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Man shot claimed to be God, harmed infant

Bystander stops attack by shooting assailant

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The Putnam County Sheriff's Office said a 26-year-old Gainesville man is in serious but stable condition after being shot by another person in self-defense near Melrose.

The agency said Jason Kaercher suffered multiple gunshot wounds to the chest after attacking several motorists in the 700 block of State Road 21, south of the town, near the Melrose Pub.

"According to multiple witnesses," the agency said in a news release, "Kaercher began behaving erratically while at his parents' Melrose home. During the investigation into the incident, detectives learned Kaercher's

behavior began spiraling earlier in the week."

Squeezed baby, child turned blue

The office said that due to this behavior change, Kaercher's relatives took his 3-month-old child to their Melrose home. A (Florida Department of Families and Children) case manager was meeting with the relatives, as well as Kaercher and his wife, at the Melrose home to do an assessment.

"While at the home, Kaercher began acting erratically and told the DCF employee that he wanted to go outside for a minute," the sheriff's office reported. "Kaercher, his wife, and baby walked outside of the home, and moments later, the DCF employee and relatives heard screaming. When

they went outside, they saw Kaercher in the back seat of his vehicle, squeezing the baby hard enough that the child was turning blue. The DCF case manager called 911 at about 4:55 p.m. Family members told detectives Kaercher then exited the car and began walking toward SR 21, stating he was "God" while clutching the baby and a Bible. Witnesses said Kaercher began squeezing the baby again, causing it to turn blue."

Broke man's arm with shovel

The agency said one of the family members grabbed a shovel from the residence and approached Kaercher in an attempt to get him to let go of the baby.

"Kaercher laid down in the roadway on top of the baby and the Bible," the

office said. "For unknown reasons, Kaercher then got up, and a family member was able to grab the baby, pulling it to safety."

Several motorists stopped on the highway to avoid hitting the Gainesville man, including a work crew that tried to restrain him. The family member with the shovel had laid the tool on the ground, and the 26-year-old broke free from the work crew, grabbed the shovel, jumped onto a car, and began striking the vehicle, cracking the windshield.

"Kaercher then approached a man in a truck," the agency continued. "He opened the door of the truck and began violently beating the driver, breaking the man's arm and hitting him several times with the shovel."

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Report: Items missing from police evidence vault

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More than 2,500 items of evidence or property collected by the Starke Police Department could not be accounted for by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

FDLE inventoried the evidence in February before it was transferred to the Bradford County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Gordon Smith, who contracted with the city commission to take over law enforcement services, presented the results of FDLE's inventory April 2.

FDLE's Criminal Justice Professionalism Division, Staff Inspection Unit, conducted the inventory with assistance from analysts from the FDLE Jacksonville Regional Operations Center.

Starke Police Department used a records system known as SmartCOP to manage the intake, tracking, maintenance and disposal of individually barcoded evidence exhibits. A spreadsheet of entries from 2010 to 2024 was prepared for FDLE's audit. Prior to SmartCOP, SPD used a location code specific to the department to catalogue items.

According to a cover letter that



Missing items include money, drugs and guns.

accompanied the FDLE team's synopsis, "While onsite, the FDLE team located numerous non-accounted, (not recorded in SmartCOP), evidence exhibits and in-custody found property items from years prior to 2010. Evidence exhibits in sealed containers identified by a case number(s) were not opened, nor were sealed exhibits indicated as being

returned from the FDLE laboratory." The synopsis separates in-custody evidence into three categories: —SPD-specific barcoded items as recorded in SmartCOP for 2010 through 2024. —non-barcoded or illegible barcoded SPD evidentiary items and in-custody found property that were manually accounted for and turned

over to the sheriff's office.

—SPD-specific barcoded items that were scanned and migrated into BCSO's SmartCOP records management system.

In total, there were more than 4,000 evidentiary and in-custody property items, including 191 duplicate entries, maintained by the police department at the time of the inventory.

However, there were 2,560 items that were previously recorded in SmartCOP as SPD-specific barcoded items that were not accounted for during the onsite inventory, according to the letter.

Sheriff Smith shared the contents of the letter city commissioners, but there wasn't much more he could add. FDLE will proceed with an investigation to try and determine the whereabouts of the items.

"We have to have some accountability for where it's at," he said.

Smith said he never touches the evidence room and believes the same would be true of Police Chief Jeff Johnson.

Commissioner Janice Mortimer asked if this sort of result is typical

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Around they go: Navigating downtown Starke's new streets

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Drivers had a few weeks to acclimate to the new intersection traffic pattern at U.S. 301 and S.R. 100 before the Florida Department of Transportation quietly removed the remaining detours last week and reopened city streets.

It is quite a change for anyone familiar with downtown Starke prior to the start of overpass construction

in 2020. The bridge accomplishes the goal of getting drivers over the railroad without trains disrupting eastbound and westbound traffic.

Alongside the overpass, frontage roads provide access to local streets, businesses and parking. Most notable are the roundabouts installed at Thompson and Cherry streets. While not difficult to navigate, they will be a new experience for many, and they do require care for the safety of travelers,

bicyclists and pedestrians.

According to FDOT: "Reduce your speed to 10-15 mph as you approach the roundabout; be aware of bicyclists and pedestrians; look left for oncoming traffic (traffic moves counter-clockwise); yield to vehicles already in the roundabout, wait for a gap and enter; do not stop in the roundabout; do not pass other vehicles; use turn signal to exit the roundabout to the right; yield to pedestrians crossing the

exit lane; allow emergency vehicles to pass."

Be sure to pay attention to street signage and painted details to help determine where to yield or turn.

A graphic prepared by Michael Heeder in the Bradford County Sheriff's Office helps illustrate the traffic pattern, along with photographs he took of the completed roadway.

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Graphic and photos by Michael Heeder, Bradford County Sheriff's Office.

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Church of God food distribution

Starke Church of God by Faith is distributing food on the first and third Thursdays each month. The April 4 and April 18 drive-thru giveaways will take place from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the church, 730 Old Lawtey Road in Starke.

Lifeline food giveaway

Lifeline Ministries and Gleaners Dispatch will hold a food giveaway on Saturday, April 6, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 325 N. Christian St. in Starke.

Food giveaway in Hampton

The Bradford Food Pantry, Feeding Florida and The Arc of Bradford County are hosting a drive-thru food giveaway starting at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 6. The location is the former Hampton Elementary School, 10501 Hampton Ave.

Food distribution at True Vine

A communitywide food distribution hosted by Farm Share and True Vine Ministry will take Tuesday, April 9 and April 23, at 10 a.m. at True Vine Outreach Ministry in Starke.

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

Summer day camp

Concerned Citizens of Bradford County is offering a four-week summer day camp at the RJE Complex in Starke from June 3-28, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Campers will receive breakfast and lunch, math and reading labs, behavioral health classes, healthy cooking and baking classes, arts and crafts and athletics.

The cost is \$160 per child, not including the cost of a field trip, and the Concerned Citizens group is asking for sponsorships. Payments can be made in installments, but must be paid in full by May 10. To register or sponsor a child, please call Sherry Williams at 352-278-3540, Alicia McMillian at 904-966-1100 or Glenda Ruise 904-769-1691.

April sobriety checkpoints

During the month of April, the Bradford County Sheriff's Office will be conducting sobriety checkpoints in one or more of the following locations: U.S. Highway 301 and Market Road, S.R. 100 West, S.R. 100 East and Southeast 109th Street, Southeast S.R. 21, S.R. 16 and Southwest S.R. 231.



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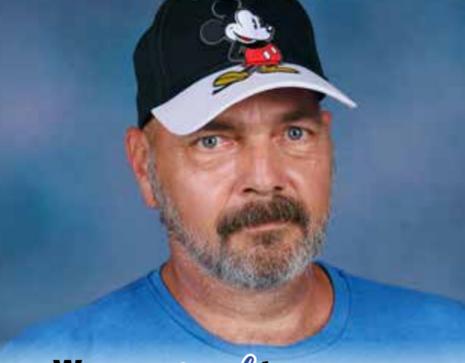



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Lake Region

Kiwanians raise more than \$5,000 during sunrise service

Tom Farmer preaches: 'Count Me In.'

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Lake Region residents attending the Keystone Heights Sunrise Service donated a record \$5,465 to Lake Area Ministries, and the retired pastor of the Keystone United Methodist Church preached the event's sermon entitled "Count Me In." Lake Region Kiwanis organized the event, which took place at the Keystone Beach Park on the shores of Lake Geneva at 6:30 a.m. on Easter Morning.

