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Bradford High School evacuated after bomb threat

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

STARKE — Bradford School District officials evacuated the district's high school on Monday, April 18 after a caller claiming to be a teacher reported seeing a person on campus with a suspicious package.

Bradford Undersheriff Brad Smith said the caller, whom he said had an Asian accent, reported seeing wires coming out of the parcel.

Law enforcement officers found no package, nor the person described by the caller, and after



Law enforcement officers closed the streets surrounding Bradford High School Monday morning while they searched for a reported suspicious package.

several hours, students were returned to the Temple Avenue campus.

Smith said that although the caller reporting the potential explosive claimed to be a teacher, officials verified no high school teacher made the call.

In addition, a similar call was made the same morning to a Columbia County school, prompting an evacuation there.

"This appears to be a coordinated threat," Smith said. "We will be working with the Columbia County Sheriff's office while continuing our investigation."



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WORTH NOTING

Gianas honored for commitment to rural health care

BY BEN CARTER
Bradford County Fire Rescue

On April 5, Dr. Peter Gianas was posthumously awarded the "Wendell N. Rollason Award" by the Florida Rural Health Association. Each year, this achievement award is presented to individuals who have contributed tirelessly to the goals of the Florida Rural Health Association and have provided an enduring contribution to rural healthcare.

In the spirit of Wendell Rollason, awardees are honored for their compassion, selflessness, and commitment to seeking solutions to the delivery of health care and quality of life to rural Floridians.

At the award presentation, the following was stated: "Florida Rural Health Association wishes to honor Dr. Gianas' lifelong leadership, dedication and service in the field of EMS, benefiting underserved rural Floridians."

Bradford County Fire Rescue Chief Allen Parrish and Deputy Chief Ben Carter were honored to be there to accept the award on behalf of Dr. Gianas.

Chief Parrish stated the following: "When I was asked to accept this award on behalf of Dr. Gianas,



Bradford County Fire Rescue Director Allen Parrish accepts the award on behalf of Dr. Peter Gianas.

I had to do some research to learn what this award represented. After learning about Wendell Rollason and his contribution to rural health care in Florida, I knew Dr. Gianas would be honored to receive this award. Over the lifetime that I knew Dr. Gianas, I've seen him honored by receiving many awards and accolades, but I think out of all the awards he has been given, he probably would have been most proud of this one."

Dr. Gianas advocated that it didn't matter if you were in the biggest city in the country or the smallest, you deserved the same level of health care. He didn't just believe that, he made that his lifework. He made many trips to other countries to perform charity work, further demonstrating his passion for equal health care.

From his tenure in the emergency room, to his time spent as medical director for multiple EMS agencies, Dr. Gianas left behind a legacy of compassion for his patients and superior health care in rural communities. His legacy is carried on daily by those who were fortunate enough to have trained under him. The number of patients who were positively impacted by Dr. Gianas is unfathomable.

Meet the Garden Club

The Alligator Creek Garden Club will be holding a "Meet and Greet" at the Bradford County Senior Center on Thursday, April 21, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Drop in anytime to see displays of some of the things the club is doing. Contact Paul Still at 904 368-029 or email stillpe@aol.com for more information.

Democrats to meet

Bradford County Democrats will hold their regular meeting on Monday, April 25, at 7 p.m. on Zoom only. They are bringing in new volunteers as they build teams for this election year. All Democrats are welcome to attend. To receive the Zoom link, contact bradfordcodec@gmail.com or 904-526-2257.

School board retreat

The Bradford County School Board will meet at the district office Monday, April 25, at 4 p.m. for an extended workshop retreat. The session is open to the public.

Kindergarten registration at KHES

Keystone Heights Elementary School kindergarten registration will be in person this year, but by appointments only, on Thursday, May 12, and Tuesday, May 17.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call 904-336-1375.

Bradford workshops potential revenue sources

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

STARKE — Following a workshop full of information on Bradford County Fire Rescue's next budget request, commissioners took a step back April 12 to consider possible revenue sources.

According to attorney Will Sexton, both commissioners and department heads have questions about available revenue as well as possible new funding sources. How far, for example, is the county away from balancing its budget given the nearly

\$600,000 proposed cut to the fire rescue budget, Commissioner Danny Riddick inquired.

In addition to taxes on new development, the county is also expecting property values to rise when Appraiser Kenny Clark announces taxable values this summer.

Without an audit of last year's financials, commissioners don't know if attempts to control spending have had a positive effect on the general fund balance. It's possible the trend of depleting the fund balance has continued.

Chief Deputy Clerk Rachel Rhoden pointed out the budget has not been audited since the board added \$1.3 million for the paid fire department as well as an employee pay raise.

Sexton said accountants might complete a first draft of the 2020-21 audit by the end of the month.

In the meantime, commissioners don't want to pull the trigger on any new funding sources without knowing its crucial to impose new taxes or fees to balance the budget.

Several sources are up for discussion.

Impact fees

Commissioners all seem to agree that impact fees are the least popular with the public, and therefore they are the least popular with the commission. Commissioner Carolyn Spooner said while they must consider all potential revenue sources, impact fees were the "last resort."

Commission Chairman Chris Dougherty did point to surrounding

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State asks Alachua and Bradford counties to pay up

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

STARKE — Alachua and Bradford counties are jointly responsible for repaying nearly \$900,000 to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

The amount was spelled out in a final determination letter following compliance monitoring of CareerSource North Central Florida spending and operations between 2017 and 2020.

DEO questioned nearly \$6 million in costs. The final amount of disallowed costs was determined to be more than \$1.4 million. Of that amount, \$872,814 is owed to DEO.

According to the final determination letter, "This amount is subject to federal debt collection and must be repaid from non-federal funding sources. Because this finding affects all funding sources, DEO recommends that the board consult with the other grantor

agencies for instructions on the remaining balance of the disallowed costs."

Last week, the Alachua County Commission met and agreed to pay the full amount out of its reserves. The cost will be allocated between the counties based on the prorated split of operating the Alachua and Bradford county career centers. This will likely make Bradford's share around 13%, or \$113,360.

The obligation comes at a time when Bradford County is looking

at cutting services to control spending. Alachua has indicated that if Bradford cannot afford a lump sum reimbursement, an interlocal agreement could be proposed to repay Alachua County over time.

DEO is also giving the counties six months to provide an independent auditor's report for Fiscal Year 2019 and an independent accountant's agreed upon procedures report for Fiscal Year 2020 because there are not sufficient records to complete a

2020 audit. They must adequately disclose of the financial results of the grants awarded and ensure the effectiveness of safeguards and accountability for all funds awarded by DEO.

In 2020, DEO released a 32-page report with 13 findings and other observations. Among them was the fact that the administrative company hired to run CareerSource had installed one of its own employees as executive director, but it was that director's job to oversee

the administrative entity. Issues of spending state and federal grant awards, as well as auditing and record retention, were also reported.

Focused Management Solutions is no longer running CareerSource North Central Florida, which has been reorganized to place the counties and workforce board in greater charge of oversight.

Winn-Dixie liquor store denied special exception request

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

STARKE — Winn-Dixie alcohol sales will remain restricted to beer and wine. On April 18, the Starke Board of Adjustment denied a special exception application to place a liquor store on the premises.

Winn-Dixie brought the application to the board on behalf of Belco Enterprises, owner of the grocery store site as well as the neighboring strip mall on Orange Street.

The application came with a positive recommendation from staff at the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council. Planner Sandra Joseph repeatedly emphasized the placement of the 1,586 square-

foot liquor store within Winn-Dixie's nearly 59,000 square-foot footprint as the reason the addition would have no impact on public facilities, parking, transportation, environment, etc.

Citizen Ron Denmark, however, testified there would indeed be an impact on public health, safety and morals, asking Board of Adjustment members to take more complete look at the standards for approving or denying a special exception within the city's land development regulations.

"I haven't seen any evidence how this would promote public health, how it would promote safety, morals," Denmark said. Entering several documents into the record, he said the licensing

and sale of alcohol is profit driven at the expense of public health and safety. Citing an assessment from the local health department, he said substance abuse was a top problem for Bradford County, with drug and alcohol abuse being among the most problematic behaviors affecting public health.

According to Denmark, the applicant downplayed the impact to public health and safety of the new store by noting the availability of alcohol elsewhere in the city. Denmark turned that around, offering evidence he said tied the number of liquor stores and the availability of alcohol to the crime rate.

"In other words, the more alcohol stores you put in this city, the more crime will happen in the city," he said.

Citizen Danielle Smith

echoed his testimony, saying Starke has enough liquor stores already. She said they stay open late, increasing the chance for accidents.

Attorney Dan Sikes questioned the truth of the application, which inquires about special exception applications. The applicant said no. Sikes used newspaper coverage and city records to show otherwise.

Winn-Dixie submitted and then withdrew a special exception application for a liquor store on behalf of Belco in 2002. Sikes' client, Mina Thakor, who owns other liquor stores in town, also applied for a special exception while leasing property in the Belco-owned strip mall next door to Winn-Dixie. Thakor was unanimously denied the special exception in 2012, so Sikes said there was both a history

of applications and a history of denying an application.

Without this information and the opportunity for the Board of Adjustment to examine the reasons why the previous applications were either retracted or denied, Sikes said the current application was incomplete.

"My question would be, what has changed since 2012?" he asked.

Suzanne VanLeeuwen, the attorney representing Winn-Dixie, said they attempted a background check with city when completing the application, but were not provided with the information. She also objected to the various articles provided by Denmark being considered expert testimony.

Board of Adjustment Member Glenda Ruise asked if additional research had brought the prior

applications to light, would the applicant still be before the board requesting the special exception. She wanted to know if the same issues were raised at that time.

VanLeeuwen said the current application is concerned with the Winn-Dixie location, not the strip mall across the street, nor with a past application that the applicant withdrew.

Based on the information presented, Ruise moved to deny the application and was supported by fellow Board Member Carrie Johnson. Vice Chairman Walt Westcott cast a dissenting vote.

In her testimony, VanLeeuwen said the liquor store would have an added retail benefit for customers and nearby residents, operating only during the grocery store's normal hours. Four to five new jobs would have been created.

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counties who collect special assessment fees as a dedicated funding source for public safety services. Doing so allows them to lower the property tax rate, something Bradford Commissioners are concerned with after maximizing property tax collection this year to 10 mills.

One-cent sales surtax

One revenue source that would have a direct impact on the property tax rate is the Emergency Fire Rescue Services and Facilities Sales Surtax. Commissioners — with voter approval — could add one cent to the local sales tax to fund emergency services. Levying the tax also requires property taxes to be lowered by an equivalent amount. So, the sales tax is not new revenue, but it is a dedicated funding source for those services and one that spreads the cost among everyone who spends money in Bradford County.

Sexton has already discussed some drawbacks with the board, pointing out that only a single eligible county has levied the tax and now regrets it. He explained more about the statutory requirements, including what happens if the county underestimates the amount of revenue the additional sales tax brings in. If the county collects more than anticipated, it must send rebate checks to taxpayers.

Sales tax revenue fluctuates outside of the county's control. A number of economic factors can affect sales.

Sexton said if the county deliberately overestimates the projected revenue in order to avoid the rebate debacle, then it could wind up losing revenue because of the equivalent cut required in property taxes.

There is a revenue sharing requirement that could benefit the city of Starke, which has its own fire department. The percentage the city would receive is determined by a five-year average of how much each government spent on emergency services. In the short term, Starke would benefit since the county has not had a paid, full-time fire department for a full five-year period. Once it has, the percentages outlined in the interlocal agreement would shift.

Starke could, however, opt out all together as it would be subject to the same statutory requirements for collecting the tax, including rolling back property taxes.

The referendum requirement makes it difficult to base next year's budget on a revenue source that may not win at the ballot box.

Franchise fees

Electrical franchise fees aided the county's efforts to

lower the property tax rate in the past, which is why today's commissioners are scratching their heads and wondering how the county let the fees go.

Discussion about negotiating new fees with the area utilities proved contentious with the public, although commissioners didn't feel comments at a meeting to discuss franchise fees were necessarily representative of all their constituents.

Of the two utilities, only one — Florida Power and Light — expressed an immediate willingness to work with the county. Clay Electric indicated its decision would be based on feedback from its members, although Dougherty pointed out the electric cooperative has allowed franchise fees to be collected in other local counties and municipalities.

Commissioner Kenny Thompson previously suggested placing a franchise fee referendum on the ballot. The county is looking at the time frame for doing so as well as the cost involved.

Impact fees

Another past revenue source the county has relinquished are impact fees, charged to new residential and commercial development to help government pay the cost of growth. When the housing market crashed in 2008, the commission pass a moratorium to encourage people to continue building in Bradford.

Commissioners seem to agree it makes sense to ask developers to pay for the impact of growth. Dougherty has warned about being behind the curve when growth begins to take place. At the same time, the past implementation of impact fees has come into question.

Commissioners discussed the need to focus on two particular categories: public safety and transportation. Spreading impact fees to other areas like libraries and recreation dilutes the amount of revenue available for all categories. Public safety and transportation are the county's costliest services. Commissioners are prioritizing those services.

Sexton also reminded commissioners about the restricted use of impact fees, which must be tied to the developments responsible for the impact on county services.

Fees also need to be set high enough to pay for growth-related projects, like increasing road capacity.

Commissioners have time to consider what they've heard so far, and potentially get an advanced look at the 2020-21 audit before their next budget workshop, which is scheduled for May 3 at 6 p.m.

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At Bradford County Public Library's early literacy program Misty Dubose and Melanie Jackson encourage preschoolers to participate during story time. After showing the children black and white drawings in A Clown Magic Coloring Book, Dubose explained how to use "magic fingers" to add color to the pages.

Kindergarten roundup at Bradford schools

Are you the parent of a child turning 5 on or before Sept. 1, 2022? Then it's time to get your child registered for an exciting adventure with the start of kindergarten ahead in August 2022.

Bradford County Schools are pleased to host in-person events for parents and future Class of 2035 Tornados who will begin kindergarten in August.

The sessions are at:

—Lawtey Elementary, 904-966-6795, on Wednesday, April 27, at 9 a.m.

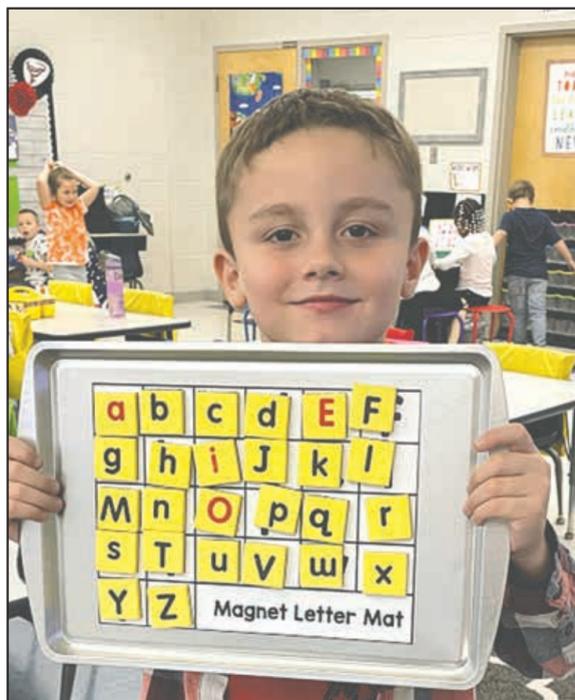
—Southside Elementary, 904-966-6061, on Friday, April 29, at 8:15 a.m.

—Starke Elementary, 904-966-6045, on Friday, April 29, at 8:15 a.m.

Not sure which session to attend? The address of your primary residence will determine the zoning of your child. If you're unsure, call the BCSD Transportation Department at 904-966-6734. They will be glad to provide this information for you.

Each event will allow the opportunity to meet school administrators and have a chance to catch a glimpse of a kindergarten classroom including students and teachers in action. You'll leave with a special treat to excite your child even more about this important next step.

Don't worry about completing a paper application before you visit the school. The registration process is now completed online.



