Yowell, who reached on a walk, and Amber Wynn, who reached on a single.

Blankenship finished 3 for 3, while Addyson Hinds went 2 for 4.

Bradford entered the game off a 4-3 loss to visiting Orange Park on April 14.

The Tornadoes tied the score at 3-3 with two runs in the sixth. Hinds hit a leadoff double, advanced on a Kirsten Hodges bunt and scored on a Madison Highland single. One out later, Wynn hit an RBI double.

Orange Park led off the top of the seventh with a double and single to score the winning run.

Hinds went 3 for 3 with two doubles, while Wynn was 2 for 3 with one RBI.

Blankenship went 2 for 4 with one RBI.

Bradford hosts Hawthorne on Thursday, April 20, at 7 p.m. and travels to play Buchholz on Friday, April 21, at 7 p.m. The Tornadoes then travel to play Suwannee on Monday, April 24, at 7 p.m. before returning home to play Bishop Snyder on Tuesday, April 25, at 7 p.m.

The Tornadoes are looking to snap a two-game losing streak. They already have victories over Bishop Snyder and Hawthorne this season by scores of 16-2 and 15-4, respectively.

## BHS softball team drops 5-2 game to Purple Hurricanes

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
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