Tom Farmer said the title of his message "are words that describe the greatest privilege we all have in life."

The retired pastor shed new light on what he said is the Bible's most read and famous verse, John 3:16.

"God so loved this world that he gave His only son so that everyone who believes," Farmer said, "everyone, underscore the word, who believes in him—Jesus—may not perish but have eternal life. Now, the problem is that most people stop there and remember John 3:16 and fail to hook it with the two verses that follow that you need to get the whole ball."

Farmer then read verses 17 and 18.

"Indeed, says verse 17," he added. "Indeed, God did not send the son into this world to condemn the world, but so that in order the world who believe will be saved through him. And then, the thought process closes with the next verse, which is verse 18, which says, Those who believe in Jesus are not condemned, but those who do not believe are condemned already because they have not believed in the name of the only son of God."

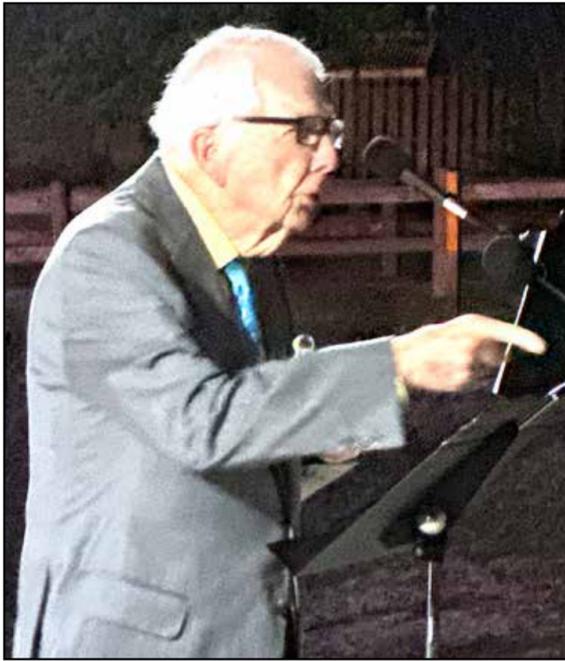
The pastor then recounted the fall in the Garden of Eden and the events surrounding the first Easter.

He also reflected on some of the memorable events during his 53 years as a pastor, including comforting the family that lost a young child and the conversion of a lawyer at the First United Methodist Church in Jacksonville.

The latter episode inspired Farmer's sermon title: "Count Me In."

Farmer said that during a service at the church, the prominent Jacksonville litigator walked from the balcony to the front of the sanctuary and motioned for Farmer to join him.

"So, I came down from the pulpit area, and I knelt down for him," Farmer recalled, "and I said these words that I've often said to people there: how and what can I pray for you today? And this is what he said when I asked him that question. He said, with great



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tears rolling off his face and with words that were hard for him to get out, 'I've come down here to ask you to tell Jesus and God and the Holy Spirit to count me in. From this moment until I draw my last breath.'

"His name was Robert J. Beckham," Farmer continued.

"He had a big law firm... On that day, I felt the presence of God, and I witnessed the joy of preaching. When one person said count me in."

6,138 families served

Before Farmer's message, the director of Lake Area Ministries told the audience that her organization fed 6,138 families last year, and 445 of those were families the nonprofit had not seen before.

"We're up 9% from last year," Tanya Dennis said. So, the need in our area is still huge. As we all know, the price of groceries, job losses, and just things going on in people's families are still there."

Dennis said the ministry serves people in parts of Clay, Putnam, and Bradford counties.

The director added that the ministry's work is carried out by 137 volunteers who contributed 1,397 hours of their time.

"We give a lot of our time and energy," she said. We laugh; we cry together. It's been just wonderful interacting with and meeting people from different areas of the community that we would have never met if it wasn't for LAM."

Dennis added that contributors who have given everything from paper bags to food to money are an essential part of the nonprofit's mission.

"It all is shared and goes a long way," she said.

Healthcare and counseling

Dennis said that the ministry now also offers free healthcare services through an affiliation with the Emmanuel Project.

"They come the first Thursday of every month," she said of healthcare providers. "We have compassionate warriors that provide a hot meal for anybody that comes to LAM that night, and then we do medical care for anybody that does not have insurance. We've been doing it for the last five months, and we have helped 62 people in our community get healthcare."

She added that the ministry also brings in a woman who counsels clients on obtaining insurance and food stamps.

"We're trying to help these people," she said, "not just handing them food, but helping them get on their feet, helping them have other resources. She's there twice a month, and she has serviced 29 people."

Dennis asked the audience to continue to pray for Lake Area Ministries, and she urged them to take action when God calls them to a mission.

"You could be running a food pantry just like me," she said. "The witnesses and the blessings that I have found in this ministry have brought me a smile daily. I thank God every day for putting me where he needed me to be."

400 will work on security for fair 1 safe, 1 drowned after boat overturns

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Clay County Sheriff Michelle Cook and her staff said they are prepared to park and protect the expected 160,000 to 200,000 visitors to the Clay County Fair from April 4 through 14.

During the March 26 Board of County Commissioners' meeting, the sheriff told county commissioners that her office is focusing on three issues for the fair: traffic, parking, and safety. Cook added that the most significant concern she has heard about from the public is traffic.

Parent pickup moved

Sgt. Ray Kittle told commissioners the office will have around seven roadside

message boards alerting motorists approaching State Road 16 west of Green Cove Springs of potential traffic tie-ups near the fairgrounds entrance and encouraging non-fairgoers to take alternative routes.

He also said that although the only entrance to the fair is the main gate on State Road 16, some GPS apps have led motorists to the Springbank Road exit as a way to get to the event.

"We've (had) a message board at Springbank and 16 letting folks know that that is not a fair entrance for several years in a row," he said. GPS has led several folks there, so we're trying to prevent that, so we don't have to turn them around and just cause more congestion."

Kittle said fairgoers may exit the fair through the Springbank Road exit and turn left onto

Springbank, which leads back to State Road 16, or turn right onto Springbank, then left onto Saunders before returning to State Road 16.

Kittle also said the fair association has expanded and changed the parking lot to improve traffic flow, including moving parent pickup from the main drive toward the front gate. He also said the sheriff's office is coordinating with the school district's police department in case traffic from the fair interferes with parent pickup at Spring Park Elementary School on County Road 315.

"I don't believe the fair traffic will affect the exiting of the schools," he said, "but in case that does happen, we've reached out to them. They're going to pass messages onto the school to pass out to parents to try to

prevent them from getting caught up in traffic they don't need to."

Using cameras, zones, and up to 60 deputies per shift

Chief Jeff Johnson then briefed commissioners on safety plans for the event. He said the sheriff's office will have an eight-to-ten-person incident management team in the county emergency operations center next to the fairgrounds to monitor fair safety.

Johnson added that fair staff and deputies had been trained on the possibility of an active shooter at the fair.

"But more importantly," he added, "we've worked with fair staff to learn how to operate with us so we're able to control crowds and things of that nature."

Johnson added that the office would employ covert and overt tactics, camera surveillance, and fair zone assignments.

"All in all," he said, "CCSO will be working over 400 safety positions for the fair, which is traffic, parking, entertainment, and midway over the 11 days, which is about 45 to 60 deputies per shift. We have 11 dispatch positions spread across that as well. We are right at 600 hours of supervisory hours, and 4,000 non-supervisory hours...and 140 hours for dispatchers."

Johnson added that the event saw 160,000 visitors last year and that Fair Executive Director Tasha Hyder hopes for over 200,000 attendees this year.

Art Walk Friday

Mossman Hall presents Peter Carolin and Stephanie Chiappini, Professor and Apprentice, during the first Friday Art Walk in Melrose on April 5 from 5 to 9 p.m. Their artwork represents diverse Floridian landscapes from coast to coast. Complimentary beer and wine along with music from Two the Nines.

Mossman Hall is located at 301 S.R. 26 in Melrose. Get more information about programs, including the first and third Tuesday market and bingo nights, both of which begin at 4 p.m.

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The Alachua County Sheriff's Office said on Friday, March 29, that its dive team recovered the body of a boater reported missing on Lake Santa Fe.

The Melrose Volunteer Fire Department said it evaluated a second boater aboard the vessel who swam to shore after the boat overturned.

"Marine 42 did a quick search and did not find any victims on the surface of the water, and then proceeded to search the last known location based on water conditions," the fire department said. "Unfortunately, no victims were found from the search, and Marine 42 marked the position

that the subject was last seen for the dive team of Alachua County Sheriff to investigate."