26 letters organized to perfection! That's why Mason Rhoden is all smiles as he displays this magnetic letter mat in Ms. Lonon's kindergarten classroom at Starke Elementary.

You will need paper documents to support registration which include:

—birth certificate.
—a school entry health exam performed within 12 months prior to the first day of school.
—a required immunization certification.

—proof of residency including rental agreement or mortgage documents, plus a utility statement.

—a photo ID or driver's license of the parent/guardian.

A voluntary collection of the child's Social Security card,

which may be used for specific purposes including Medicaid eligibility and billing, scholarship applications, state assessments, and driver's licenses, round out the required registration documents to go along with the registration packet.

A student is not considered enrolled until all documents have been received.

If you want to get a head start on the enrollment process, go to www.bradfordschools.org and choose "Student Registration."

Preschool Storytime on Wednesdays

During Preschool Storytime at Bradford County Public Library, children 5 years old or younger can engage in a variety of entertaining activities designed for developing minds. This fun-packed early literacy program begins at 10 a.m. on Wednesdays throughout the month of April. To sign your child up, call 904-368-3911 and ask for the children's department.

College closes cosmetology program

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

STARKE — North Florida Technical College's cosmetology program is closing due to funding and other issues.

College Director Brad Bishop said the program has lost money, but that's not because the college or school district have decided to move that money elsewhere.

Money allocated through the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (Perkins V) or the Florida Career and Professional Education (CAPE) Act cannot be used to offset the cost of operating the cosmetology program. Unfortunately, the program costs now outweigh the funds generated from its operation, Bishop said.

According to Bishop, the cosmetology program does not meet the size, scope or quality that would make it eligible for Perkins Act funding, which is used in training students for high-wage, in-demand jobs. There are very few workforce areas in the state where cosmetology qualifies as high wage, he said. Cosmetology is not on the list of programs that qualify for CAPE Act fund, either.

Tuition costs are determined by the state and sit at \$2.88 an

hour, despite skyrocketing costs for the supply heavy program, plus salaries, benefits, insurance, etc. Add to that a revised rule that only allows the technical college to charge students for the time they attend the program instead of the total number of hours in the program.

"Certain programs do meet the size, scope and quality, so we can use some of our Perkins funds to support them. I can build a budget to help buy materials and consumables and equipment and those types of things," Bishop said. "If a student earns certification and (the program) is on the CAPE funding list, 12 months later we get money back for those certifications. But cosmetology is not on that list."

Superintendent of Schools Will Hartley said as they were meeting to discuss the college's employee allocations for next year, the performance of the cosmetology program came up and discussions of its closure began.

"At the end of the day, the district's financial status right now is not a secret, and we're having to cut places that aren't viable. So, unfortunately, that was one of them," Hartley said.

While the reasons are primarily budgetary, Bishop said the cosmetology instructor had also

spoken of leaving the program. He said he knew they would face a challenge of finding someone who was an expert in the field and qualified to teach.

The program is closing at the end of the school year, but several of the 15 or so students in the program have already taken advantage of the opportunity to move to programs in St. Augustine and Lake City. Bishop said they are being provided with detailed transcripts transferring their progress to their new schools. Students who don't complete their work by the end of May will have the same opportunity to transfer.

"I wish the students the best in their future educational and professional endeavors," Bishop said.

According to the director, the college is always looking for new programs that qualify for the available funding sources, as the nursing and welding programs do. They also have to make sure there is a need for those programs in the local labor market. A Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment is required every two years, and when they can identify a need in the local market, then the college can request state permission to put a new training program in place.

Landfill close to gas production

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

RAIFORD — New River Regional Landfill is closer than ever to turning the greenhouse gases it must otherwise burn off into a renewable — and profitable — source of natural fuel.

In the past two months, pipelines for the gas collection plant have been checked for leaks, and now some additional mechanical issues are being dealt with at the newly constructed landfill gas-to-energy plant.

They should be ready for a reliability test, soon, according to New River Solid Waste

Association Director Perry Kent.

"They're just having some issues with keeping some valves open," he said. "It's mechanical. There's probably 100 electrical valves that open and close and all that."

Kent also told the board that 145 gas wells in the landfill are tuned every day to ensure the best quality gas is being delivered to the plant.

A temporary truck pad has been placed on site for what is being called a "virtual pipeline." Eventually, once easement details and construction are complete, an actual pipe will tie the gas plant into a TECO-owned natural

gas line. Until then, trucks will be used to transport the gas to a location where it can be fed into the pipeline.

Trucks and compressors are already on site and being connected, Kent said.

The landfill recently received a map of the pipeline easement, which Kent said stretches from behind the landfill to C.R. 199 in Union County.

"I wish we were already producing gas, I wish the pipeline was already in, but we are still moving forward," he said.

A presentation and tour will be scheduled when the virtual pipeline starts up.

Sen. Rubio's staff at senior center

Sen. Marco Rubio's staff will be available to meet with the public at the Bradford County Senior Center on Tuesday, April 26, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. If you are having issues with Social Security, Medicare, veterans benefits, immigration, IRS or any federal agency, a member of Rubio's staff will be available to meet with you.

The senior center is located at 1805 N. Temple Ave. in Starke. Please plan to attend to meet your local staff and find out the services Sen. Rubio's office offers constituents. For more information, call the Jacksonville regional office at 904-398-8586.

Democratic Women meet April 28

The Democratic Women's Club of the Lakes Area will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 28 at the Historic Homemakers Club, 25728 Park St. in Melrose. Captain Karen Chadwick will speak on the need to eliminate Rodman Dam and restore the Ocklawaha River. All Democrats — men and women — are welcome. Refreshments served. For further information call 352-283-5536 or write cjhooverowen@att.net.

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Lake Region

County and Comcast define new broadband coverage areas

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

GREEN COVE SPRINGS — County officials revealed the first two areas that will receive broadband coverage under a plan that could eventually bring broadband internet services to all of rural Clay County.

In February the county selected Comcast to provide broadband to underserved areas of the county, such as McRae, Clay Hill and the rural areas around Keystone Heights.

In its February proposal, Comcast said it could offer broadband to the county's 17,000 underserved residents with a total investment of \$14 million. The company added that it was willing to invest \$4 million into the new infrastructure, asking the county to pick up the remaining \$10 million to fund the project.

Commissioners responded that with only \$2 million currently budgeted for broadband expansion, they wanted to provide as much coverage as the current appropriation could provide, then continue to expand coverage as more funding became available.

During the board's April 12 meeting, Assistant County Manager Troy Nagle told commissioners that Comcast has proposed two initial areas for extending their broadband coverage in the county.

The first, called the south cluster, is east and north of Keystone Heights, surrounding Gator Bone, White Sands and Deer Springs Lakes, in addition to Little Lake Geneva.

The second area, called the northwest cluster, covers the portion of the Maxville area in Clay County, straddling County Road 217, then moving south to County Road 218 to the Long Horn Road and Mallard Road area.

The initial coverage area in the south cluster does not include the portion of CR 214 northeast of Monogahlea Avenue and leaves out homes around Lake Washington, Springs Lake, Smith Lake, Long Lake and Hall Lake.

The northwest cluster also stops short of covering areas east of Long Horn Road and Mallard Road. However, it does dip south of CR 218 to cover homes in the area of Louie Carter Road.

Nagle said the total investment to cover the

roughly 3,700 homes is \$3.5 million with Comcast putting in \$1.5 million.

Commissioner Mike Cella said that with pending federal and state grants earmarked for broadband expansion, Clay County's implementation gives the county an advantage in securing additional funding.

"This gives us a footprint and an action plan to win the grants," he said.

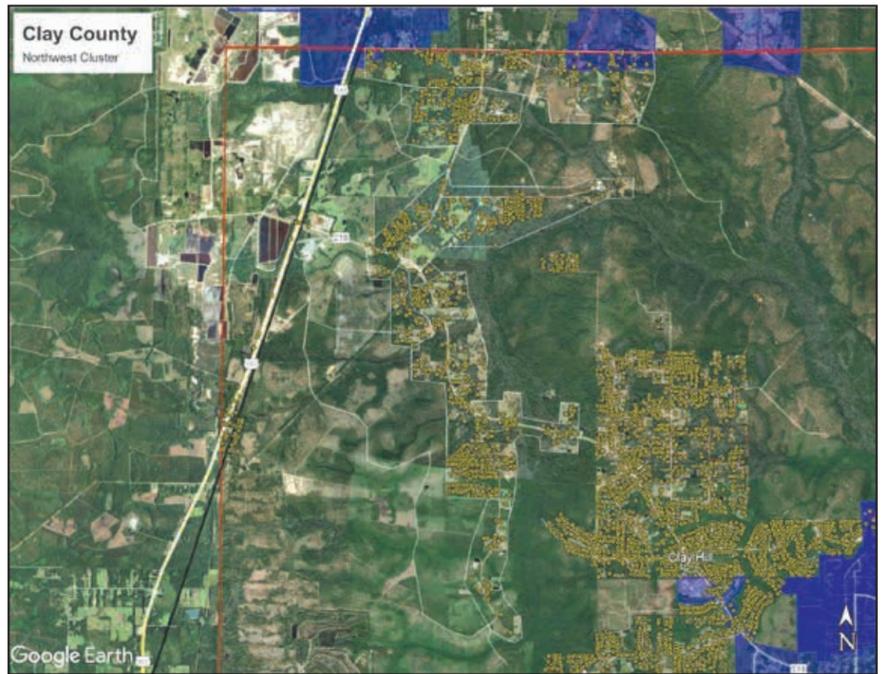
"It gives us a proof of concept that we actually have a viable RFP (request for proposals)," said Nagle. "We have a contract." The contract will be written in such a way that can expand services in both Keystone Heights and Clay Hill-Middleburg. I do think it sets us up very well for any federal or state funding that comes out."

Nagle added that the state's budget includes \$700 million for broadband expansion.

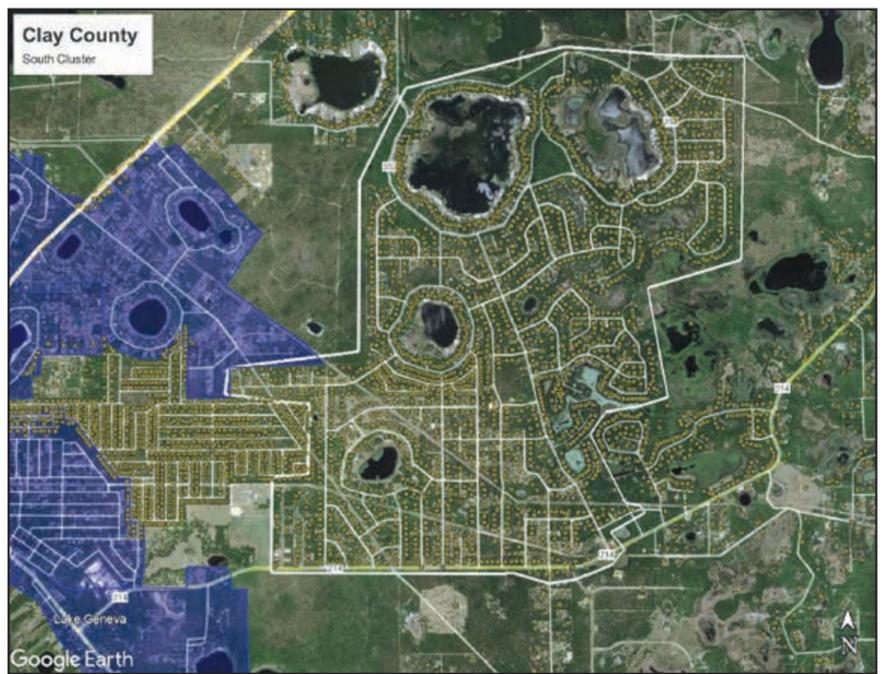
Commissioner Betsy Condon told her colleagues that state officials are eyeing Clay County's arrangement with Comcast as a model for the rest of the state.

"They haven't officially said that, but their behind-the-scenes people have told us that they are watching what Clay County is doing because they like the model of us using county money, state money and federal money together," Condon said. "They like that we did a project that would serve all the citizens that we identified as underserved or unserved and that it is a model that is expandable and replicable."

Condon contrasted Clay's broadband plan with that of Flagler County, which only funds broadband into new neighborhoods.



Comcast is proposing to extend broadband in the portion of the Maxville area in Clay County, straddling County Road 217, then moving south to County Road 218 to the Long Horn Road and Mallard Road areas.



Comcast is proposing to expand broadband coverage east and north of Keystone Heights, surrounding Gator Bone, White Sands and Deer Springs Lakes, in addition to Little Lake Geneva.

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Keystone Heights Elementary School kindergarten registration will be in person this year, but by appointments only, on Thursday,

May 12, and Tuesday, May 17.

In order to prevent possible loss of teachers next school year, the school is asking

future kindergarten parents to participate in this registration.

During scheduled appointments, parents will have the opportunity to meet kindergarten teachers as they meet with students for a simple readiness screening while parents turn in required documents. You will then be assisted in completing online registration for next school year.

Once completed families will be able to tour the kindergarten hallway, pick up a kindergarten goody bag and take their child's picture in an "I'm Ready for Kindergarten 2023" setting. You

will leave ready for their child to begin school in August.

Please call for an appointment. A list of the required documents will be shared after scheduling. Those documents include: certified birth certificate, completed immunization record (on Form 680), health physical (received since Aug. 10, 2021), parent ID, and proof of residency in the school district. Your child must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2022, to begin kindergarten in August.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call 904-336-1375.

Melrose Fire Fest

The third annual Melrose Fire Fest will take place Saturday, April 23, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Melrose Heritage Park.

The festival includes music, vendors, barbecue meals, fried okra, raffles and more. Entry is \$1 per person, but children 10 and under enter for free.

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Pastor talks about biblical Egypt

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — The pastor of the Keystone Heights United Methodist Church spoke to a Lake Region civic group about his recent trip to Egypt and how Egyptologists have linked sites and artifacts in the ancient country to stories in the Bible.

Jeff Tate told the Keystone Heights Rotary Club that after preaching from the Bible for more than 20 years, he sometimes forgets that the places mentioned in the scriptures are places people can visit today.

"I often don't make the connection between the fact that the Bible actually is placed in history," he said. "There is life happening outside of the biblical narrative."

Tate said that in the Bible, Egypt is portrayed as a place of refuge. Abraham traveled there in response to a famine in Canaan, and Jacob and his family moved to Egypt when another famine threatened the clan's survival.

Tate added that in the New Testament, Joseph took Mary and Jesus to the area of modern-day Cairo to escape the threat of King Herod.

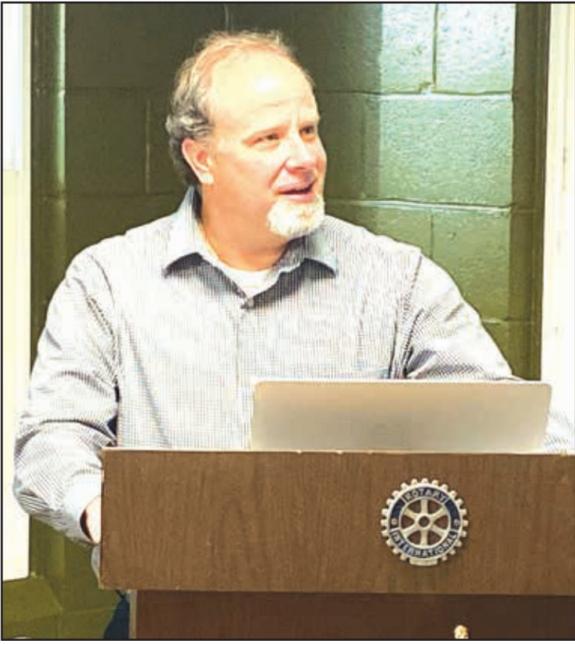
Abraham

Tate said the Old Testament patriarch Abraham impacted Egyptian history by persuading the country's monarch to convert from polytheism to worshipping one God.