One witness told Gainesville's WCJB that two men were fishing on the vessel around 7 a.m. when the incident occurred. He added that lake conditions were choppy, and winds were gusty.

"The boat was going pretty fast for a small boat, and the conditions with the wind out of the northwest were kind of rough," the man said, "but it only appeared from a distance as if he lost control of the boat because it kind of snapped around."

The fire department and the sheriff's office said Florida's Fish and Wildlife agency is investigating the incident.

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Bullets went through Bible

The office said that, according to witnesses, the shovel broke, the assailant dropped it, and another person picked it up, hitting Kaercher to get him to stop his attack. That person then dropped the shovel, and Kaercher briefly focused on him.

The Gainesville man then went after the truck occupant again. However, the victim with the broken arm had, by this time, armed himself with his firearm.

"As Kaercher approached him again," the office said, "clutching his Bible throughout the ordeal, the man fired multiple times,

striking Kaercher in the chest through the Bible."

"Rescue units transported Kaercher to an air ambulance where he was taken to a local trauma center," the agency said. "He is listed in serious but stable condition. The man in the truck was taken to a local hospital and treated for his broken arm and multiple lacerations. He was released. The baby was taken to a pediatric emergency room by DCF for evaluation and medical clearance."

The sheriff's office said charges are expected to be filed against Kaercher.

"At this time," the agency added, "the truck driver is considered a victim acting in self-defense, and no charges are expected. His name is not being released."

Swing into Spring and raise money for band

Bradford High School's bands are presenting Swing into Spring, a semiformal night of dinner, music and dancing at Belle Oaks Barn on Thursday, April 4, at 7 p.m. (Doors open at 6:30 p.m.) Tickets are \$30 each, with tables of eight for \$215 and tables of 10 for \$250.

Funds raised through ticket

sales as well as the silent auction and the cake and dessert auction will help fulfill the goal of all new band uniforms next year. Business donations for the auction are welcome.

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High school showcased at meeting

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Keystone Heights Junior-Senior High School Principal Laurie Burke briefed the school board on her school's achievements during the March 7 school board meeting.

Burke told the panel that the administration and faculty's goal is 100% success for each undergraduate.

"This looks different for each student," she said.

The principal added that a special team of teachers and instructional assistants called the Together-We-Instill-Excellence Team works throughout the campus to provide specially designed instruction tailored to each student's individual needs.

"And our literacy team creates school-wide lessons for all of our students that focus on building vocabulary," she said. "Students learn new words and their definitions twice a week during Tribe Time. We also blast the word of the day on the morning announcements and throughout their classroom lessons."

Burke said students' civics scores have increased by 19 points, and eighth-grade English Language Arts and eighth-grade science scores have increased by nine.

"Our biology (scores have) increased four points," she added.

The principal also said her administration is focusing on recognition this year, rewarding both students and staff for improvements.

"We have our Indian-strong standards, and we have special recognitions each week for them to make them Facebook famous," Burke said. "We're not recognizing students who are recognized for great athletic ability or (for having) 4.8 GPAs. We recognize students who make an improvement in growth every day, and when they come down, their faces light up."

STREETS

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FDOT's Q&A on roundabouts also includes the following information:

How should drivers yield to emergency vehicles?

If you have not entered the roundabout, pull over to the right and allow the emergency vehicle

to pass. If you have already entered the roundabout, continue to the closest exit and pull over once you are beyond the splitter island to allow the emergency vehicle to pass. Never stop in a roundabout.

(Editor's note: Most emergency would travel via the overpass, not the frontage roads.)

Should I stop inside the roundabout to let someone in?
No. You may slow down so the

safe gap becomes more obvious to the driver wanting to enter the roundabout; however, you should not stop after crossing the yield line and are actually in the roundabout circle.

How are pedestrians accommodated?

Pedestrians use marked crosswalks. All roundabouts have splitter islands that separate the approach and exit lanes. This splitter island is used as a

pedestrian refuge for crosswalks requiring pedestrians to only cross a single direction of traffic at a time.

What about visually impaired pedestrians?

Roundabouts may have an advantage to the visually impaired because they only have to address a single direction at one time and they can more easily distinguish between the vehicle noises. Also, slower

vehicle speeds are generally safer for pedestrians.

How are bicyclists accommodated?

Bicyclists should be encouraged to both share the travel way with vehicles in a roundabout, or dismount and use the sidewalk and crosswalk system to navigate through the roundabout.



The westbound frontage road at Thompson Street.



The overpass on the left and one of the two new roundabouts on the right.

Variance, rezoning approved

The Keystone Heights Planning and Zoning Board approved a request by a couple seeking to reduce the setback on a proposed detached garage. The panel also approved a zoning variance by acceptance for a parcel north of the city's Family Dollar store.

Vince and Pam McCloud asked the board to approve a use-by-exception to reduce the required setback for a detached garage at their 575 South Lawrence Blvd. home.

Vince McCloud told the board that his home is next to Keystone Beach Park, with his driveway on the curve on South Lawrence Blvd. that redirects northbound traffic from eastward to northward.

He said that without reducing the five-foot setback from the park, the garage would force him to alter the semi-circular drive on his property.

"It is essential that we maintain that roundabout or semi-circular drive, and without the setback, it would really affect the radius of that turn in order for people to safely get in and out of the drive," he said. "As you know, that corner there is very dangerous at times. I don't know how long you've been here, but we have incidents there quite often (with) that 20-mile-an-hour sign nobody adheres to."

The board unanimously approved the McClouds' request.

The second item on the agenda came from Dr. George Restea and his agent, McLissa Pellerito. Neither Restea nor Pellerito attended the meeting.

City Clerk Stephanie Silva told the board that Restea's residential-zoned parcel extends from North Lawrence Boulevard, adjacent to the north side of the Family Dollar property, to Lake Brooklyn behind the Ride and Shine Car Wash on Cargo Way.

Silva added that Restea is seeking to rezone the section of the parcel closest to North Lawrence Boulevard to commercial while leaving the section closest to the lake residential.

The board unanimously approved the request.

MISSING

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of past evidence inventories by FDLE, and Smith said it was not. To underline that point, Commissioner Andy Redding said the scale of unaccounted for evidence and property would be the equivalent of Jacksonville Sheriff's Office missing 500,000 inventoried items.

The sheriff said FDLE's investigation would include talking to past police department employees and could take a minimum of six months.

There are plenty of "insignificant items" on the list — a dirty sock, a broken phone — but it also includes missing money, drugs and guns. Those are the items that FDLE will zero in on, Smith said.

"A majority of it, to me — it's something I can't really account for — there's no value to anybody to have it. Unfortunately, in that mix is a lot of items that have to be accounted for, that are valuable."

It could come down to a lack of documentation if items were returned or discarded. Was the money placed in a bank account? Smith said those are the answers FDLE will be seeking as it is their investigation and not his.

Mayor Scott Roberts emphasized that point, saying neither the sheriff or the city commission asked for FDLE to investigate. It was standard procedure for FDLE to examine the evidence and property before it changed custody.

The report did not overshadow an emotional goodbye from Chief Johnson. City hall was filled with family and friends, and colleagues past and present who

listened as Johnson reflected on his career, saying he was proud of everything he got right and wrong. He thanked those who mentored, helped and inspired him through the years, including more than 30 in law enforcement.

See next week's edition for a full wrap up of what Johnson and his supporters had to say.

The chief's retirement is effective May 1.

Restoration and Renewal at True Vine

True Vine Ministry will be hosting Fresh Start Spiritual Renewal and Restoration 2024. The dates are Thursday and Friday, April 4 and 5, with services beginning at 7 p.m. nightly. This year's featured speaker is Pastor Vincent Kohn of The Anointed Church of God Inc in Jacksonville.

True Vine Ministry is located at 422 N. Saint Clair St. in Starke. The public is invited to attend.

Bradford High Class of 1964

Get-together at Cedar River Restaurant on Thursday, April 11, 2024 at 5PM.

It's been ten years since our 50 year reunion and we're looking forward to seeing our classmates again.

If any questions contact Jerome Kelley at 352.538.0741 or Eugenia Whitehead at 352.745.1828

For more info, please visit the website www.truevinemin.org, or you may call 904-964-9264.

Work day at Dedan Cemetery

A work day is scheduled at Dedan Cemetery for Saturday, April 6, beginning at 8 a.m. General cleaning to include removal of all loose decorations and floral pieces not attached to monument or base. Spray washing of headstones. Removal of all trash and debris from cemetery grounds. Evaluation and restoration as within means to sites in need of attention.

Volunteer help is needed and

would be appreciated. Please bring your own tools and supplies. There is no installed water supply for consumption. There will be water for cleaning.

Please contact Margaret Dyal at 352-258-0947 to volunteer or if you have questions.

Community yard sale

The Bradford County Democrats are sponsoring a community yard sale on Saturday, April 13, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. It will take place in the parking lot of the former Jay's Mini Mart, 15043 U.S. Hwy 301 South in Starke. If you would like to join in to sell your own extra items or crafts, call or text 904-612-3942.

Candidates for public office

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

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Members of the Post 10082 Auxiliary handled much of the cooking and serving of the lunch after the egg hunt. Pictured are: Margaret Reeves, Reni Rainey, Barbara Fischer, Stephanie Kirby and Annie Pitman.

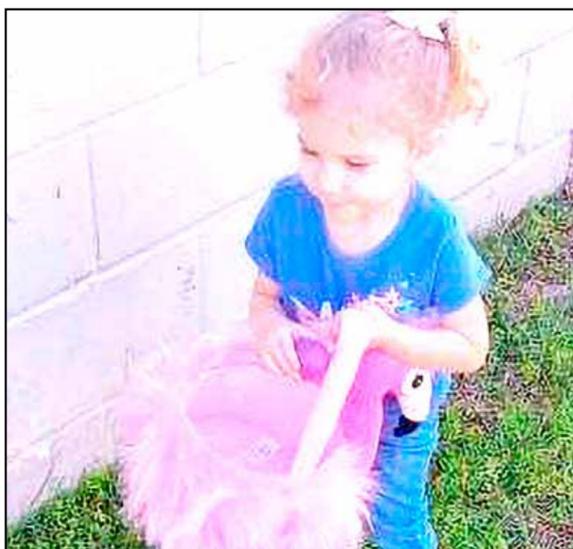
Easter Bunny visits Lake Butler VFW

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Special to the Times

The Easter Bunny seems to have pulled out all the stops and, ably assisted by the members of Lake Butler VFW Post #10082 and the auxiliary, put out over 1,000 eggs filled with treats for the annual Easter Egg Hunt and Lunch on March 30, 2024.

According to VFW Auxiliary President Barbara Fischer it took about two hours to help the bunny get the eggs ready – work done by post and auxiliary members, as well as members of Lake Butler Girl Scout troop #1251.

Eighteen kids hunted for eggs on the post property, filling their baskets with candy-filled eggs, which they then carried into the post to get the goodies out and turn in the eggs for next year. After gathering their booty, the kids and their families enjoyed a lunch of hot dogs, chips, drinks and dessert, even though many seemed to want to make a lunch



Charli Foerman on the hunt for eggs at the annual VFW Easter Egg Hunt.

out of their candy.

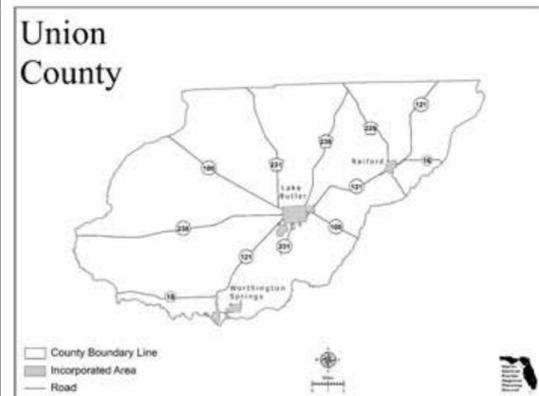
The annual event is one of the

community outreach programs conducted by Post #10082.

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

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

Ordinance No. 2024-03, an ordinance by the Board of County Commissioners, amending Ordinance No. 2023-03, by extending the existing moratorium on the acceptance of applications and processing of special exception applications for travel trailer parks and campgrounds for a period of one year from April 29, 2024 to April 28, 2025.



The first of two public hearings on proposed Ordinance No. 2024-03 will be held on April 15, 2024 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, Union County Courthouse located at 55 West Main Street, Lake Butler, Florida. The Board of County Commissioners will hold the public hearing to consider the extension of the moratorium and conduct a first reading of Ordinance No. 2024-03. The title of said ordinance reads, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-03

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

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

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

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

Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact Dianne Hannon, Secretary to the Board of County Commissioners at 386.496.4241 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 800.955.8770 (voice) or 800.955.8771 (TTY).

Lake Butler exploring grants to benefit community

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Special to the Times

The city of Lake Butler is exploring grants to make improvements needed in the city.

At a meeting of the Citizen Advisory Task Force on Feb. 29, a grant from the Florida Recreation Development Grant Program was discussed for improvements to Lakeside Park and the application for it approved.

The grant would provide \$200,000 for playground improvements, picnic facility renovation, landscaping and the much-needed renovation of the splash park, as well as other recreation related improvements. The funding would require no matching funds from the city.

At a later meeting of the Lake Butler City Commission, an identical measure passed unanimously.

Also discussed at this meeting was the need to officially approve a Florida Department of Transportation grant of \$283,300 for the paving or repaving of Southwest 8th Place, Southwest 1st Drive, Southeast 7th Street, and Southeast 3rd Street.

At a special meeting on March 14, the commission discussed a grant application to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission's Florida Boating Improvement Program. This grant would enhance the safety of the lake access at Lakeside Park, as well as maintaining and improving that lake access.

All of these grants will make needed infrastructure improvements to Lake Butler at no cost to the city.

Meet the Candidates

Sheriff Whitehead running for reelection

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

I would like to take this opportunity to announce my candidacy for reelection to sheriff of Union County. It has been such a great honor and privilege to serve as your sheriff for the past 10 years. I would like to continue our mission in making our sheriff's office and our county the best in the state to live, work and raise our children.

I am a lifelong resident of Union County, graduating from Union County High School in 1994 and then attending Lake City Community College (now known as Florida Gateway College). I then attended Florida State University, where I graduated with a bachelor's degree in criminology in 1998. I have been married to Jennifer Starling Whitehead since 2002 and we have two children both attending Union County High School. We attend First Baptist Church of Lake Butler and are



Brad Whitehead

involved in many events within our community.

I work hard to battle the plague of illegal drugs in our community and established the Tri-County Drug Task Force to continue to fight illegal drugs and the terrible effects it brings to our families. This is a constant and ongoing battle that we fight daily.

We continue to partner with our local schools to keep our children safe. This has always been a top priority for me, and it is evident in the resources and involvement of our agency in the school system. Our agency also

uses all resources to solve any crimes. No crime is too small, and our agency always ranks in the top 5% of all agencies in crime clearance year after year.

Our work is not finished. We recently fought hard and obtained over 17 million dollars for Union County to construct a new public safety complex to house our emergency communications center and a new Union County Jail that we will see construction on very soon. Our agency also just completed phase one of professional state accreditation.

I love Union County and the citizens I serve. I take great pride in our agency, my community and all the hard-working deputies, correctional officers, communication officers and staff that serve tirelessly around the clock. I believe the key to successful law enforcement is community involvement and I continue to ask for your support as sheriff of Union County as we continue our mission together.

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

Top Union officials make over \$100,000

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Special to the Times

It's an election year, and one of the most common questions circulating around the county is, "How much does a person in that office earn?" Although the state actually has more control over how much elected officials are paid (it varies based on county population size), people still want to know how much the officials make in their county. It's a matter of public record, so it's no problem to list it here and satisfy the curiosity.

The county constitutional officers, with the exception of the Union County Sheriff, make the same annual salary. These are the Clerk of Court, the Property Appraiser, the Supervisor of Elections, the Tax Collector, and the Superintendent of Schools. All made \$113,578 in the last fiscal year (2022-23).

The Sheriff makes a bit more,

having made \$149,428 in the same period.

County Commissioners made \$32,491 in the last fiscal year, while School Board members made \$30,062 in 2022-23.

All of the above-mentioned officials will serve a four-year term.

While the numbers may seem high for such a small county, population is key in their determination. Six counties (Lafayette, Liberty, Hamilton, Glades, Franklin, and Calhoun) all have smaller populations than Union, and so their elected officials make less than those in Union. In the two largest counties in the state, Duval and Miami-Dade, Duval is bigger in land area but smaller in population, so the officials make more annually.

The salary figures are set by the Florida Legislature's Office of Economic and Demographic Research, which bases the pay

scale on the population served by the officials.