He explained that the Pharaoh Akhenaten ruled the country in the New Kingdom.

"This particular king changed the theology from many different gods to one god," Tate said, "and it just so happened to be about the time of Abraham."

"Now there was a famine in the land; so, Abram went down to Egypt to live there for a time, because the famine was severe in the land. It came about, when he was approaching Egypt, that he said to his wife Sarai, 'See now, I know that you are a beautiful woman; and when the Egyptians see you, they will say, 'This is his wife'; and they will kill me, but they will let you live. Please say that you are my sister so that it may go well for me because



Keystone United Methodist Church Pastor Jeff Tate tells the Keystone Heights Rotary Club about his recent trip to Egypt.

of you, and that I may live on account of you." Genesis 12:10-13 NASB

"We have the story in Genesis," Tate continued, "that when he met the Pharaoh after he lied to him: told (Pharaoh) that Sarah (Abraham's) wife was (Abraham's) sister, and the king found out about it, he convinced the king, and we believe it is Akhenaten, to move from many gods to the one God."

Joseph

Tate showed the club a photo of a large stone that documents the period in which the Israelites lived in Egypt.

He said the inscription on the stone, now likely housed in the Grand Egyptian Museum, documents commerce between Egyptians and the descendants of Abraham.

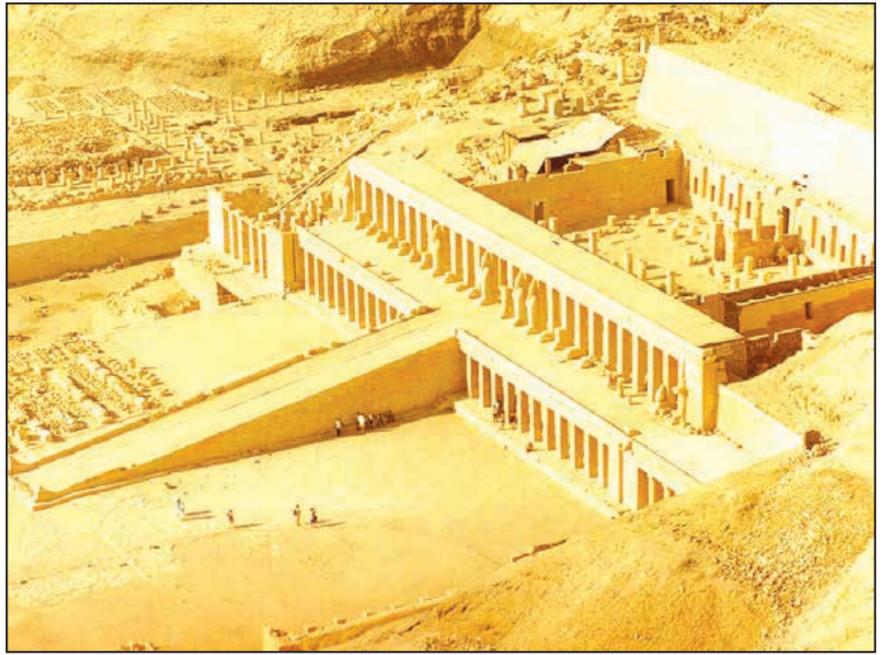
"Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, 'Your father and your brothers have come to you. The land of Egypt is at your disposal; settle your father and your brothers in the best of the land, let them live in the land of Goshen; and if you know any capable men among

them, then put them in charge of my livestock.'" Genesis 47:5-6 NASB

"Toward the end of Genesis, you read the story of Joseph," Tate said, "Joseph brings his family to Egypt and they were herders, and the Egyptian king at the time identified as Ramesses by the Bible actually gives all of his cattle, all of his sheep and goats to (Joseph's father) Jacob and his family to herd them, and so they would have been trading back and forth."

Tate showed the club a slide of an ancient temple and grain silo that could have been used during Joseph's food storage project during the country's seven years of plenty that was to be followed by seven years of famine as described in Genesis 41.

"During the seven years of plenty the land produced abundantly. So, he collected all the food of these seven years which occurred in the land of Egypt and put the food in the cities; he put in every city the food from its own surrounding fields. Joseph stored up grain in great abundance like the sand of the sea, until he stopped measuring



The Temple of Hatshepsut. Tate said historians have linked Queen Hatshepsut, one of the few female rulers of ancient Egypt, to the princess that rescued the infant Moses from the Nile River, as described in Exodus 2.

it, for it was beyond measure." Genesis 41:47-49 NASB

"Archaeologists tell us that they can still find ancient grain, just remnants of it, in many of these places," Tate said.

Moses

Tate displayed a slide showing a reed basket discovered near the oldest mummy in the country. He said the basket is likely very similar to the basket described in Exodus 2, which carried the infant Moses down the Nile River.

"And the woman conceived and gave birth to a son; and when she saw that he was beautiful, she hid him for three months. But when she could no longer hide him, she got him a papyrus basket and covered it with tar and pitch. Then she put the child in it and set it among the reeds by the bank of the Nile." Exodus 2:2-3 NASB.

"This basket would have been very similar to what Moses would have been put in in the Exodus story," Tate said. "(He was) put into the Nile, pushed out into the middle with the hopes that maybe something

miraculous will happen."

Tate also displayed a slide of the Temple of Hatshepsut, whom he said was one of the few queens that ruled Egypt. He added that Queen Hatshepsut temporarily took power due to the death of her husband and young age of their oldest son.

Getting back to the narrative of Moses, Tate reminded the group that one of Pharaoh's daughters discovered Moses among the Nile's bulrushes and adopted him as one of her own.

"Now the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the Nile, with her female attendants walking alongside the Nile; and she saw the basket among the reeds and sent her slave woman, and she brought it to her. When she opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the boy was crying. And she had pity on him and said, 'This is one of the Hebrews' children.'" Exodus 2:5-6 NASB

The Methodist pastor added that some historians think the princess that rescued Moses from the Nile and Hatshepsut are one and the same.

Jesus

Tate said that according to the

biblical account, Joseph took Mary and the toddler Jesus to the area of modern Cairo after being warned by an angel that King Herod intended to kill Jesus.

"Now when they had gone, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up! Take the Child and His mother and flee to Egypt and stay there until I tell you; for Herod is going to search for the Child to kill Him.'" Matthew 2:13-14 NASB

Tate showed the group slides of Saint Virgin Mary's Coptic Orthodox Church in Cairo. The building is also known as "the hanging church" because its nave is suspended over a passageway of an ancient gatehouse.

"This is a church that was built on top of what many believe was most likely the area or the place where Jesus's family came and lived," he said. "There was actually a community of Jewish people that lived all throughout the northern part of Egypt."

Tate added that trips he has made to Israel, Turkey and England has expanded his knowledge of biblical stories and the history of his denomination.

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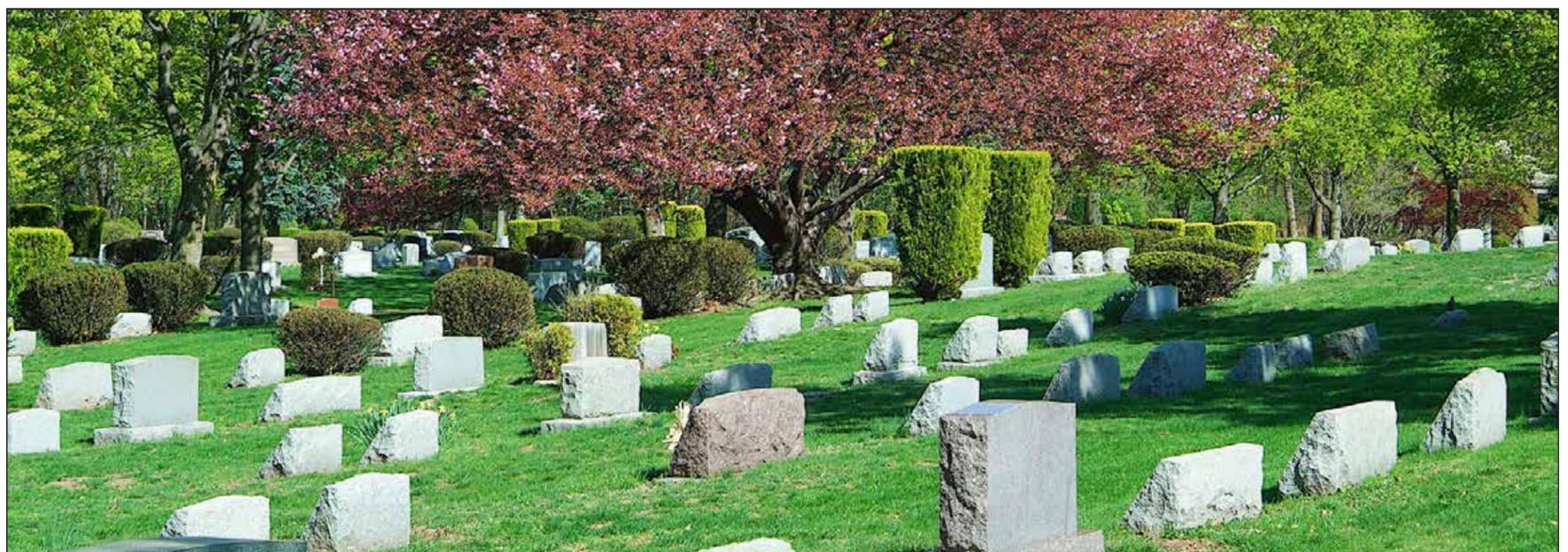
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UNION COUNTY

County commissioners consider recreation director, tax exemption

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Times Editor

LAKE BUTLER — The Union County Board of County Commissioners met in a special, public workshop on Monday, April 18, 2022 to discuss several matters that are under consideration for the county.

The first item addressed was the idea of hiring a paid recreation director for the county programs. The position would be responsible for helping to maintain the county ball fields and other facilities, as well as running the concessions at ball games and various administrative duties.

The need for such a position has been discussed before, in large part due to the lower numbers of inmates available to the county through the Department of Corrections. According to the original agreement, the county was to have use of about 40 inmates on an as needed basis — used to handle tasks for the

solid waste, road and recreation departments. According to County Coordinator Jimmy Williams, the county now had access to only 24 per day.

The position could be easily paid for with funds budgeted for the salary for a program assistant at the UF IFAS Extension Office that will be saved due to a new agreement with UF about the requirements for the person selected (\$38,000). Williams said, however, that another problem was on the horizon that would greatly reduce the amount of funds the county receives from ad valorem taxes.

Williams said that a new homestead exemption had been proposed for fire department, emergency medical services employees, DOC Correctional Officers and social workers that would reduce their tax bills by allowing an additional \$50,000 of exempted value on the taxes owed. The proposal is now on the Governor's desk awaiting approval.

Williams confirmed with Union County Property Appraiser Bruce Dukes that this additional exemption, if approved, would amount to an average of \$1,000 off the average property tax assessment on each property owned by a taxpayer working in one of these positions, reducing the tax money received by the county by about \$500 per property. HE said he did not think it is wise to create a new position, thus spending the savings on the cost of the Extension Office position, at least until it was known if the proposal became law.

Williams added that the position could be funded with ARPA funds, but that that money was not always going to be there for the county.

"For something like this, the ARPA money is just a band aid, not a permanent income," Williams told commissioners.

The board is still looking at options for taking care of the shortage of labor for the recreation department and requested that Williams continue to look for other available resources that could be used to fund it. He was also asked to see if it would be possible to get additional daily inmate workers to handle the maintenance at the parks.

In a second matter, the board heard comments from Union County Sheriff Brad Whitehead about a growing problem in the county — the proliferation of campers, RVs and tiny houses being placed on land which already had a home located on it. He asked the county to look into hiring a code enforcement officer to deal with the situation and rid the county of violations, as well as dealing with other pressing issues.

Whitehead also commented about local mobile home parks which were deteriorating badly. He said these parks almost

always started out clean and nice, but over time became derelict, with many units in need of condemnation — an action that cannot be taken without a code enforcement officer.

Whitehead said these areas (both the mobile home parks and the proliferation of other living arrangements such as RVs and tiny houses, led to expense to the county through the sheer number of calls received for county services, such as law enforcement and emergency medical services. He said that, in the past year, the Sheriff's Office responded to 295 calls, with 75 of them requiring the presence of two or more officers.

Williams said that, as the situation stands now, most of these "problem" living units paid no taxes, or at least not the appropriate amount. Property owners are allowing these "homes" to be placed on their property and, if taxed at all, are taxed as property additions rather than homes. He also noted that the county had an LDR that stated there would be only one "home" on a property and that an RV could not be allowed to be used as a living space for more than six months (a provision designed to help residents who were building a home on their property and needed to live on site).

Whitehead and Williams also said that many of the mobile homes in the parks did not keep their registration stickers current — another loss of income to the county. County Attorney Russ Wade added that many of these plots (properties) did not pay ad valorem taxes, or at least not in a correct amount, because of loopholes in the laws which were taken advantage of by situations where the lot (property) was owned by one person or company and the mobile home was owned by another individual. He added that the owner of the home could be taxed through the tax on tangible property unless it was owned by the same person or entity that owned the land.

Whitehead said he was very concerned about the drain on county resource and that he sees the problem growing steadily greater over time. He said he was afraid of the time that such properties placed too high a

demand for services for people not paying their fair share of taxes to fund the services.

"South Florida is moving up and in on us, with increasing numbers every year," Whitehead told commissioners. "The problem is just going to get worse unless we do something."

Commissioner Lacey Cannon added that these "immigrants" are making use of county schools, waste services, EMS, fire protection and law enforcement without paying for it. Whitehead agreed, noting that in some places there were five or six living units on a single property, plus the property owners' home.

Wade noted that an RV qualifies as the same as a mobile home under the law and, if it was permanent attached to the property, as in a permanent hook-up for water, sewer and electric, is legal and could be taxed in the same way as a mobile home would be on the same property. He added that there were other problems in the county that only a code enforcement officer could deal with, such as illegal junkyards and landfills.

Whitehead told the board that the calls received from these alternate living spaces, and the activity they seemed to attract and encourage, was accounting for over 50% of calls received and many of these are not for minor problems. He added that he had been told that residents of these arrangements were considered to be the source of most of the problems dealt with in the county schools.

Williams added that, "Within five years all this will be totally out of hand and it needs to be dealt with now. He said that the funds that the county would receive by agreeing to a franchise fee with Florida Power and Light would easily pay for the salary of a code enforcement officer and that, if necessary, the position could be added in to that of building inspector, who would be aware of all of the codes, rules and restrictions the law placed on such living arrangements.

The board agreed that the hiring of a code enforcement officer be a matter that needed to be dealt with soon. Commissioner Ryan Perez said that he believed the constitution of a code enforcement board,

made of volunteer citizens, would also be necessary, but was cautioned that the selection of these volunteers would have to be done carefully.

"Code enforcement can be used by some people in a vindictive way to cause problems for their neighbors and others," Commissioner Jimmy Tallman said. "We would have to be very careful about how things were dealt with."

Williams was asked to look into how other small counties were dealing with the issue and see what would be done in Union County. The presence of a code enforcement officer would help remedy the situation quite quickly, because once people realized they could be fined on a daily basis for violations, and potentially lose their property if they continued to violate the codes and laws, they might be more careful about who and what they allowed to park on their property and the condition of their property in general.

While creating a spending plan for ARPA funds was one of the main reasons for the workshop, the commission decided to continue to work on the matter and hold another workshop next month. The process of determining what was allowed to be spent and for what purpose has become more and more complicated as the federal government has changed the rules and regulations about how the funds may be used several times.

Williams cautioned the commissioners and asked them to remember that the money was a one-time funding and that he was worried about using it to fund anything that would later need to be paid with county funds. He said that he was in favor of making "smart purchases" to meet the county's most pressing needs.

"This money is not a fix for all the problems," Williams said. "It is a band aid, designed to take care of specific sorts of problems and needs. We need to be careful of how it is spent, not only to stay within the legal restrictions for how it can be used, but also to get the most good for the county out of it."