Offices and seats up for election this year (2024) in Union County include Circuit Court Judge (the only elected official who will serve more than four years – the term for this office is six years), all of the constitutional officers mentioned above, County Commission Seats 1, 3 and 5 and School Board Seats for Districts 2 and 4. In the City of Lake Butler, two commission seats are up for election – Seats 1 and 2.

Union County voters have quite a few decisions to make in the coming election. The Times will continue to follow the progress of who is running for these various offices, as well as those on the state and national level, and will keep readers posted on who is running for what so they can make informed decisions about their local government.



Business partner appreciation

At the March School Board Meeting, the Union County School District was honored to recognize Lake Butler Hospital as a valued business partner and supporter of the students and programs in Union County. Tina Lloyd (chief ancillary services officer), Nicole Horne (chief human resources officer) and Cynthia Coulter (chief nursing officer) were present to accept a plaque of appreciation and thankfulness from the district. Lake Butler Hospital has strongly supported district athletic teams and the health science program at Union County High School, helping raise awareness for breast cancer each year and attending the local career days at the schools. The Union County School District appreciates the support and generosity shown by Lake Butler Hospital and its administration and staff towards the students of Union County and for its dedication to the betterment of our students and community. Pictured (l-r): Superintendent Mike Ripplinger, Nicole Horne, Cynthia Coulter and Tina Lloyd.

Bunny meets Brooker kids

BY CAROL MOSLEY
Special to the Telegraph

The Easter Bunny stopped by Brooker Community School to kick off the Easter egg hunt March 30. A group of UF student volunteers — the Physician Assistant Association — were also on hand to assist with tasks, such as hiding the plastic eggs, and also to provide free blood pressure and heartrate screenings.

The pre-Physician Assistant group handled the candy tables.

The plastic eggs were dispersed throughout the playground without the candy inside. No one wants to pick up an egg filled with ants. The areas were designated by age so that the little ones were not outdone by the older kids.

The baskets full of eggs collected were “cashed in” at the tables in exchange for candy. Each egg got another choice to replace the traded egg. There were a few select “golden eggs”



Tayden and Skyla Hallam get a bunny hug.

that won the lucky egg hunter prizes for everyone and all the children left with smiles on their faces. There were plenty of eggs and



Ready with baskets to go egg hunting are Ryker Shumpert, Stephen Ogden, Morrison Shumpert, Kaelyn Shumpert, Emerson Ogden, Kristopher Shumpert, Leilah Shumpert and Nora Shumpert.

Students explore multiple disciplines for STEAM Fair

Nearly 90 middle and high school students participated in Hope Christian Academy’s sixth annual STEAM Fair on March 5 in the gymnasium. Awards were presented March 22 in front of the student body and guests.

High school winners were:

First place—Elizabeth Amis (11th), “Fingerprints: Hot or Cold?”, which tested the effect of temperature on the viability of a collected fingerprint.

Second place—Anne Amis (9th), “Which Beats Better?”

Third place—Landen Perry (10th), “Death Rays.”

Middle school winners:

First place—Fallyn Rye-Foley (7th), “Creating Thomas & Mack.”

Second place—Jacob Elmore (7th), “DNA Extraction.”

Third place—Atreyu Deason (7th), “Temperature vs. Bacteria.”



Anne Amis won the second-place award in the high school division.



First-place high-schooler Elizabeth Amis discusses her project with HCA Head Terry Denmark and fellow students.

design and technology, anatomy and physiology, biology, and cultural geography presented 46 biological science projects, 20 physical science projects, plus 20 geography projects to the student body, staff and visitors.

“Students began their science projects in August with a research paper and worked through January designing and conducting a controlled experiment,” said Adina Leon, co-coordinator for the event.

Students also made class oral presentations in preparation for the judging event.

Judges were Dr. Joseph Perry, Mr. Christopher Amis, Mr. Mike Cornelius, Mr. Van Elmore, and Mr. Doug León. Geography projects were judged by Dianne Murphey and Mandy Cornelius. Geography discipline coordinator was Mandy Cornelius.

Pics: Virginia Denmark.

Geography winners: Overall and Fan Favorite—Katie Justus (8th), presenting

Japan. Oral presentation—Dylan Dial (9th), presenting Finland. Content/Display and Fan

Favorite Runner-up—Noah Leon (9th), presenting Ireland.

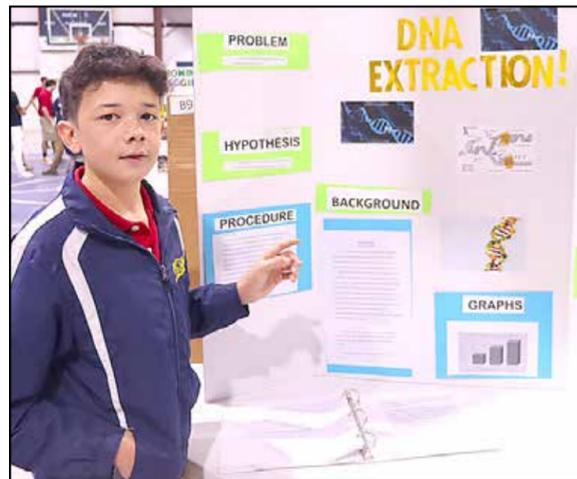
Students in life science,



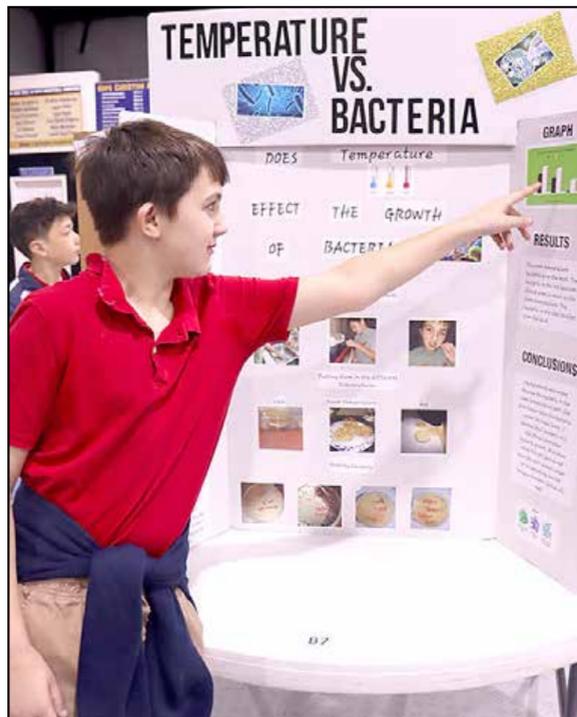
First-place in the middle school competition, Fallyn Rye-Foley.



Dylan Dial won for his oral geography presentation.



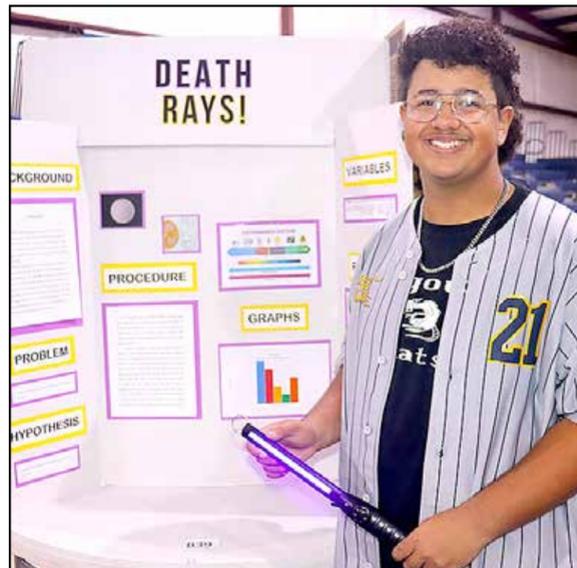
Jacob Elmore, second place middle-schooler.



Atreyu Deason and his third-place project in the middle school division.



Noah Leon, content display winner.



Landen Perry, third place in the high school competition.

Crime

Recent arrests in Bradford, Union and Clay

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

Bradford

Angela Shari Barnett, 51, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 25 for possession of drugs and possession of drug equipment.

Willie Berry, 73, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 29 for a probation violation.

Ashley Louise Brantley, 35, of Macclenny was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 27 for an out-of-county warrant.

Holly De Bright, 30, of Port Richey was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 28 for failure to appear.

Amanda Gail Godwin, 41, of Hampton was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 27 for destroying evidence.

David Edward Johnson, 70, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 25 for lewd

and lascivious behavior.

Austin Taylor Koepfer, 27, of Fleming Island was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 28 for a probation violation.

Jeremiah Lee Merriweather, 33, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 26 for resisting an officer, a weapons offense, destroying evidence and possession of drug equipment.

William Lee Newham, 44, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 26 for burglary, possession of burglary tools, criminal mischief with property damage, and trespassing.

Kimberly Rossi, 46, of Hampton was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 27 for DUI.

Kristie Ann Sauls, 40, of Melrose was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 27 for failure to appear.

Latoya Denise Walker, 37, of Orlando was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 28 for a probation violation.

James Lorenzo Williams, 45, of Jacksonville was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 26 for a probation violation.

Union

Parrion Kayne-Marion Brown, 19, of Baldwin was arrested by Union deputies on March 27 for a probation violation.

Joseph Christian Carabetti,

30, of Orlando was arrested by Union deputies on March 27 for an out-of-county warrant.

Francis Ruthann Chandler, 38, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on March 30 for burglary.

Billy Lamar Dortley, 32, of Lake City was arrested by Union deputies on March 26 for fleeing and eluding.

Cody David Dover, 32, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on March 27 for grand theft and aggravated assault with intent to commit a felony.

Robert Eugene Fulton, 42, of Raiford was arrested by Union deputies on March 31 for an out-of-county warrant.

John Theodore Hamill, 61, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on March 30 for disorderly intoxication.

Curtis Lee Mitchell, 69, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on March 27 for battery and kidnapping—false imprisonment.

Jesse Jay Christian Rehill, 34, of Macclenny was arrested by Union deputies on March 27 for an out-of-county warrant.

Racheal M. Rosier, 28, of Lawtey was arrested by Union deputies on March 27 for grand theft.

Clay

None reported.

BBQ restaurant moving to Starke

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
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A favorite Orange Park restaurant for more than for more than a decade is moving to Starke following a recent tragedy.

Confirmed by Starke City Hall and a Facebook post by proprietor Gary Lee Park Jr., G's Slow Smoke BBQ will move into the former Pizza Hut restaurant next to the courthouse.

The site is currently under renovation, but it proved a better option than reopening the location in Orange Park, which was severely damaged by fire in January.

The business had been open since 2012, and patrons raised more than \$19,000 in supports for the restaurant since it's untimely closure.

"To say it was devastating is a understatement," Park posted on GoFundMe. "It's literally life changing for myself, and

especially for my employees! G's was the only source of income they had, and with that being taken away is grief-stricken, and heartbreaking!"

More recently, Park posted on Facebook, saying they are looking for the right place to reopen in Clay County, but in the meantime, a great opportunity had been found in Starke. The old Pizza Hut building, which the county commission recently sold.

"We're ready to fire up the smokers!" Park wrote.

This will be a sit-down restaurant serving up all of the barbecue and sides you would expect, with homemade banana pudding to finish it off.

"I know I'm excited about what the future G's BBQ will be, and I know ya'll will love it! It's just a longer process to build a whole new facility, but well worth the wait!" he wrote. "It's been a life changing couple of

months for us, and I'm doing my best to get things up and running again! I have some awesome support, best in the industry, along with family, friends and the best customers ever!"

Huddle House

Down the road, another restaurant is being brought back from the dead.

The restaurant at the corner of U.S. 301 and Washington Street had been closed for some time. After failure to pay taxes, the county sold the property to Community State Bank last November, which turned around and sold it in February to 32 Degrees Inc. which is based in Ponte Vedra, Florida.

Starke City Manager Drew Mullins confirmed the plan to reopen Huddle House, which has an all-day breakfast, lunch and dinner menu.



Tony Veliz, the owner of Tony's, prepares for opening day with daughter Dani.

Jail for man who threatened mother

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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A 50-year-old Hampton man was sentenced to 30 days in jail and two years' probation after he pleaded to threatening to kill his mother and attacking her by spitting in her face, choking her, and pushing her onto a railing on her home's back porch.

Ronnie C. Norman pleaded to felony battery by strangulation and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill.

According to an arrest report, the victim and defendant argued over a gun that the son had brought home. The victim, while on the phone with the sheriff's office, told Norman to return the weapon. The defendant



Norman

responded by spitting in the woman's face. "The victim advised she

put her hands up in defense of herself, and Ronnie stated, 'So you want to fight me.' Ronnie then approached the victim and grabbed her by the throat and started choking her," wrote Deputy Robert Malley in the report. "The victim was able to push Ronnie back, then Ronnie grabbed the victim by her face as the victim opened the back door and retreated to the porch."

The officer added that the defendant followed his mother outside, where he pushed her into a railing, then went back inside and closed the door. When the victim re-entered the home, her son was holding the 12-gage shotgun and declared, "I ought to blow your (expletive deleted) brains out."

Pizzeria opens with new name, location

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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Starke's Tony and Al's Deli and Pizzeria, located at the corner of Thompson and Call Streets since 2013, is now across Thompson Street and to the south of its former location and

has been renamed Tony's.

Owners Tony and Lyn Veliz took over the restaurant in 2016.

On Tuesday, March 26, the couple re-opened the business in the former location of Dink's Frozen Yogurt.

The couple said the move

expanded the restaurant's seating from 44 to 68.

They also said they expanded the menu, putting some items sold occasionally as specials onto the permanent menu, like New York Strip and piccata.

Ellianos aims for April reopening

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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Starke Ellianos franchisee Mike Prescott said he hopes to reopen his drive-through coffee business in mid to late April.

Prescott said the 20-year-old building between Hardees and Dunkin' was due for an upgrade and that the new digs would

allow him to expand his menu to feature breakfast bowls and other foods.

He added that his contractor completely gutted the old structure and that after completion, his baristas will have more room to maneuver around inside the coffee shop.

Last year, Franchise Business Review released its 18th annual

top franchise rankings and listed Lake City-based Ellianos Coffee Company for the third time.

C.O.R. Development Inc., directed by Jeff Oody and Scott Roberts, established the Starke location in 2004. M&D Perfect Blend, led by Mike and Debbie Prescott, took over the operation 12 years later.

Settlement reached in wrongful death

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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The estate of a man run over by a log truck in 2020 has settled with the driver and owner of the vehicle.

According to court papers, Alberto Morales was fatally injured on November 9, 2020, near County Road 221 north of Hampton.

Lawyers for Maria R. Escobedo, the decedent's surviving spouse and personal representative of the deceased's estate, said in a complaint that a 1998 Freightliner semi was being loaded with logs at the time of the accident. The truck was owned by Aviation Associates of Florida LLC, of Ft. McCoy and operated by Steven L. Wettstein.

"While the semi-truck was being loaded with logs, Mr. Morales climbed underneath the rear axles to change the battery in the scale," wrote Lance Avera of Avera & Smith LLP. "When the semi-truck was loaded, but while Mr. Morales remained under the semi-truck, Mr. Wettstein pulled forward and drove over Mr. Morales."

In addition to Escobedo, Morales left behind four children, who at the time of the accident were approximately age 24, 18, 15, and 12.

The parties reached a settlement through mediation in October 2023. The court appointed a Guardian ad Litem to review the proposed settlement for the interests of the one plaintiff under the age of 18 at the time of the confidential settlement.

The court received the Guardian ad Litem's report in February and approved the settlement on March 18.

Marker unveiling ceremony for historic Black school

The Consolidated High School Committee of Lake Butler is inviting the community to attend the former Consolidated High School Historical Marker Unveiling Ceremony at the Lake Butler Elementary School on Saturday, April 6, at 1 p.m. This was the former location of the school that was built for the Black students from first through 12th grade during 1957-1967.

This is a free event and open to the public. For more information, please contact Alicia Maxwell at 386-496-2336.



Mike Prescott stands outside his Ellianos Coffee on U.S. 301 in Starke. C.O.R. Development Inc., directed by Jeff Oody and Scott Roberts, established the Starke Ellianos franchise in 2004. M&D Perfect Blend, led by Mike and Debbie Prescott, took over the operation 12 years later.

Celebrate new playground on May Day

Concerned Citizens of Bradford County and the RJE Alumni Association will host a groundbreaking ceremony for a new playground during a May

Day Celebration on May 4. Beginning at 1 p.m. at the RJE ballfield, there will be plaiting of the maypole, music, a kids activities with a bounce house,

senior activities with bingo, food trucks and other vendors. There will also be a softball tournament and a free Community Resources Health Fair.



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City of Starke, Rotary officially open pickleball courts

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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A partnership between the city of Starke and the Rotary Club of Starke resulted in the creation of a pickleball courts, which were officially dedicated on April 2.