Ever thought about running for public office? Here's how

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Times Editor

Although 2022 is an "off year" in terms of electing a president, it still promises to be an active year in Union County, as there are a number of local seats coming up for election (as well as a few state races as well).

Almost anyone can run for office, with requirements varying with the particular seat. There is still time for someone to "throw their hat in..." and seek office.

Union County Supervisor of Elections Deborah Osborne has prepared packets that prospective candidates may pick up at her

office, located at 175 West Main St. in Lake Butler, but time is short for anyone wishing to do so.

Seats are up for election/re-election in the city, on the Union County School Board and on the Union County Commission. A person may run for only one office at a time, although changes are allowed should a candidate decide to run for an office different from the one they originally chose to run for, but forms will need to be refiled. In this case, contributions made to the candidate for the original choice must be refunded within 15 days, using a Request for

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In the City of Lake Butler three seats are coming available. These seats are Seat 3 (currently held by Annette Redman, Seat 4 (currently held by Jimmy Beasley and Seat 5 (currently held by Fred Sirmones). Candidates must be a resident of the City of Lake Butler to be eligible to run. The salary of a city commissioner is \$10,674, or \$11,008 for the vice-mayor's seat. All seats are "at large" positions, there is no division of the city into districts as there is on the county.

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VFW hosts annual Easter egg hunt

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Times Editor

LAKE BUTLER — Lake Butler VFW Post 10082 held its annual Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 16, 2022. Post members, kids and parents all had a good time preparing or participating in the event, with the weather cooperating as well.

Post and Auxiliary members had fun “hiding” 800 brightly

colored eggs while the youngsters and their parents enjoyed the lunch provided by the post — feasting on hot dogs, chips and a selection of snack cakes for dessert. “Chris” Fischer cooked the dogs, while other post and auxiliary members set out the condiments, chips and treats. The 24 kids were divided into three age classes, with the little ones turned loose first.

Smiles were bright as the kids

filled the baskets with the eggs they found and parents seemed to be enjoying coaching them on technique.

The event is offered to both the children of members and their families and also to any members of the community that want to come. The meal and egg hunt is conducted by the post as a community outreach, free to all who wish to attend.



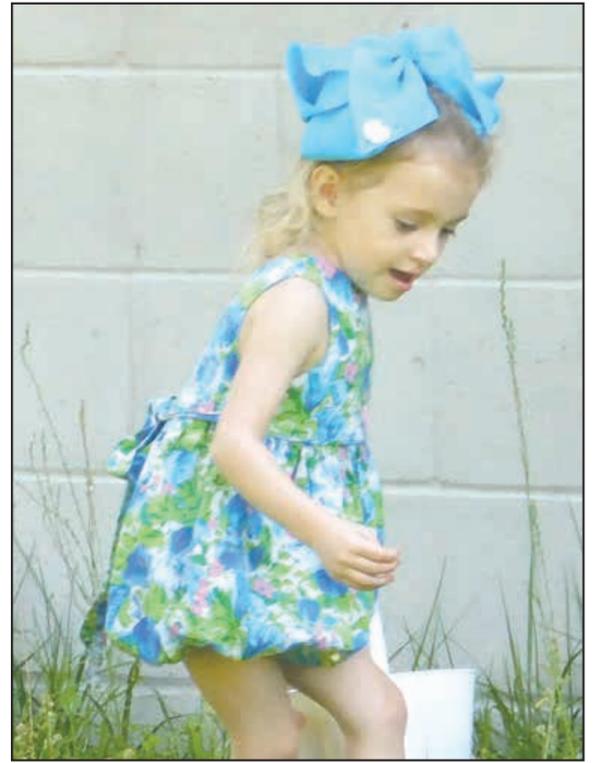
And they're off! The youngest class of egg hunters took to the grass in search of the brightly colored eggs hidden by VFW post members and auxiliary.



Michael Reeves was eager to find all the eggs that he could and sock them away in his Mickey Mouse Easter basket. Photos by Larry Dupee.



Karlee Moore inspects the blue egg that she has just found at the annual VFW egg hunt.



Zoee Bryant gets up against the wall in her search for Easter eggs.



Baylie and Alyce Holmes hunt for eggs in the thick grass so as to fill their big egg buckets.



Melody Harlow lowers her eyes in the bright sunshine, but she has already filled her basket with eggs and not gotten a spot on her pretty Easter dress.

Earth Day plant sale

problems with streets, lighting and more.

Get ready to kick off the gardening season. The Florida Museum of Natural History is inviting all gardeners and plant lovers to its Earth Day plant sale taking place from April 22 to 24.

The sale will be held outside the museum from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 22 and April 23, and 1 to 5 p.m. April 24. More than 100 different species of plants, including native, nectar, host and accent plants, will be available for purchase.

This vibrant sale will celebrate Earth Day with its wide assortment of beautiful and high-quality plants, many of which attract butterflies and other pollinators.

Prices will range from \$3 to \$20, depending on plant size. Proceeds will benefit the Florida Museum's “Butterfly Rainforest” exhibit.

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Crime

Recent arrests in Bradford, Union and Clay

April 9 through April 15

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

Kami Jane Barker, 39, of Orange Park was arrested by Bradford deputies on April 9 for DUI.

Karisa Andrea Beck, 29, of Jacksonville was arrested by Bradford deputies on April 12 for a probation violation.

Kyler Ben'trel Childs, 25, of Hawthorne was arrested by Bradford deputies on April 14 for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Deborah Lynn Cowart, 52, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on April 13 for a probation violation.

Shana Daniell Diaz, 49, of Starke was arrested by Starke police on April 10 for DUI.

Noah Caleb Goodin, 39, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Bradford deputies on April 12 for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Amanda Marie Holderfield, 34, of Melrose was arrested by Bradford deputies on April 12 for a conditional release violation.

Jamalcolm Earl Isler, 27, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on April 15 for battery.

Destine Desire Jackson, 22, of Tampa was arrested by Bradford deputies on April 11 for failure to appear.

Darrius Jordan, 25, of Raiford was arrested by Bradford deputies on April 11 for smuggling contraband into a prison.

Johnny Joseph, 34, of Raiford was arrested by Bradford deputies on April 11 for smuggling contraband into a prison.

Curtis Gerald Lee, 68, of Starke was arrested by Starke police on April 12 for an out-of-county warrant.

Alaina Rae Lilly, 31, of Green Cove Springs was arrested by Bradford deputies on April 12 for a probation violation.

Simon Lenard Mitchell, 53, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on April 9 for battery.

Ayog Kumar Mukherjee, 23, of Fort Myers was arrested by Lawtey police on April 10 for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Anthony Allen Polk, 34, of Brooker was arrested by Bradford deputies on April 10 for DUI.

Daniel Romero, 38, of Raiford was arrested by Bradford deputies on April 11 for smuggling contraband into a prison.

Joshua Aaron Soto, 26, was arrested by Bradford deputies on April 12 for a conditional release violation.

Deana Monise Waldrep, 35, of Jacksonville was arrested by Bradford deputies on April 12 for a conditional release violation.

Union

Thomas Daniel Clarke, 39, of Lawtey was arrested by Union deputies on April 12 for a probation violation.

Rylan Kelly Griffis, 19, of Jacksonville was arrested by

Union deputies on April 13 for an out-of-county warrant.

James Vernon Herndon, 28, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on April 13 for fraud.

James Calvin Quincy Lambert Jr. 38, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on April 14 for disorderly intoxication.

Simon Lane Nettles, 22, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on April 12 for a probation violation.

Clay

Zachary Michael Allen, 29, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on April 12 for armed burglary.

Jonathan Joseph Brooker, 31, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on April 14 for trafficking in methamphetamine, possession of cocaine, possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, possession of drug equipment, possession of a firearm by a felon, possession of ammunition by a felon and altering the identification of a weapon.

Ricky Wayne Colley, 37, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on April 9 for criminal mischief with property damage.

Michael Lee Dunn, 28, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on April 12 for battery.

John Louis Nathaniel Huston, 34, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on April 14 for a probation violation.

Tamara Nicole Sprinkle, 38, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on April 11 for uttering a forged bill.

Leo Carl Svitek, 50, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on April 14 for a conditional release violation.

Deputy arrested for sexual battery

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

GREEN COVE SPRINGS — Clay County Sheriff Michelle Cook announced on April 14 that one of her deputies was arrested for sexual battery.

Cook said Paul S. Mauricio, an 8-year veteran of the agency was arrested for capital sexual battery for incidents that occurred when the victim was under 12 years of age and custodial sexual battery for offenses occurring after the victim turned 12.

Cook said that on April 12, her office received a call about a sexual battery that had occurred earlier that day.

"Deputies arrived and met with a woman who told them that her 12-year-old daughter came into her bedroom crying and told her about an incident of

inappropriate sexual contact with an adult that happened earlier in the day," Cook said in a news conference. "The victim said the incident was bothering her and she further stated that this was not the first time that something like this had occurred and that she wanted it to stop."

Cook said that the following morning, child protection team members interviewed the victim.

"During this interview," Cook said, "the victim disclosed details of a pattern of sexual abuse incidents that had been ongoing for some time."

The sheriff said deputies then questioned Mauricio about the allegations. Cook said the man admitted to a pattern of inappropriate sexual contact with the child and was immediately arrested.

Cook said the defendant

and victim know each other but declined to specify the relationship between the two.

Cook also commended the victim for coming forward.

"I just want to commend her for her bravery in coming forward with such a difficult conversation with her mom," Cook said.

She added that the defendant has worked as a patrol deputy and that she would be upgrading his suspension to a termination due to his arrest.

"It is always disappointing when a deputy tarnishes the badge," she said, "but we have so many more who remain committed to honoring their oath to protect and serve our community by holding criminals accountable, even if that criminal wears a badge."

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and all expenses paid out of it. The opening of the bank account also means that the candidate may begin to collect signatures from registered voters in the city as a part of their qualifying process. IT should be noted that another form, a DS-DE 84, a Statement of Candidate, must be filed within 10 days of filing the DS-DE 9.

Qualifying is accomplished by paying a fee and collecting at least 20 signatures. These signatures are not from people who are promising to vote for you, but rather from people who are interested in seeing you run for the office. Signatures must match those on file at the elections office and a 10-cent fee per name is required for the comparisons of the petition signatures with these records. Osborne suggests that candidate get a few more signatures than the required 20 as some voters' handwriting may have changed since they last gave their signature for election records.

Official qualifying, when candidates must turn in their qualifying fee (to be paid out of their campaign account), which is equal to one percent of a commissioner's salary, plus a qualifying fee. The election will take place at the Lake Butler Hal Y. Maines Community Center on Tuesday, June 28, 2022, which will be open for voting from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

For commission seats the fees are \$106.74 for the one percent and \$25 qualifying fee (total \$131.08). The Vice-Mayor seat total is \$135.08. Signatures are also to be turned in and the fee paid for their confirmation. Other forms may need to be turned in, as well. The dates for qualifying are from noon May 23, 2022 through noon May 27, 2022. The election will be held, under Osborne's supervision, on June 28, 2022 with polling places to be announced.

Three seats are up for election/re-election on the Union County School Board, with one of these seats having no incumbent seeking re-election (current Seat 1 holder, Allen Parrish, has announced that he will be retiring). Prospective candidates may qualify in one of two ways — either by paying the qualifying fee or by collecting a minimum number of petitions and turning them in with the appropriate fee.

School Board candidates must be a Union County resident, within the district for the seat they are seeking, at the time of qualifying. School Board seats are non-partisan (candidates have no official party affiliation).

Candidates seeking to qualify by the petition method must submit the required number for the seat they are running for by noon on May 16, 2022. A signature verification fee, of 10-cents per signature, is

required to be paid at the time the signatures are turned in. Once the requirements have been met the candidate will receive a certification once the signatures have been verified.

School Board seats are up for vote in Districts One, Three (currently held by Curtis Clyatt) and Five (currently held by Terra Johnson). Each seat requires a different minimum number of signatures. For District One, the minimum number is 12; for District Three, the minimum number is 19 and for District Five, nine signatures are required. School Board candidates must be a resident of Union County and the district they are running for at the time of qualifying.

If running by paying the qualifying fee, funds must be paid at the SOE office between noon, Monday June 13, 2022 and noon, Friday June 17, 2022. The fees that must be paid to run for the Union County School Board are three percent of the position's annual salary, for a School Board member the salary is \$28,057 (three percent of this is \$1,122.28) plus a one percent election assessment fee — total \$1,122.28. All fees are to be paid from the candidates campaign account and are best paid at the SOE office. If mailed they must be received at the SOE office by the end of the qualifying period.

Two seats are up for election/retention on the Union County Board of Commissioners — Seat 2, currently held by Channing Dobbs and Seat 4, currently held by Lacey Cannon. Deadlines for the submission of forms and opening of accounts is the same for these seats in as outlined above, but these seats are partisan (the candidate stating the party he is running under). Partisan candidates must gather either 11 petition signatures for District 2 or 23 signatures for District 4. Candidates must be residents of Union County and their district at the time of election.

Partisan candidates for the Board of Commissioners pay the above a three percent filing fee, a one percent election assessment fee and an additional two percent party assessment fee. Candidates qualifying by paying the fees must turn in a total of \$1,813.68 (or a total of 6 percent of the position's annual salary of \$30,228) by the qualifying deadline.

Once qualified and on the ballot, candidates my campaign for the office they are seeking, but in doing so they must follow some rules. All campaign related expenditures must be paid from their campaign account, either by check or with a debit card. There is a \$1,000 limit per contributor, per election. No contributions may be received less than five days before the election. And, finally, any political advertisement paid for must contain the wording "Political Adv. Pd for and Approved by (candidate's name). The rule about advertising does

not include items worn by the candidate and his/her supporters (i.e. T-shirts and hats), novelty items (i.e. Pencils or pens with the candidates information and the creation of a no-cost website. Candidates are encouraged to keep good records for their campaign account, as it must be assured that they have met all of the legal requirements.

The Primary Election, for county candidates and for the state and Federal offices on the ballot this year, will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2022, with the General Election to be held on Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022. Early voting will take place for the primary from Aug. 13, 2022 through Aug. 20, 2022 and for the General Election from Oct. 29, 2022 to Nov. 5, 2022. Polling places will be announced at a later date.

Running for public office, as well as voting for your choice of candidate, are two of the greatest rights and privileges bestowed on Americans by our system of government. Participate in your government and consider what you might have to offer as a candidate, or, at the very least, get out and vote. For more information about becoming a candidate contact the office of the Supervisor of Elections at the above address, or call (386) 496-2236. The web address is www.unionflvotes.com.

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Bring your lawn chair (service animals are welcome) and enjoy an evening with from some of the best acoustic acts from all over Northeast Florida from John French, Chuck Hardwicke, Bill "Gator" Greene, Lee Hunter and Joey Kerr, Pete Garfinkel, Sweet William Ennis, Skip Flatt, Chris Kastle, Under Dawg, and Ryan Lane.

Artists will have their cd's and merchandise for sale on site. Food truck, parking and cold beverages available at Chiapini's!

For more information please contact Cindy Bear at (904) 626-2829, or nffnpresident@gmail.com.

This concert is sponsored by the North Florida Folk Network.

Cameras lead to arrest of man for burglary

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — A 29-year-old Lake Region man was arrested after cameras helped identify him as a defendant who broke into a Lake Bedford-area home.

Clay deputies arrested Zachary Michael Allen on April 12.

According to court papers, a witness found a home safe in the High Ridge Estates area on March 11 and reported the finding to deputies.

Officers used papers within the safe to locate the owner, who then returned to his home in the Lake Bedford area to discover his house had been ransacked.

The victim added that he last secured the home on March 8.

"The victim noticed several



Allen

a 9mm handgun, a security camera, a flashlight and a purse. The total value of the missing items was \$1,000.

Carter added that two trail cameras in the master bedroom recorded the break-in and showed two people rummaging through the room.

"A black male with a septum nose ring, glasses and a tattoo on his right cheek is seen approaching one of the trail cameras," the deputy wrote.