The four courts, contained within fencing, are located at the Edwards Road Complex in Starke (930 W. Edwards Road). The city of Starke obtained a \$22,000 Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program grant to help pay for the \$30,000-plus project that renovated existing tennis courts. The remainder of the cost was covered by the Rotary Club, which received a \$7,500 Operation Round Up grant from Clay Electric and provided its own matching funds.

“We’re very proud of this and the partnership with Rotary,” Starke Mayor Scott Roberts said before cutting the ribbon with Rotary Club of Starke President Matt Dyal. “We’re proud to show that we can come together and

get things done.”

Jimmy Crosby, Starke’s former city clerk, said “the stars lined up” in bringing the project to fruition.

Crosby and his wife, Leslie, attended a pickleball clinic two years ago and came away thinking that it’d be great to provide an opportunity to play the sport in Starke.

“We didn’t want to spend regular tax dollars on it,” Crosby said. “We wanted to find a financial resource. A FRDAP grant hit at the right time.”

Crosby didn’t know it at the time, but the Rotary Club had the same vision. Dyal asked at a club meeting for ideas on what could be done for a community service project. He said the club’s treasurer, Kim Smith, replied, “What about pickleball? Pickleball’s very popular.”

That led to Dyal visiting Crosby with the idea the same week that the city had obtained the FRDAP grant.

“It just all worked out perfectly,” Dyal said.

Dyal said the Rotary Club may look to partner with the city of Starke for more projects at the Edwards Road Complex.

“We can see opportunities to do more stuff out here,” Dyal said.

That’s exciting for Crosby to hear. He likes the idea of the city partnering with Rotary or any other civic club to do something for Starke’s citizens.

“I think this is just the first step,” Crosby said, adding, “The city wants to be open to that.”

Pickleball, which was invented in 1965, is described as a combination of tennis, ping-pong and badminton. It’s played with solid paddles that are lighter than and have shorter handles than tennis racquets. The ball is made of plastic and resembles a whiffle ball.

Courts are 20 feet in width and 44 feet in length, with a net that is 34 inches high in the middle and 36 inches high at its ends.

Like tennis, serves are



Rotary Club of Starke President Matt Dyal and Starke Mayor Scott Roberts prepare to cut the ribbon to officially open the new pickleball courts at Starke’s Edwards Road Complex. Pictured (l-r) are Rotary Club members Dana DeJarnatt, Danny Nugent (also a Starke city commissioner), John Ryan Tillman, Marty Shaw, Lizzie Whitehead, Michael Schlofman, John Smith, Jessie Myers, Kim Smith (in front of Myers), Dyal and Scott Kornegay (also Bradford’s county manager), Roberts, Starke Community Services Director Stephanie Mann, Rotary Club member Brad Bishop, Bradford County commissioners Carolyn Spooner and Diane Andrews and Starke City Manager Drew Mullins (behind Andrews).



Rotary Club of Starke President Matt Dyal (left) explains the rules of pickleball to Brad Bishop, the club’s president-elect.

made diagonally, but they are underhand instead of overhand.

Pickleball courts are composed of a non-volley zone known as “the kitchen” that extends 7 feet from each side of the net.

An Aug. 17, 2023, “Business Insider” story reported the results of a nationwide survey of 18,000 people conducted by the Sports and Fitness Industry Association in 2022 that indicated pickleball was the fastest-growing sport in the country, with 8.9 million playing in 2022 — an 85-percent increase from 2021.

The State of Pickleball: Participation and Infrastructure Report, which included the survey results, revealed that 25,784 new courts would have to be built in the coming years to meet demand. According to that report, 51,937 courts at more than 12,000 facilities existed in the U.S. at that time.

One appeal of the sport is that it can be played by young and old alike. Roberts said, “I have not played it, but I have read about it and seen it. All ages can play. There aren’t too many sports out there that a grandparent can play with their grandchild.”

Roberts thanked those



Rotary Club of Starke members Michael Schlofman (left) and John Williams got a game going with other club members after the ribbon cutting.



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representing the city of Starke and the Rotary Club for attending the dedication. He also recognized Bradford County Manager Scott Kornegay and county commissioners Diane Andrews and Carolyn Spooner for being in attendance.

“I think the city and the county are trying to do more together,” Roberts said, adding, “I don’t get a chance to say anything like this publicly very much, so I do want to (say I) appreciate the county.”

Thompson honored as a 2024 Santa Fe Woman of Distinction

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Chrissy Thompson, owner of Starke’s The Downtown Grill, was one this year’s Santa Fe College Women of Distinction and honored at a March 26 luncheon at Gainesville’s UF Hilton Conference Center that was sponsored by Starke’s Teal Tile Carpet.

Thompson admitted she would’ve never thought she’d be selected for the annual honor. In fact, when Santa Fe President Paul Broadie attempted to reach her multiple times in December, she assumed the school was wanting her restaurant to cater an event.

When Thompson spoke to him and learned the real reason for why he was calling, her thought was, “There are so many more deserving people. I’m not sure how I got picked.”

In her mind, she would come low on a list of women from Bradford County to honor. However, the reality is that many feel Thompson does plenty in the community to make her a Woman of Distinction. Teri McClellan, the assistant vice president for Santa Fe’s Office for Advancement and Marketing and Communications, told her she had received the most nomination letters of any honoree in the 17 years that McClellan has been involved with Women of Distinction.

“I was surprised. I really was,” Thompson said.

Women of Distinction was created in 1987 to recognize outstanding women in Alachua and Bradford counties as part of Women’s History Month (March). Thompson is now one of approximately 200 who have been honored since its inception.

This year’s honorees also included Alachua County’s Naima Brown, who is Santa Fe’s vice present for Student Affairs, and Jeannine Hogue, Newberry High School graduate



Chrissy Thompson (right) is joined by Joanne Broadie (wife of Santa Fe College President Paul Broadie) as she’s recognized as a Santa Fe College Woman of Distinction at a March 26 luncheon. Photo by Matt Stamey of Santa Fe College.

Honesty Huston was recognized as a Woman of Promise. (Visit sfcollege.edu/wod to view profiles of the honorees.)

In 2014, honorees began raising funds to establish funds for endowed Woman of Distinction scholarships. To date, more than \$220,000 has been raised.

“It’s amazing that that many women can come together, put something together and make it happen,” Thompson said.

Thompson, who has lived in Bradford County since she was 8, is involved with such organizations as the Bradford County Education Foundation, Communities in Schools of Bradford and the Starke Downtown Merchants Association.

Through those organizations and her support of other community groups and events, Thompson exhibits her desire to have an impact on others. One of her favorite sayings is: “If you help one person, you may not change the world, but for that person, you have changed their

world.”

The desire to serve her community was instilled in her at an early age. Thompson said a lot of the credit goes to her grandparents: Roland and Ann Nazworth and Junior and Ruth Clemons.

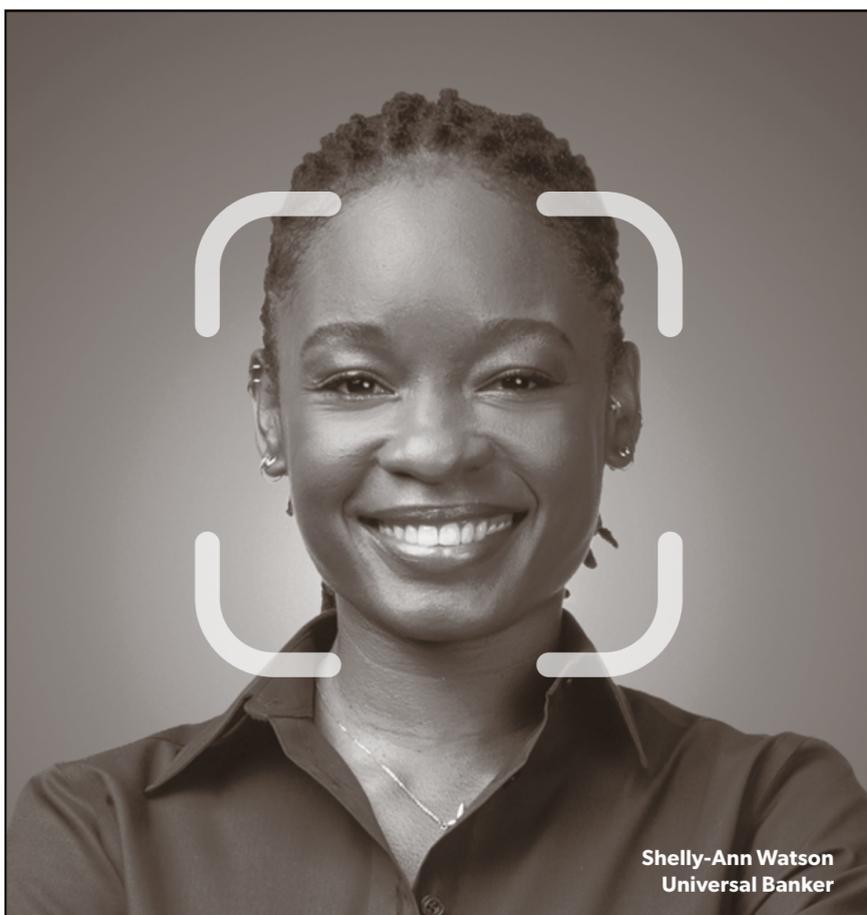
Thompson said the Nazworths were a military family that stressed service to God, family and country.