He added that the victim and his girlfriend both independently identified Allen as the person in the images.

Carter wrote that the couple has known the defendant for at least five years and that Allen is a friend of their roommate.

additional items belonging to him and his girlfriend were stolen from the home," wrote Deputy Andrew S. Carter in an affidavit for arrest warrant.

The missing items included

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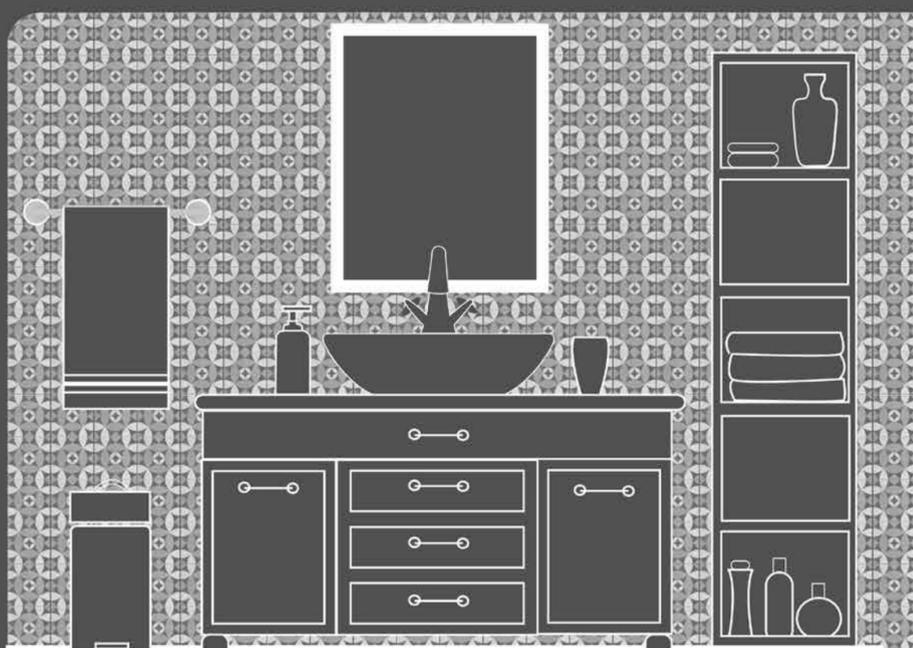
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BHS Cadet Miller earns 2nd-place finish at Drill Nationals

Bradford High School JROTC Cadets Carson Halsey and Hayden Powell were awarded fourth place in Armed Dual Drill Team Championships. Bradford also earned a pair of fifth-place trophies in Armed Inspection and Armed Regulation.



Madison Miller

Jeffers: successfully working toward a goal

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

D'on Jeffers no longer greets visitors at the front desk at Bradford Middle School, but her smile remains on campus in her new role as teacher.

Though her job changed when school resumed after the Christmas/New Year's break, it was hard for Jeffers to get used to the idea that she'd no longer occupy a seat at the receptionist's desk — job she held when she began working at BMS in 2016.

"I walked in the front office. I stood there and looked," Jeffers said, adding "One of the teachers said, 'I want to walk you to your classroom.' I said, 'I want to sit at the front desk for just a second.'" (The teacher) said, 'Ms. Jeffers. You are not at the front desk anymore. Remember? You're a teacher now.'

"I was so accustomed to going (to the front office), serving people and helping people. It was a hard adjustment leaving there."

The upside was that Jeffers, who teaches seventh-grade Language Arts, was stepping into a new role she worked hard for, juggling work and her responsibilities as a parent while taking online classes through the University of Florida.

If she needs any affirmation that she made the right decision, all she has to do is talk to BMS Principal Danielle Rosson. Rosson said she had the opportunity recently to sit in on one of Jeffers' classes as she and her students read a book together.

"Just the conversations the students were having with each other and with her were really impressive," Rosson said. "They were creating questions from the story chapter they were reading."

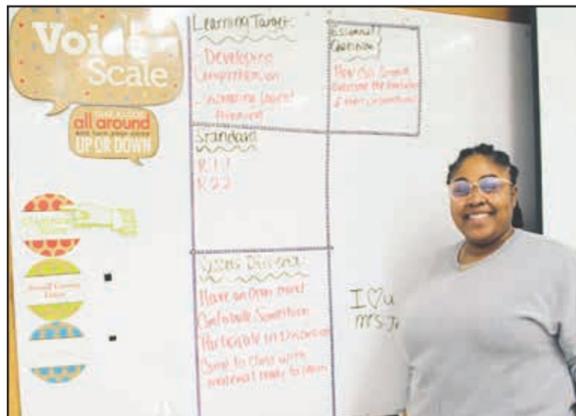
"You can tell that they feel very comfortable with here in there, but they still respect her."

Rosson said a teacher's either got it, or they don't.

"She's got it," Rosson said of Jeffers, adding, "She's a pretty special lady. We're very, very fortunate to have her here."

BMS opportunity leads to inspiration

After graduating from Bradford High School in 2010, Jeffers attended Santa Fe College for a couple of semesters. She said she wanted to go to Florida State University, but was unable to get in. So she went to school for a couple of more years at Tallahassee Community College. Jeffers moved back to Starke



While working at the Bradford Middle School front desk and fulfilling her obligations as a single parent, D'on Jeffers earned a bachelor's degree at the University of Florida and is now teaching at BMS. Photo by Cliff Smelley.

and began working at Walmart. However, she didn't have a schedule that was ideal for someone who was a single parent. Her mother, Aleta Durant, who's the administrative secretary at North Florida Technical College, pointed out that as Jeffers' son, Josiah, got older, she'd need to work a schedule that would allow her to transport him to and from school. Her mother made her aware of the position at BMS, so Jeffers applied. Thus, after two years of working at Walmart, she became the receptionist at BMS.

At first, the job at BMS was just that — a job. Over the course of two to three years, it became the inspiration for Jeffers, who had already been thinking about going back to college. She discovered that she enjoyed being around middle school-aged children and felt that she was able to connect with them.

"When I thought about going back to school, someone asked me, 'What is it that you think you'd like to do for the rest of your life?'" Education just happened to be so convenient at the time because I was so influenced by the atmosphere (at BMS)," Jeffers said.

That atmosphere consisted of her BMS colleagues and their desire to see her succeed.

A show of support

When she made the decision to get a degree in education at UF, following the completion of completing the 12 credit hours she still needed to earn her AA degree, John Green, who was the BMS principal at the time told her

he was there for her if she needed him, but he also stated the high expectations he had of her. Jeffers said he told her, "You do this school thing, you better finish. You better call me if you ever need help, but you better finish. You better walk across that stage. I want to see you successful. I want to see you finish school."

Following through on that dream required making time for schoolwork when she wasn't working at BMS or doing something for her son. She made sure Josiah would get his homework completed. Then it was time for Jeffers to do hers. Of course, that involved weekends as well.

"Saturdays were not normal. Saturdays were homework days and laundry days," Jeffers said.

Rosson said, "She was juggling a lot as well as being a parent. She was dedicated the whole time. She was focused."

Because of COVID-19, all of her UF classes were online, but that was a "huge blessing," Jeffers said, as it allowed her to work her BMS schedule and gave her the time at home to be the parent she was determined to be.

Yet when Jeffers returned to school, she didn't have a computer. She said she made trips to the Bradford County Public Library and even one of the libraries in Gainesville so she could use a computer.

"I saw her sneak up here at nights and on weekends to get her work done just to ensure she graduated on time," Rosson said.

A group of BMS staff members bought Jeffers a laptop

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Daughters of the American Revolution will present the recipient of its annual Betty Warren Memorial Scholarship at its Monday, May 2, meeting, which will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the Montgomery Conference Center (88 S.E. 75th St., Starke). A \$10 brunch (payable

at the door) is available. Betty Warren Memorial scholarships are presented to students attending Santa Fe College at either the Andrews Center in Starke or the Watson Center in Keystone Heights and who are pursuing studies in the medical field, education or American history.

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BCEF selling hydrangeas for Mother's Day

The Bradford County Education Foundation is selling hydrangeas for Mother's Day at a cost of \$20 each.

The plants come in 6-inch pots. Colors may vary. Delivery will be made on Thursday, May 5, but the deadline to order will be Thursday, April 28.

Contact Matt Dyal at Capital City Bank of Starke or any Bradford County Education Foundation member.

All proceeds will go toward the Bradford County Education Foundation's support of Bradford County schools.

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NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the stockholders of COMMUNITY BANK CORPORATION, STARKE FLORIDA

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I, Laurel M. Lee, Secretary of State of the State of Florida, do hereby give notice that a GENERAL ELECTION will be held in UNION County, State of Florida, on the Eighth Day of NOVEMBER, 2022, A.D., to fill the following offices:
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Yo, Laurel M. Lee, Secretaria de Estado del Estado de Florida, por el presente anuncio que se llevarán a cabo ELECCIONES GENERALES en el Condado de UNION, Estado de Florida, el día ocho de NOVIEMBRE de 2022, d.C. para determinar la ocupación de los siguientes cargos:
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Johns gives up 2 hits in Tigers' 5-0 win over Indians

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Luke Johns pitched a complete-game shutout in the Union County High School baseball team's 5-0 win over visiting Keystone Heights on April 12. The Tigers scored all of their runs in the second inning. They loaded the bases on singles by Ayden Elixson, Eli Rimes and Blake Agner. Trevor Holtzendorf

drove in a run on a sacrifice fly, while Johns drove in another on a single. Jake O'Steen then hit a two-run triple and later scored himself on a wild pitch. On the mound, O'Steen gave up two hits and four walks. Keystone starting pitcher Ben Goforth gave up six hits and three walks, striking out nine in five innings. Jesse Stanley gave up no hits in his one inning of work.



Luke Johns threw a two-hit shutout in Union County's win over Keystone Heights. Photo by Cliff Smelley.

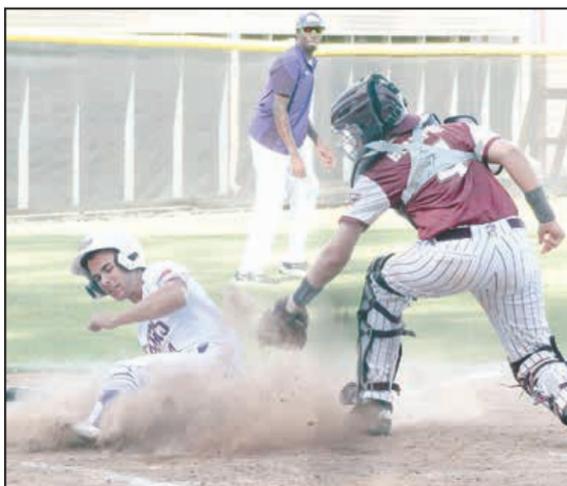
UCHS struggles at the plate in 5-2 loss

Prior to losing to Oak Hall, the Tigers defeated 4th-ranked, 5A Columbia County

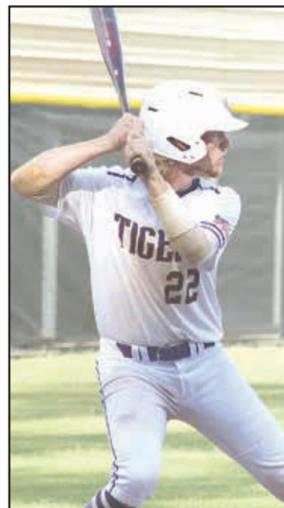
BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Host Oak Hall got a two-out, bases-loaded triple from Ethan Szlachetka in the bottom of the fifth inning as the Eagles defeated the Union County High School baseball team 5-2 on April 18. The Tigers (10-8) had taken the lead in the top of the fifth. With two outs, Quinten Rawls and Jake O'Steen walked. Oak Hall then elected to intentionally walk

Jay Cohen. Tre'von Lee stepped to the plate and delivered a hit into center field that scored two runs, putting Union ahead 2-1. Most of the game was a struggle offensively for the Tigers, who had just four hits against pitchers Szlachetka and Troy Freeman. Eli Rimes did hit a two-out double in the fourth, but Freeman, who started and threw 4.2 innings, bounced back and recorded his second strikeout of the inning. Union had seven strikeouts in all against Freeman and 10 for the game. The Tigers, who are ranked third in Class 1A, entered the game off a dramatic 7-6 win over fourth-ranked, Class 5A Columbia on April 15 in which Blake Agner hit a bunt single to score the winning run in the bottom of the seventh. Union had gone scoreless for four innings until Lee homered over the fence in left to lead off the bottom of the seventh, tying the score at 6-6. One out later, Rimes walked. Rimes advanced to second on a wild pitch and moved to third on a balk, setting him up to score on Agner's hit. The Tigers got off to a fast start, scoring four runs in the first inning. Cohen and Rimes drove in runs on a sacrifice fly and a ground out, respectively, while Agner and Ayden Elixson each walked with the bases loaded. Rawls hit a double and later scored on a wild pitch in the second inning, putting the Tigers ahead 5-3. Columbia scored three runs before Union won it in the seventh. O'Steen and Rawls each went



ABOVE: Jake O'Steen (left) slides safely into home in the Tigers' 5-2 loss to Oak Hall on April 18. RIGHT: Jay Cohen makes a throw from center field in the loss to Oak Hall. Photos by Cliff Smelley.



Blake Agner drove in the winning run in the bottom of the seventh in the Tigers' 7-6 win over Columbia on April 15.

2 for 3, while Lee went 2 for 4. In 3.2 innings of relief, Rimes gave up one run on not hits. The Tigers travel to play Bradford on Thursday, April 21, at 6:30 p.m. They then host Fort White on Tuesday, April 26, at 6 p.m.

KHHS baseball team defeats BHS 13-0

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Pitchers Alex Addington, Ty Glenn and Chase Pakham combined to give up three hits and no walks in the Keystone Heights High School baseball team's 13-0, six-inning win over host Bradford on April 14.



Keystone's Alex Addington (pictured playing second base in an earlier game) combined with two teammates on a pitching performance that yielded just three hits in a 13-0 win over Bradford. File photo by Cliff Smelley.

The Indians had three innings in which they scored four runs each: the second, the fourth and the sixth. Addington and Dalton Hollingsworth each hit an RBI single in the second, which also consisted of Ashton Roach driving in a run on a sacrifice fly and Hollingsworth scoring on a wild pitch. The fourth inning included RBI singles by Roach and Conner Guy as well as a ground-out RBI by Pakham. Ryan Jones scored a run on a wild pitch. Keystone's Cole Cumbs and Jesse Stanley drew bases-loaded walks in the sixth inning, which also saw Bryce Hart drive in a run on a single and Glenn driving in another on a sacrifice fly. Guy, who went 2 for 3, and Roach each finished with two RBI, while Addington, Cumbs, Glenn, Hart, Hollingsworth, and Pakham

in four innings. Glenn and Pakham each pitched one inning, giving up one hit each. Bradford's Luke Stucky went 2 for 3. The Indians (9-11) would lose their next two games by a combined score of 23-4. On April 15, Keystone pitchers recorded 10 strikeouts, but visiting Fernandina Beach took advantage of 11 hits to defeat the Indians 11-4. Hollingsworth went 2 for 4 with two doubles and two RBI, while Jeremy Miller hit one double and had two RBI. The Indians hosted Oakleaf on April 18 and were held to three hits in a 12-0, five-inning loss. One of Keystone's hits was a double by Guy. Bradford (1-13-1) hosted Chiefland on April 18, with the Indians scoring 11 first-inning runs en route to handing the Tornadoes a 15-5, five-inning loss. The Tornadoes scored all of their runs in the fourth. Jonathan Brugh hit a leadoff double and scored when Michael Byrd reached on an error. Bradford then loaded the bases after a C.J. McKinney single and a Mattox

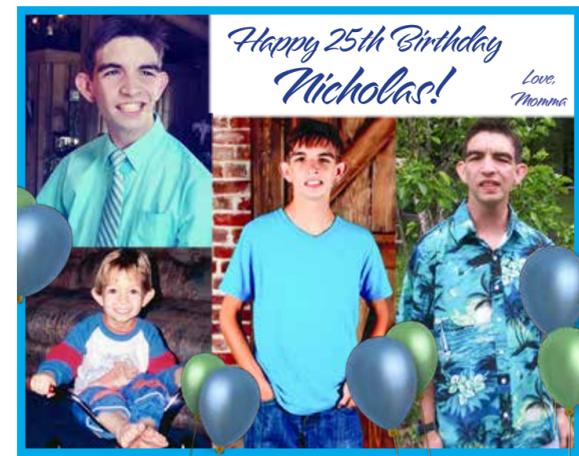
KHHS' Moncrief is Florida Dairy Farmers Academic All-State Team pick

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Keystone Heights High School senior student-athlete Caleb Moncrief was one of 24 students (12 male, 12 female) selected for the 28th annual Florida Dairy Farmers Academic All-State Team. To be eligible, a graduating senior had to have a minimum unweighted grade-point average of 3.5 and earned a minimum of two letters in varsity sports his or her junior and senior years. Each participant was evaluated on athletic participation, academic record, extracurricular activities, community service and an essay he or she had to write upon being nominated. Florida Dairy Farmers received 51 nominations for male student-athletes. "Whenever I wrote the initial paragraph of the essay, I didn't really know if I was going to get it," Moncrief said. "When they told me, it was really cool. I was so happy." At the time of his nomination, Moncrief had a 4.0 GPA, which put him at the top of his



Caleb Moncrief is pictured when he received the Clay County School District's Three-Star Athlete of the Year Award last school year. Moncrief was recently named to this year's Florida Dairy Farmers Academic All-State Team.



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UCHS QB Club to host alumni football game this Saturday

The Union County High School Quarterback Club is hosting an alumni football game on Saturday, April 23, at 6 p.m. at the UCHS stadium. Admission is \$7 for adults and \$5 for children under 12.

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Obituaries

Denis Blom

Denis Ingvar Blom, 76, passed away at North Florida Regional on Friday, Feb. 11, 2022. He was born in Marionette, Wisconsin on April 19, 1945 to the late Ingvar (Swede) Olaf Blom and Dorothy Elizabeth Forsberg. He served his country; starting with four years with the Air Force. He continued his service with the Florida National Guard for eight years, finishing as a First Lieutenant in Infantry. In the next seven years, he would become a law enforcement officer in Washington and Union counties, and finally found a home in Gainesville. He was known as the "Dancing Cop" to Gainesville for breaking out into dances while directing traffic. During his time, he worked for the Gatnationals from 1987-1996. He retired in August of 1998 due to diabetic retinopathy. He devoted his life to the Lord, his family, and his friends. Never once did he lose sight of what was most important to him in his life. He took pride in taking care of his two granddaughters and supporting them as best as he could. He spent most of his time getting to know God and spreading His word to anyone who sought guidance. He was preceded in death by his sister, Beverly Joy Blom; his brother, Terry Allen Blom; his mother, Dorothy Elizabeth Forsberg; and his father, Ingvar (Swede) Olaf Blom.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Victoria Williams Blom of Lake Butler; his children, Shawna Joy Blom of Starke, Shayne Denis Blom of Lake Butler, Shanise Victoria Blom of Orlando; his granddaughters, Elizabeth Mary Avila and Izabella Grace Preston; his sister, Bonita Blom Norwood of Brunswick, Georgia; and his brothers, Randall Wayne (Missy) Blom of Raiford, and Kevin Lee (Dana) Blom of Orlando.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, April 23 at 2 p.m. at the Townsend-Green building on Main Street of Lake Butler. Casual dress is requested.

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



Terry Fox

STARKE Terry Wayne Fox "Forsyth" of Starke died on Sunday, April 17, 2022 at HCA Florida Starke Emergency. A Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, April 22 at 2 p.m. at Archie Tanner Memorial Chapel. The family will receive friends from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. at the funeral home. Arrangements are under the care and direction of V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services and Archie Tanner Memorial Chapel, Starke, 904-964-5757.

David Francis

LAWTEY David Alan Francis, 58, of Lawtey died on Wednesday, April 13, 2022. He was born in Indianapolis, Indiana on April 3, 1964, to the late Eddie Dean Francis and Betty L. Brady Francis. He was preceded in death by his parents, and sister, Lisa Baker. He is survived by his wife, Susan Thoma; children, David William Francis of Middleburg, Trevor Schoner of Jacksonville, Nikki (Christopher) Carlton of Lawtey; brother, Jeffrey Francis of The Villages; and sister, Jennifer (Carl) Shirley of Okeechobee. A Celebration of Life was held Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at Archie Tanner Memorial Chapel. Arrangements were under the care and direction of V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services and Archie Tanner Memorial Chapel, Starke. 904-964-5757.

Darlene Harry

STARKE Darlene Kay Harry, 69, of Starke passed away on Thursday, April 7, 2022. No services will be held at this time. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 620 E. Nona St., Starke. 904-964-6200. www.JonesgallagherFH.com

Daniel Nipper

ALACHUA Daniel Ray Nipper, 83, of Alachua passed away on Thursday, April 14, 2022, at his home. Known to his family as Ray, he was born on Dec. 3, 1938, to Samuel Pates and Elma Robinson Nipper. He served in the United States Army. He was first in his family to graduate college and earn a bachelor's degree, all while working full time and raising his family. He was a member of North Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. He was a police officer for nearly 40 years. The majority of his career was spent with Santa Fe College where he was instrumental in developing the Santa Fe College Police Department, the first Florida community college law enforcement agency. He was preceded in death by his parents; his grandson, Marek Alexander Sajczuk; siblings, Sam "Sambo" Nipper, Rosemary Nipper, Doris Bass, Louise McDavid, and Tom Nipper; his in-laws, Earl and Maggie Hill, and brother-in-law Jimmy Hill. He is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Nancy Nipper of Alachua; children, Holly (Jim) Sajczuk, Cord (Kim) Nipper, Jared (Jessica) Nipper, all of Alachua, and Jarica (Joe) Cairns of Clearwater; grandchildren, Evan, Jeremy, Nick, Anya, Mason, Maggie, and Levi; sister, Georgia King of Newberry; and sister-in-law, Chris Hill. A host of extended family also survive.

A funeral was held on Tuesday, April 19, at North Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. He was laid to rest following the service at the church cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests expressions of love be made to Haven Hospice (beyourhaven.org/donate) or Florida Baptist Children's Home (fbchomes.org). Arrangements were under the care and direction of Archer-Milton Funeral Home, 386-496-2008, www.ArcherFuneralHome.com. PAID OBITUARY



William Swisher

William Marshall Swisher, born July 15, 1932, passed away at Windsor Manor Health and Rehab on Thursday, April 13, 2022. He was laid to rest at the Jacksonville National Cemetery on Monday, April 18, 2022. Arrangements were under the care and direction of Archer-Milton Funeral Home, Lake Butler. 386-496-2008 www.archerfuneralhome.com

Thomas Osborn

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS Thomas "Tom" W. Osborn, 80, of Keystone Heights passed away at his home on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, following a brief illness. He was born Sept. 11, 1941, in Norwalk, Ohio to the late William A. and Vletta C. (Grills) Osborn. Following his high school graduation in 1959 he attended Bowling Green State University of Ohio. In 1961 he enlisted with the United States Navy, serving his country until 1965 when he was honorably discharged. Prior to retirement, he had been employed with AT&T for 25 years as a communications technician. Growing up, he was active in the Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Explorer Scouts. He enjoyed reading, motorcycles and dogs. He and his wife, Mary, enjoyed traveling, which led them to making Keystone Heights their home many years ago. He was a member of Melrose United Methodist Church, the N.R.A. and N.R.A. Golden Eagles, and was a member of Highway Patrol Auxiliary Troop "B" in Gainesville for eight years. He was also a life member of A.M.A. (American Motorcycle Association), Telephone Pioneers and United Sportsman of Florida. He is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 53 years, Mary (Silcox) Osborn of Keystone Heights; three aunts; four nieces and nephews-in-law; 18 great nieces and nephews-in-law; and four great-great-nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Sunday, May 1, in the First United Methodist Church of Starke with Pastor Mike Moore officiating. Visitation will begin at 3 p.m. Interment will be held privately at Eliam Cemetery. In lieu of flowers a memorial gift to the charity of your choice may be made. Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 620 E. Nona St., Starke. 904-964-6200. www.jonesgallagherfh.com PAID OBITUARY



George Udvarhley

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS George John Udvarhley, 73, of Keystone Heights received his wings on Monday, March 21, 2022. He was born in New York on April 4, 1948, to the late George Frank Udvarhley and Mary Ann. He was a retired engineer for Beckman and Coulter Diagnostics. He loved fishing, cruising, tinkering, woodworking, traveling, seeing the world, learning new things, and he adored his family above everything else. He will be missed, but never ever forgotten. He leaves behind his wife of 46 years, Judith Arlene (Stauffer) Udvarhley; his daughter Yasheka (Stacey) Marshall; his beloved dog, Coco; and grand dog, Ruby. The family will accept friends and family for a viewing beginning at 10 a.m., with a funeral Mass service to follow at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 23, at St. William Catholic Church, Keystone Heights, with Father Andy Mitera officiating. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 340 E. Walker Drive, Keystone Heights. 352-473-3176. www.jonesgallagherfh.com PAID OBITUARY



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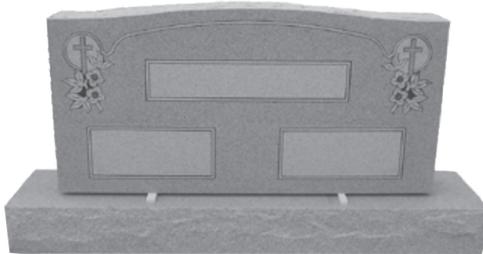
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174-member senior class. Over the past two years, he has varsity letters in football, basketball, weightlifting and track and field. He's been student-government president for four years and is a member of such organizations as National Honor Society, Key Club and Future Business Leaders of America. Moncrief also has more than 500 hours of community service. Moncrief, who's participated in dual enrollment through Santa

Fe College, has expressed his desire to major in biomedical engineering before going to medical school. His plan has been to go to the University of Florida, but three weeks ago, Moncrief was accepted into Harvard. According to Best Colleges, Harvard is the third-hardest college to get into with an acceptance rate of 4.0 percent. "It was crazy," Moncrief said. "I did not expect to get in there." He won't be able to take the official visit to Harvard as it takes place the day after the Florida High School Athletic Association finals in weightlifting. Moncrief and his KHHS teammates are looking to win a second straight state championship on Saturday, April 23.

"I might try to get a visit up there sometime (later) just to go see the town and see the college," Moncrief said, adding, "I have a tough decision to make."

Some of Moncrief's athletic highlights the past two years have included winning district and regional titles in weightlifting in 2021 as well as a third-place finish at state that same year. Moncrief, who competes in the 238-pound class, doubled his number of championships this year as he won district and regional championships in weightlifting's traditional event (bench press and clean and jerk) as well as the snatch, which the state added as an event this year.

In track and field in 2021, he won the district championship in

the discus and placed third at the regional finals. This year's district finals were held Wednesday, April 20, after deadline.

As a tight end/lineman on the football team, he helped KHHS go 10-2 this year, which included the program's first-ever playoff win.

The members of the Florida Dairy Farmers Academic All-State Team will be honored at a June 6 banquet. Each member will receive a \$1,700 scholarship and a commemorative medallion.

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Bradford

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CIVIL ACTION
 CASE NO.: 2019-CA-000486
 DIVISION:
 U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
 Plaintiff,

vs.
 MATTHEW THOMAS FRANKS A/K/A
 MATTHEW FRANKS A/K/A MATHEW
 FRANKS, et al,
 Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated May 10, 2022, and entered in Case No. 2019-CA-000486 of the Circuit Court for the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Bradford County, Florida in which U.S. Bank National Association, is the Plaintiff and Matthew Thomas Franks a/k/a Matthew Franks a/k/a Mathew Franks, Kristin Nicole Franks a/k/a Kristin Franks, United States of America Acting through Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Cavalry Portfolio Services, LLC as Assignee of Cavalry SPV I, LLC as Assignee of Nissan, are defendants, the Bradford County Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on in front of the Bradford County Courthouse, 945 Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida 32091, Bradford County, Florida at 11:00 AM, E.S.T. on the 12th day of May, 2022, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure: A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN LOTS 8 AND 9 OF WOODLAWN, SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 17, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT AN IRON ROD FOUND AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 18, AND RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 25 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY THEREOF, 429.12 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTH 429.00 FEET OF SAID LOT 8; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 59 SECONDS EAST, PARALLEL WITH THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID SECTION 18, AND ALONG THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID NORTH 429.00 FEET OF SAID LOT 8, A DISTANCE OF 54.80 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET ON THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY OF THE RIGHT OF WAY OF COUNTY ROAD 125 FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM POINT OF BEGINNING THUS DESCRIBED CONTINUE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 59 SECONDS EAST, PARALLEL WITH SAID NORTHERLY BOUNDARY AND ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY, 242.60 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 25 SECONDS WEST, 312.91 FEET; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 59 SECONDS WEST, PARALLEL WITH SAID NORTHERLY BOUNDARY AND SAID SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY, 238.96 FEET TO AFORESAID EASTERLY BOUNDARY OF THE RIGHT OF WAY OF COUNTY ROAD 125; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 34 SECONDS WEST, ALONG SAID EASTERLY BOUNDARY 313.02 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. TOGETHER WITH A MOBILE HOME LOCATED THEREON AS A PERMANENT FIXTURE AND APPURTENANCE THERETO, DESCRIBED AS A 2006 FLEETWOOD DOUBLE WIDE MOBILE HOME BEARING TITLE NUMBERS 98537377 AND 98537463 AND VIN NUMBERS GAFL675A78229CD21 AND GAFL675B78229CD21. A/K/A 6565 NW CR 125 LAWTEY FL 32058 Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim before the Clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed. Dated in Bradford County, Florida this 11th day of April, 2022. Clerk of the Circuit Court Bradford County, Florida
 By: Lisa Brannon
 Deputy Clerk
 Albertelli Law
 Attorney for Plaintiff
 P.O. Box 23028
 Tampa, FL 33623
 (813) 221-4743
 CT - 19-019792
 If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this

proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Persons with a disability who need any accommodation in order to participate should call Jan Phillips, ADA Coordinator, Alachua County Courthouse, 201 E. University Ave., Gainesville, FL 32601 at (352)337-6237 within two (2) working days of receipt of this notice; if you are hearing impaired, please call 1-800-955-8771; if you are voice impaired, please call 1-800-955-8770.
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City of Starke FL - Wastewater Collection System Upgrades & Rehabilitation
 LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Bids for the construction of the Wastewater Collection System Upgrades & Rehabilitation will be received by City of Starke, Florida (Owner) at the City of Starke Florida, City Manager's Office, City Hall, 209 North Thompson Street, Starke, FL 32091, Starke, FL 32091, until 3 p.m. local time on Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. Bid security in the amount of 5 percent of the Bid must accompany the Bid. This Project generally consists of sewer repairs in the City of Starke with rehabilitation that includes cast-in-place pipe lining, rehabilitation of existing manholes, and open cut sewer repair, new force main route installation, and all material and equipment, and construction services inherent to the Work. The Work shall be substantially complete by January 31, 2023 to meet FDEP Consent Decree; Post Substantial Completion Punchlist (all Work except Warranty Inspection) shall be complete by March 2, 2023; and ready for final payment (Warranty Inspection complete) 14 calendar days prior to expiration of the Warranty Period (351 days from Substantial Completion). A pre-Bid conference will be held via web conference 11:00 a.m. local time on Thursday, April 28, 2022. Instructions for participating via web conference will be transmitted to registered parties in advance. Bidding Documents may be obtained electronically at no cost on or after 10 a.m. on April 18, 2022 by registering with the Issuing Office via email only at dandrews@woodardcurran.com (and a copy to shines@woodardcurran.com) with the subject line "Starke FL - Wastewater Collection System Upgrades & Rehabilitation" to obtain the Bidding Documents and other related public information. Printed copies will not be made available. The Project being bid is subject to Section 255.20 Florida Statutes and other applicable Laws. The Owner expects to finance the resulting Agreement/Contract with assistance from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), which administers a State Revolving Fund loan program supported in part with funds directly made available by grants from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). Applicable requirements include and compliance with following is required as a minimum: Florida Administrative Code Chapter 62-503 (Revolving Loan Program) and/or Chapter 62-552 as applicable; applicable female participation; affirmative action and equal employment opportunity provisions; the American Iron and Steel requirements of H.R. 3547 "Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2014"; and the Davis Bacon Act and wages. The goals and timetables for minority and female participation, expressed in percentage terms for the Contractor's aggregate workforce in each trade on all construction work in Florida, are as follows: Goal for female participation: 6.9 percent statewide Goal for minority participation: 22.2 percent for Bradford County
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ESTATE NOTICE
 ESTATE OF GERALD W. VICKERY JR. Letters testamentary on the estate of GERALD W. VICKERY JR., late of Troy Borough, Bradford County, Pennsylvania, having been granted to the undersigned by the Register of Wills, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to pay the same at once, and all persons having claims against said estate are requested to present the same to the undersigned.
 BRUCE VICKERY, EXECUTOR
 99 Main Street
 Wellsboro, PA 16901
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY,

FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
 FILE NO: 22000040CPAXMX
 IN RE: ESTATE OF
 CHICAGO MICHAEL MULLIN,
 Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The administration of the Estate of Chicago Micheal Mullin, deceased, whose date of death was September 4, 2021, is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 945 N Temple Ave., 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 PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this notice is April 21, 2022.
 Attorney for Personal Representative:
 Linda Muralt, Esquire
 Florida Bar No.: 0031129
 Bennett Jacobs & Adams, P.A.
 Post Office Box 3300
 Tampa, Florida 33601
 Telephone: (813) 272-1400
 Facsimile: (866) 844-4703
 E-mail: LMuralt@bj-a-law.com
 Personal Representative:
 Audrey Whitehead
 c/o: Bennett Jacobs & Adams, P.A.
 Post Office Box 3300
 Tampa, Florida 33601
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NOTICE OF PERMIT ISSUANCE
 The Department of Environmental Protection gives notice of issuance of an individual permit to Florida Gas Transmission Company, LLC, 2301 Lucien Way, Suite 200, Maitland, FL 32751 to perform monitoring and maintenance activities of the FGT natural gas pipeline system throughout the State of Florida. Authorized activities include custodial, regular, irregular, and emergency maintenance of over 5,000 miles of natural gas pipeline within Florida as required for continued safe operation, including authorization to conduct operation and maintenance work within existing sovereign submerged lands easements. The application has been fully scanned and is available for public inspection via the Department's Information Portal: https://prodenv.dep.state.fl.us/DepNexus/public/electronic-documents/ERP_411954/facility!search. If you have any questions or are experiencing difficulty viewing the electronic application, please call Allyson Minick, (850) 245-8489. This action is final and effective on the date filed with the Clerk of the Department unless a timely petition for an administrative proceeding is filed pursuant to the provisions of Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. On the filing of a timely and sufficient petition, this action will not be final and effective until further order of the Department. Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the hearing process may result in a modification of the agency action or even denial of the application. A person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department's action may petition for an administrative proceeding (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. Pursuant to Rule 28-106.201, F.A.C., a petition for an administrative hearing must contain the following information: (a) The name and address of each agency affected and each agency's file or identification number, if known; (b) The name, address, any email address, any facsimile number, and telephone number of the petitioner; the name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner's representative, if any, which shall be the address for service purposes during the course of the

proceeding; and an explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests are or will be affected by the agency determination; (c) A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the agency decision; (d) A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so indicate; (e) A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts that the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action; (f) A statement of the specific rules or statutes that the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action, including an explanation of how the alleged facts relate to the specific rules or statutes; and (g) A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action that the petitioner wishes the agency to take with respect to the agency's proposed action. The petition must be filed (received by the Clerk) in the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000. Also, a copy of the petition shall be mailed to the applicant at the address indicated above at the time of filing. In accordance with Rule 62-110.106(3), F.A.C., petitions for an administrative hearing by the applicant must be filed within 21 days of receipt of this written notice. Petitions filed by any persons other than the applicant, and other than those entitled to written notice under Section 120.60(3), F.S., must be filed within 21 days of publication of the notice or within 21 days of receipt of the written notice, whichever occurs first. Under Section 120.60(3), F.S., however, any person who has asked the Department for notice of agency action may file a petition within 21 days of receipt of such notice, regardless of the date of publication. The failure to file a petition within the appropriate time period shall constitute a waiver of that person's right to request an administrative determination (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., or to intervene in this proceeding and participate as a party to it. Any subsequent intervention (in a proceeding initiated by another party) will be only at the discretion of the presiding officer upon the filing of a motion in compliance with Rule 28-106.205, F.A.C. Under Rule 62-110.106(4), F.A.C., a person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department's action may also request an extension of time to file a petition for an administrative hearing. The Department may, for good cause shown, grant the request for an extension of time. Requests for extension of time must be filed with the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, before the applicable deadline for filing a petition for an administrative hearing. A timely request for extension of time shall toll the running of the time period for filing a petition until the request is acted upon. Mediation is not available in this proceeding. The applicant, or any party within the meaning of Section 373.114(1)(a) or 373.4275, F.S., may also seek appellate review of this order before the Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission under Section 373.114(1) or 373.4275, F.S. Requests for review before the Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission and served on the Department within 20 days from the date when this order is filed with the Clerk of the Department.
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proceeding; and an explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests are or will be affected by the agency determination; (c) A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the agency decision; (d) A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so indicate; (e) A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts that the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action; (f) A statement of the specific rules or statutes that the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action, including an explanation of how the alleged facts relate to the specific rules or statutes; and (g) A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action that the petitioner wishes the agency to take with respect to the agency's proposed action. The petition must be filed (received by the Clerk) in the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000. Also, a copy of the petition shall be mailed to the applicant at the address indicated above at the time of filing. In accordance with Rule 62-110.106(3), F.A.C., petitions for an administrative hearing by the applicant must be filed within 21 days of receipt of this written notice. Petitions filed by any persons other than the applicant, and other than those entitled to written notice under Section 120.60(3), F.S., must be filed within 21 days of publication of the notice or within 21 days of receipt of the written notice, whichever occurs first. Under Section 120.60(3), F.S., however, any person who has asked the Department for notice of agency action may file a petition within 21 days of receipt of such notice, regardless of the date of publication. The failure to file a petition within the appropriate time period shall constitute a waiver of that person's right to request an administrative determination (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., or to intervene in this proceeding and participate as a party to it. Any subsequent intervention (in a proceeding initiated by another party) will be only at the discretion of the presiding officer upon the filing of a motion in compliance with Rule 28-106.205, F.A.C. Under Rule 62-110.106(4), F.A.C., a person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department's action may also request an extension of time to file a petition for an administrative hearing. The Department may, for good cause shown, grant the request for an extension of time. Requests for extension of time must be filed with the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, before the applicable deadline for filing a petition for an administrative hearing. A timely request for extension of time shall toll the running of the time period for filing a petition until the request is acted upon. Mediation is not available in this proceeding. The applicant, or any party within the meaning of Section 373.114(1)(a) or 373.4275, F.S., may also seek appellate review of this order before the Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission under Section 373.114(1) or 373.4275, F.S. Requests for review before the Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission and served on the Department within 20 days from the date when this order is filed with the Clerk of the Department.
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Notice is hereby given:
 Kevin B. Dodson
 Last known address of:
 12033 Cedar Dr
 Brookier FL 32622
 You are hereby notified that your eligibility to vote is in question. You are required to contact the Supervisor of Elections, in Starke, Florida, no later than thirty (30) days after the date of this publishing. Failure to respond will result in a determination of ineligibility by the Supervisor and your name will be removed from the statewide voter registration system. Published one time in the Bradford County Telegraph
 Amanda Seyfang
 Bradford County
 Supervisor of Elections

P. O. Box 58
 945 N. Temple Ave., Suite C
 Starke, FL 32091
 Date: April 18, 2022
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INVITATION TO BID
 SEALED BIDS will be received and accepted by the Town of Brookier, Florida, until 1:00 pm on Monday, May 9, 2022 for the following maintenance of City property. The bids will be opened and read aloud on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the regular Town Council meeting. All Bidders are encouraged to attend a pre-bid tour to be held on Saturday, April 30" at 9:00 a.m. at the Brookier City Hall/Community Center, 17435 Tetstone Avenue, Brookier, FL. No other tour will be provided. All Bidders are encouraged to submit references.
 B i d d e r s :
 1. Edge and maintain (to include debris removal) all sidewalks on both sides of State Road 18/ Charlotte Avenue within city limits. To be maintained once per month.
 2. Clean fence line (to include debris removal) in front of school building at the intersection of Bradford Avenue and School Street. To be maintained once per month. Bid will be for a two year period. The Brookier Town Council reserves the right to cancel with or without cause after one year. Payment will be rendered at the end of the month.
 ***Required with Bid - Acopy of current Insurance Declaration page showing \$250,000 or more Liability coverage and Worker's Compensation coverage certificate or exemption certificate. BIDS NOT CONTAINING THESE REQUIRED DECLARATION PAGES WILL BE REJECTED. The identity of the bidding entity must match the certificate of insurance coverage.
 ***All Equipment is to be furnished by the Contractor.
 ***No work is allowed on Sunday.
 *** Awarded bidder will be required to add the Town of Brookier as additional insured after receiving the bid. The Town reserves the right to check references and to accept or reject any and all bids. If Bidder has previously worked under contract with the Town of Brookier the award of the bid shall be contingent on satisfactory performance and review on contract previously awarded. You can contact the Brookier City Hall office at 352-485-1022 if you have any questions.
 Equal Opportunity Employer, Fair Housing, Handicap Access
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INVITATION TO BID
 SEALED BIDS will be received and accepted by the Town of Brookier, Florida, until 1:00 pm on Monday, May 9, 2022 for the prep and painting of the roof of the Brookier Community Center. The bids will be opened and read aloud on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the regular Town Council meeting. All Bidders are encouraged to schedule a pre-bid tour. All Bidders are encouraged to submit references.
 B i d d e r s :
 1. Prepare and Paint metal roof on

the Community Center building located at 17435 Tetstone Avenue in Brookier, Florida to include:
 a. Applying a solution of bleach to pressure wash/rinse roof clean b. Locating leaks and applying a patching compound to the noted areas c. Applying extra roofing paint to the patched areas. d. Application of elastomeric roof coating
 ***Required with Bid - A copy of current Insurance Declaration page showing \$250,000 or more Liability coverage and Worker's Compensation coverage certificate or exemption certificate. BIDS NOT CONTAINING THESE REQUIRED DECLARATION PAGES WILL BE REJECTED. The identity of the bidding entity must match the certificate of insurance coverage. The Town reserves the right to check references and to accept or reject any and all bids. If Bidder has previously worked under contract with the Town of Brookier the award of the bid shall be contingent on satisfactory performance and review on contract previously awarded. Contact Gene Melvin via the Brookier City Hall office at 352-485-1022 if you have any questions. Equal Opportunity Employer, Fair Housing, Handicap Access
 Jurisdiction
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Notice is hereby given:
 Billy F. McDaniel
 Last known address of:
 9738 NW 214th St
 Lake Butler FL 32054
 You are hereby notified that your eligibility to vote is in question. You are required to contact the Supervisor of Elections, in Starke, Florida, no later than thirty (30) days after the date of this publishing. Failure to respond will result in a determination of ineligibility by the Supervisor and your name will be removed from the statewide voter registration system. Published one time in the Bradford County Telegraph
 Amanda Seyfang
 Bradford County
 Supervisor of Elections
 P. O. Box 58
 945 N. Temple Ave., Suite C
 Starke, FL 32091
 Date: April 18, 2022
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PUBLIC MEETING
 THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida will hold a budget workshop on May 3, 2022 at 6:00 PM at the Bradford County Courthouse, located at 945 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida. 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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JEFFERS

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to help make it easier for her to reach that goal of graduation. "I was so touched," Jeffers said. "They didn't have to do that." So many at BMS were willing to help in whatever way they could. Jeffers especially talked of the support she received from administration. She said Carla Dicks, a former assistant principal, helped her print items she needed for homework assignments as well as being that person who brought a sense of calm to moments of anxiety. "I would go (into her office) just stressed out, saying, 'Oh, my gosh. I don't know how I'm going to get this done.'" Jeffers said. "She would sit there like, 'OK. Let's think about it.'"

Jeffers said she probably peeked her head into Rosson's office "a million times a day." "I owe Bradford Middle School everything," Jeffers said. "I don't think I would've completed this if I did not work at Bradford Middle School. The love is there." Rosson said strong bonds exist between those who work at the school. "We're together more than we are at home (with our own families), really, during the day," Rosson said. "Our students are our family. Our staff is our family. It is one community on this campus." Jeffers said, "We are a family. We care about each other. We love each other. We lean on each other." As you might imagine, Jeffers, who graduated from UF on Dec. 18, 2021, was thrilled when she had the opportunity to begin

her teaching career at BMS. "I practically shrieked," Jeffers said, thinking back to when Rosson told her she was officially a BMS teacher.

Helping children

She may have graduated and is now teaching, but the support at BMS hasn't ended. As Jeffers said of her fellow teachers, "They're so open and welcoming to where I can ask questions. I can make a phone call or send email. It feels so good to be part of a good education system along with good educators." Her professional journey doesn't have to end, either. Jeffers said the classroom may not be her final destination. She likes the idea of perhaps becoming a guidance counselor. She'd also like to do something for children outside of school,

saying her dream is to start a nonprofit organization. "My lifelong goal has been to have an organization to where I'm serving children in need, who need mentorship, who are in need of tutoring," Jeffers said. "That way I can build up students to where they learn how to care about education, learn how to care about the things around them and be self-aware of the opportunities that are at hand. "I think (teaching) is just the steppingstone so I can gain the experience." Whatever role she fills, her own life can serve as positive example to children. She returned to school while working and raising a child to earn her AA and bachelor's degrees. Jeffers said she sometimes feels she's just an "average Joe," someone who simply took

advantage of an opportunity. However, she does realize there was more to her journey toward than that. It takes a commitment and not letting obstacles put an end toward your goal. "You can guarantee that we are going to face things that are going to be difficult," Jeffers said. "We have the option to stop and give up, or we have the option to keep it moving and figure out a way to work through it. "The best advice I can give is to not stop. If we stop, we don't get anything accomplished. We have to work around roadblocks." By choosing to get past her roadblocks, Jeffers is now teaching. She may have left that front-desk receptionist job behind her, but what she found was that experience proved to be beneficial in her new role. "Honestly, I think the

transition from the front desk to the classroom made it a lot easier because I had already built relationships with parents and students," Jeffers said. "When I came into the classroom, I already knew the faces, I knew the parents, and I already had a good feel for who they are as people. All I had to do was transition into teaching them something." Still, it is a learning process as a new teacher. Jeffers knows that, and she's been up front with her students about that fact. She said she tells them all the time, "It's not like I know everything. Some things we have to learn together, and I'm perfectly fine with that. As long as we're learning and not stopping and giving up. That is the only thing I care about." "She's doing a fantastic job," Rosson said. "The students love and respect her."

Legal Notices

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Bradford

PUBLIC MEETING
THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida will hold a meeting on May 2, 2022 at 9:30 AM at the Bradford County Courthouse, located at 945 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida. 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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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File Number: 04-2021-CP-000115
AMENDED PETITION FOR SUMMARY ADMINISTRATION IN THE ESTATE OF CORNELIUS C. SCOTT, Deceased
You are hereby notified that an Amended Petition For Summary Administration has been filed in Bradford county, Florida, Probate Division, Clerk of Court, Bradford County, Probate Division, 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida 32091. The decedent's date of death was May 06, 2021. The total value of the estate is \$5,886.00. The name's of the beneficiaries are as follows: Mary Beth Scott, address unknown, Neil C. Scott, Daniel R. Scott, Douglas Scott, Michael Scott, and Cleighton Scott. You are required to respond with any claims or demands against decedent's estate to the Clerk of the Court, Bradford County, Probate Division, File Number: 04-2021-CP-000115, in the estate of Cornelius C. Scott. A hearing is scheduled for Case Management Conference on Monday, April 18, 2022, at 11:30am, as to the status of providing formal notice to Mary Beth Scott, and as to subsequent amendments to the petition to reflect surviving spouse's intestate share of the estate. Petitioner Daniel R. Scott 645 Lake Susan Road Hawthorne, Florida 32640 4/21 2tchg 4/28-BCT
NOTICE OF MEETING
The Bradford County Affordable Housing Advisory Committee will hold a meeting Wednesday, April 27, 2022 beginning at 3:30 pm at the Bradford County Community Development Office located at 925-E North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida. Items to be discussed are the SHIP LHAP-Local Housing Assistance Plan. Contact Kelly Canady at (904) 966-6382 for more information.
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LEGAL NOTICE:
The Bradford County Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) Planning Committee/Workgroup will meet Thursday, May 5th at 2:30 pm in the Bradford County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) located in the Bradford County Sheriff's Office at 945B North Temple Avenue, Starke, FL. Bradford County Emergency Management encourages any interested citizens and business owners to attend and provide input. The Committee guides the preparation and contents of the Bradford County Local Mitigation Strategy which serves as the plan submitted to the Florida Division of Emergency Management to reduce the community's long-term risk for protecting people and property from the effects of natural disasters and to build a safer and stronger community. This public meeting is being conducted in a handicapped accessible location. Any handicapped person wanting to attend the meeting and requires assistance with accessibility and/or interpretation should contact the Bradford County Sheriff's Office, Emergency Management Division at (904) 966-6336 at least 5 calendar days prior to the meeting date. Any person wishing to provide comments who cannot attend the meeting may do so by submitting written comments via email to the Bradford County Emergency Management Director at brad_witt@bradfordsheriff.org at least 5 calendar days prior to the meeting date. The meeting agenda may be obtained within 5 days of the meeting date via email request to the Emergency Management Director. Please contact the Bradford County Sheriff's Office, Emergency Management Division at (904) 966-6336 for more information. A FAIR HOUSING/EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE JURISDICTION
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: 2021-DR-007618
Division: FM-F
IN RE: THE NAME CHANGE OF Diane Deering, Petitioner

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR PUBLICATION
TO: ANTHONY P. BURCH
9611 SW 40th Way
Lake Butler, Florida 32054
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Change of Name has been filed against you. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to this action on Anny Leon Esquire, Petitioner's attorney, whose address is 2301 Park Avenue, Suite 404, Orange Park, Florida 32073, on or before MAY 23, 2022, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court at Duval County Courthouse, 501 West Adams Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32202, either before service on Petitioner's attorney or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition for Change of Name. Copies of all Court documents in this case, including Orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request. You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Designated of Current Mailing and E-Mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e-mailed to the address(es) on record at the Clerk's office. **WARNING:** Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings. DATED this day of 8th day of April, 2022
JODY PHILLIPS
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: GIANETTA JAMES
Deputy Clerk GIANETTA JAMES
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NOTICE OF SELF STORAGE SALE
Please take notice Lake Butler Mini Storage, located at 1015 SW 3rd St. Lake Butler, FL, 32054 intends to hold an auction of goods stored in the following units in default for non-payment of rent on Lockerfox.com. The sale will occur on 4-23-2022 at 11:45 am. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Ivan Green - Unit 14; Kaitlyn Prevapp - Unit 5; Megan Tucker - Unit 17; Cynthia Holland - Unit 39/66; Kristy Morton - Unit 68; George Green - Unit 71; Laura Douglas - Unit 32; Amy Mayer - Unit 38. All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. See manager for details.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
CASE NUMBER 2022CP11
IN RE: ESTATE OF LORI ANN MANN Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of LORI ANN MANN, deceased, whose date of death was January 4, 2022, File Number 2022CP11 is pending in the Circuit Court for Union County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Union County Clerk of Court, 55 West Main Street, Lake Butler, Florida, 32054. The names and addresses of the personal representative and of the personal representative's attorney are set forth below and the lawyer-client privilege in Section 90.5021 applies with respect to the Personal Representative and any attorney employed by the Personal Representative. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmaturred, contingent or unliquidated claims, on whom a copy of this notice is served must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmaturred, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE 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. N O T W I T H S T A N D I N G THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this Notice is 21 April, 2022. ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: REUBEN S. WILLIAMS, IV Florida Bar No 509612

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UNION COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD PUBLIC WORKSHOP
The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council announces a public workshop to which all persons are invited. DATE: May 3, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. TIME: May 3, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. PLACE: Union County Transportation Facility located at 255 SW 9th Avenue, Lake Butler, Florida 32054. IN NUMBER: Toll free 1.888.585.9008 CONFERENCE CODE: 864 183 272 GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: To conduct a public workshop for the purpose of receiving public comment relating to the local transportation services provided under Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged Program in Union County. Per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines, to reduce the risk of becoming infected with the virus that causes COVID-19 and potentially spreading it to others, fully vaccinated people should wear a mask indoors in public if they are in an area of substantial or high transmission; if someone in their household is immunocompromised or at increased risk for severe disease; or if someone in their household is unvaccinated. For additional information or to obtain a copy of the public workshop agenda interested persons may contact: North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, 2009 NW 67th Place, Gainesville, Florida 32653-1603; godfrey@ncfrpc.org or 352.955.2200. The workshop agenda will be posted at <https://www.ncfrpc.org/transportation-disadvantaged>. Any person may submit written or other physical evidence which he or she intends to offer into evidence during the public workshop to Lynn Godfrey, Senior Planner, at North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, 2009 NW 67th Place, Gainesville, Florida 32653-1603; or godfrey@ncfrpc.org. Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this public workshop is asked to advise the agency at least 2 business days before the public workshop by contacting 352.955.2200. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1.800. 955.8771 (TDD) or 1.800. 955.8770 (Voice). If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the public workshop, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.
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RFQ TITLE: PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING, INCLUDING CEI SERVICES FOR UNION COUNTY DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING MAY 12, 2022 AT 11:00 A.M.
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District (District). Pursuant to Chapter 28-106 and Rule 40BB-1.1010, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), the petition must be filed (received) either by delivery at the office of the Resource Management Business Resource Specialist at District Headquarters, 9225 CR 49, Live Oak FL 32060 or by e-mail to tjm@srwmd.org, within twenty-one (21) days of newspaper publication of the notice of intended District decision (for those persons to whom the District does not mail or email actual notice). A petition must comply with Sections 120.54(5)(b)4. and 120.569(2)(c), Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Chapter 28106, F.A.C. The District will not accept a petition sent by facsimile (fax). Mediation pursuant to Section 120.573, F.S., is not available. A petition for an administrative hearing is deemed filed upon receipt of the complete petition by the District Clerk at the District Headquarters in Live Oak, FL during the District's regular business hours. The District's regular business hours are 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., excluding weekends and District holidays. Petitions received by the District Clerk after the District's regular business hours shall be deemed filed as of 8 a.m. on the next regular District business day. The right to an administrative hearing and the relevant procedures to be followed are governed by Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, Chapter 28-106, Florida Administrative Code, and Rule 40B-1.1010, Florida Administrative Code. Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means the District's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this notice. Failure to file a petition for an administrative hearing within the requisite time frame shall constitute a waiver of the right to an administrative hearing. (Rule 28-106.111, F.A.C.). If you wish to do so, you may request the Notice of Rights for this permit by contacting the Business Resource Specialist in the Division of Resource Management (RM), 9225 CR 49, Live Oak, FL 32060, or by phone at 386.362.1001.
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Golfing for a good cause on Good Friday



The Kiwanis Club of Starke hosted its annual fundraising golf tournament on April 15 at the Starke Golf and Country Club. Participating teams received rounds of golf for foursomes at local courses as prizes and had the chance to win a number of door prizes with the purchase of tickets. Final figures aren't in, but it's believed the club raised a little over \$7,000 to help it support the youth of Bradford County. David Kniseley (far right), the club's president-elect and co-golf chair, is pictured with the winning team, which consisted of (l-r) Donnie Thomas, Mark Patray, Caleb Patray and Richard Gaines. Photos by Cliff Smelley.



LEFT: Club members Ed Rensberger (left) and Richard Cason register teams and sell mulligans. RIGHT: Club President Brad Smith and his daughter, Bailey, take a ride to see how the tournament's progressing.



C.B. Griffis follows the path of one of his drives.



LEFT: Ed Davis putts, while teammate Walt Westcott looks on. ABOVE: Dwight Elder (left) and Denny Thompson head out to begin play.



LEFT: Club members Mike Ruskowski (left) and Warren Carver sell tickets for the 50-50 drawing. RIGHT: Club members Phillip Johns (left) and Pat Mundorff manned the grills in providing lunch for the golfers.



Kiwanis Club co-golf chair Jim Lewis addresses the teams before play starts.



Roger Jones (foreground) and Billy Jackson played on one of the 10-plus participating teams.



The club received more than \$9,000 in sponsorships. HCA Florida Healthcare, a platinum sponsor that donated \$1,000, is represented by (l-r) Matt Lutz, Adrian French, Bill Westwood, Chip Overstreet and Victor Smith. Other sponsors included Capital City Bank, Community State Bank, Joe's Tires, Keystone Heights RV Resort and Roberts Insurance.

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BHS softball team scores 4 in 6th, win 11-7

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Kirsten Hodges had three hits and gave the Bradford High School softball team the lead for good with an RBI single in the sixth as the Tornadoes defeated visiting Orange Park 11-7 on April 14.

Bradford (11-5) fell behind 6-0, but tied the score with six runs in the bottom of the second. With one out, Hodges singled, while Madison Highland and Makayla Moore drew walks to load the bases. After a strikeout for the second out, Rylie Blankenship drove in a run on a single. Allie Funderburk then hit a double to plate another two, while Blankenship scored on a passed ball. Cassidy Spratlin and Masey Padgett hit RBI singles to make the score 6-6.

It was a 7-7 game going into the bottom of the sixth. The Tornadoes had the bases loaded with one out when Hodges hit a single to put Bradford up 8-7. Padgett scored on a wild pitch before Highland and Blankenship each hit an RBI single.

Hodges finished 3 for 4 with one RBI, while Blankenship was 3 for 5 with three RBI.

Funderburk drove in two runs, while Highland, who went 2 for 3, drove in one.

Padgett and Spratlin each had one RBI also. Spratlin earned the win, giving up four runs (one earned) on four hits through six innings.

Bradford entered the game off five-RBI performances by Funderburk and Padgett in a 21-5, four-inning win at Lake Weir on April 12. The Tornadoes scored nine



Kirsten Hodges drove in the go-ahead run as part of a four-run sixth inning in the Tornadoes' 11-7 win over Orange Park on April 14. File photo by Cliff Smelley.

runs in the first, including three on Padgett's bases-loaded triple. Funderburk and Teagan Bradley each had an RBI single in the inning, while Takeirra Bakken drove in a run on a fielder's choice. Two runs were scored when Blankenship and Highland drew bases-loaded walks, while another scored when Blakeleigh Smith was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded.

Funderburk hit a bases-loaded triple to score three runs as part of a seven-run second. Padgett hit an RBI double and scored on a steal of home, while Blankenship and Smith each drove in a run on a single.

A five-run fourth featured a sacrifice-fly RBI by Blankenship, run-scoring double by Padgett and a run-scoring single by Funderburk, who scored the final run on a steal of home. A run was also scored when Bradley walked with the bases loaded.

Funderburk and Padgett went 3 for 4 and 3 for 5, respectively, while Blankenship went 2 for 2 with three RBI.

Starting pitcher Blankenship gave up five runs (two earned) on three hits and two walks through three innings. She struck out three.

Bakken pitched the final inning, giving up no hits and striking out one.

The Tornadoes played Columbia this past Tuesday and will host Interlachen on Senior Night on Friday, April 22, at 7 p.m. Bradford travels to play Bolles on Monday, April 25, at 5 p.m. and then travels to play Bishop Snyder on Tuesday, April 26, at 6 p.m.

KHHS softball team defeats Creekside 9-1

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Kiley Channell drove in three runs, while pitcher Caitlyn Frampton gave up four hits in the Keystone Heights High School softball team's 9-1 win at Creekside on April 14.

The Indians (11-7) scored five runs in the second inning to take a 6-1 lead. Kinley Carlton hit a leadoff double, while Saige Dennis reached on an error. Delia Johnson and Jaiden Robinson hit back-to-back RBI singles. Robinson later scored when Emma Rogel reached on a fielder's choice. Rogel scored the inning's fourth run on a passed ball, while Channell hit a run-scoring single to make it 6-1.

Channell, Alaina Kinsal and Abbie Roach each went 2 for 5, with Roach driving in two runs and Kinsal hitting a double.

Johnson and Carlton went 3 for 3 and 3 for 4, respectively, with Johnson finishing with one RBI.

Rogel and Robinson each finished with one RBI.

Frampton went the distance in the circle, giving up two walks and striking out five.

The Indians entered the game off a 6-3 win over visiting Ridgeview on April 12.

Keystone scored four unanswered runs after falling behind 3-2. The Indians took the lead for good after a two-run second inning. Robinson reached on a single, stole second and scored on a Rogel single. Two outs later, Rogel scored on a passed ball to make the score 4-3.

Rogel, Carlton and Kinsal each had one RBI, while Madi Mitzel went 3 for 4 with a double.

Frampton pitched the first four innings, giving up three runs on three hits. Mitzel threw the final three innings, allowing four hits and one walk.

The Indians played Interlachen this past Tuesday and will host West Nassau on Thursday, April 21, at 7 p.m. Keystone travels to play University Christian on Friday, April 22, at 6:30 p.m.

On Tuesday, April 26, Keystone travels to play Baker County at 6 p.m.

Tamia Young (shown stealing second base in an earlier game against Williston) was one of three batters to drive in multiple runs as part of an eight-run first inning as the Tigers defeated Hawthorne 15-0. Union is still the top-ranked team in Class 1A. File photo by Cliff Smelley.



2 batters have 3 RBI each in UCHS' 15-0 win over Hornets

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Campbell Webb hit a three-run double as part of an eight-run first inning, while pitcher Lily Neal gave up just two hits in the Union County High School softball team's 15-0, four-inning win over

visiting Hawthorne on April 13.

Tamia Young and Angela Tucker also drove in multiple runs in the first inning for the top-ranked, Class 1A Tigers (13-2). Young began the inning with a single, advancing to second on the throw. She stole third before scoring on a Tucker single. Hailey Rivera singled, while Nyasia Williams was hit by a pitch to load the bases. All three runners scored on Webb's double.

After two straight outs, Union scored another four runs in the inning. Maggie Thomas walked before Webb scored on a Hannah Rivera single. Young and Tucker came to bat for the second time, with Young hitting a two-run triple and Tucker hitting a one-run single.

Tucker, who went 3 for 4, and Webb each finished with three RBI. Williams and Young each went 2 for 2 with two RBI. Williams' two RBI came on a triple in the third inning.

Hayley Burke, Leah Clark and Hannah Rivera each had one RBI.

Neal struck out six, giving up one walk.

Union played Dixie County this past Tuesday and will host Bell on Thursday, April 21, at 6:30 p.m. The Tigers host Williston on Monday, April 25, at 6:30 p.m. and then host Columbia on Tuesday, April 26, at 6 p.m.



Kiley Channell had three RBI in the Indians' 9-1 win over Creekside. File photo by Cliff Smelley.



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