“They always had a flag flying. They always had a Bible on the table,” Thompson said. “I guess that just kind of stuck with me.”

She said Junior and Ruth Clemons were probably the hardest-working people she has ever known. They were “classic farmer grandparents” who could take care of themselves and knew how to live within their means, Thompson said, adding, “They weren’t super educated, but they were educated in life, for sure.”

Someone else who was an influence on her life was Virgil Berry, who was a longtime chiropractor in Starke.

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Wendell Brown

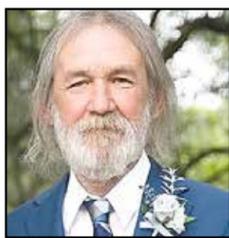
Wendell Brown, 62, passed away at his home in Lake Butler on Saturday, March 30, 2024. He was born on March 6, 1962, in Starke to the late Artemis Brown and Ruby Mosely Brown. He was a dedicated Lieutenant at Union Correctional Institution for 30 years until his retirement. Known for his love of the outdoors, he found joy in fishing, riding his motorcycle, and embracing all activities that allowed him to be amidst nature. His commitment to his family and career and his passion for his hobbies reflected the determined and kind-hearted person that he was. He was preceded in death by his father; his wife of 30 years, Kimberly Brown, and his beloved dog, Tebow.

He is survived by his mother, Ruby Brown of Lake Butler; daughters, Crystal Rimes and Katherine Benton, both of Lake Butler, and Ashley (Matthew) Eubanks of Milton; grandchildren, Kayley, Lane, Ashlann, Emilee, Kevin, Saydee, John, and Maddux; great-grandchildren, Jaxon, Jacobi, Jaylaya, Jaelen, Zaylin, Ryland; siblings, Terry (Rory) Myers, Randall (Dorine) Brown, Rick (Susan) Brown, and Paulette (Eddie) Harden; sister-in-law, Julie King; and a host of nieces, nephews, and extended family.

A visitation is scheduled to take place on Thursday, April 4, at Archer-Milton Funeral Home in Lake Butler from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. The funeral service will be held on Friday, April 5, at the funeral home starting at 10 a.m. He will be laid to rest immediately following the funeral at Hope Baptist Church Cemetery in Starke.

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Nancy O'Guin

Nancy Carolyn O'Guin, 89, of Lake City, formerly of Raiford, passed away peacefully on Friday, March 29, 2024, at Shands at the University of Florida Hospital in Gainesville after a brief illness. She was born and raised in Raiford and was the daughter of the late James Madison Bradley and Lizzie Mae Treadwell Bradley. She was a registered nurse, earning her Associate's Degree at the age of 50, and working in the field for a little over 25 years. She retired once, but decided that retirement was not for her, so she returned to work. She was a devout Christian and was a member of Northside Baptist Church of Starke. She and her husband served as Baptist missionaries in Honduras and enjoyed their mission work. In her spare time, she enjoyed RV travel and gardening, loved her horses and was an accomplished barrel racer. She was an avid Jacksonville Jaguars and Florida Gators fan. Her most favorite thing was being a granny to her grandchildren! She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 58 years, Joseph "Joe" O'Guin; her brothers, Reese, Jack, Jimmy & Leslie Bradley; and her sisters, Rachel Geiger, Nell Dearborn and Bernice Cox.

She is survived by her children, Mike (Judie) O'Guin of Eljay, Georgia and Gary James O'Guin of Kingsley Lake; daughters, Kathy O'Guin Dice of Lake City, and Wendy O'Guin Wilson of Virginia; 10 grandchildren, Astrid (Tylur), Travis, Kaley (Scott), Sarah, Jessica, Dallas (Hailey), Carolyn, Kailyn (Matt), Jagger (Katie) and Brock; and nine great-grandchildren, along with 'one on the way' also survive.

A funeral service will be conducted on Saturday, April 6, at 2 p.m. at the Gateway-Forest Lawn Memorial Chapel with Brother Larry Finley officiating. Interment will follow at Kinglsey Lake Cemetery. The family will receive friends for a time of visitation beginning at 1 p.m. prior to the service at the funeral home.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of Gateway-Forest Lawn Funeral Home, 3596 S. U.S. Highway 441, Lake City 32025, 386-752-1954. Please leave words of comfort for the family at www.gatewayforestlawn.com.

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Chrissy Thompson (right) receives a congratulatory hug from Santa Fe College President Paul Broadie. Photo by Matt Stamey of Santa Fe College.

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"He is a lifetime friend, community leader and mentor," Thompson said. "Dr. Berry was the first person who told me I could make a difference."

Thompson got to know Berry through her initial career, which had nothing to do with serving food. Inspired by volunteering as a candy striper at the hospital, Thompson went Santa Fe and graduated from its nursing program. Her first job out of college was working for Berry.

While working as a nurse, she did catering on the side. A brain injury to her son Jason led to the change in direction in careers. He had been working at one of the prisons at the time and was a sharpshooter, but his family was told that he'd never be able to shoot a gun or handle inmates again.

"I knew that we had to find something that would be a family business or something that would make him a productive adult again," Thompson said, explaining that Jason had restaurant experience when he worked at Western Steer while in high school.

Thompson would buy what used to be known as BobKat's Café from Kathryn Ford. Thompson said Ford told her she could make a success of the restaurant. Thompson also ran the idea by Telegraph Owner/Publisher John Miller, who also expressed the belief that she would do great with a restaurant.

That was 17 years ago. "The rest is kind of history," Thompson said.

Thompson learned to cook from both of her grandmothers, saying that some of her food items, such as fried chicken and pork chops, are their recipes.

Having a business downtown naturally led to her being a part of the Downtown Merchants Association. She likes the fact that business owners put aside any competition and support each other as well as providing

such events as The Great Pumpkin Escape and Christmas on Call Street.

"Everybody brings something to the table, and everybody works together," Thompson said. "It really does make a difference when you have a network of people, and you can share what you already know, what already has been done and what already works."

Whether it's with the Downtown Merchants or one of the other groups she's involved with, Thompson will always look for ways to serve others.

"Until I die, I will be community service led," she said. "It is very rewarding."

She's just one person, though, which is why it's hard to accept any kind of spotlight on her alone.

"It's not an 'I' thing," Thompson said. "I belong to a lot of great groups of people. All the boards that I sit on are made up of movers and shakers. They are the ones who make individuals look good. It's not a one-person thing by any stretch."

Thompson said it was humbling to attend the Women of Distinction luncheon and be surrounded by women supporting and empowering each other. That included former honorees from Bradford County — women Thompson is also blessed to call friends.

"Those ladies absolutely lead our community and teach us all how to grow and to be better women," Thompson said.

Thompson may not believe she's worthy of being a Woman of Distinction, but she exemplifies what it means to seize the day and be a servant for one's community.

"Live your life to the fullest because tomorrow is not promised," Thompson said. "Tell people what you feel and work out problems right away. Find the things you want to do. If you follow your passion and follow your heart, things will come together so you can do what you want to help others."

Jacqueline Meyer

Mrs. Jacqueline "Jackie" Marianne Meyer, 76, of Interlachen passed away Sunday, March 30, 2024, at Solaris HealthCare in Palatka. She was born Oct. 5, 1947, in Buffalo, New York, to Kenneth A. and Shirley (Swan) Crocker. She was a member of Evergreen Baptist Church of Lawtey. She also loved gardening and sewing. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Donald Meyer.

She is survived by her sons, Doug (Sheril) Crocker (Sheril) of Interlachen and Troy (Amanda) Sterling of Americus, Georgia. She was lovingly called "Grandma" by Dawn Wilson, Douglas Crocker, Erin Henderson, Sara Sterling, and Cordell Sterling; along with 10 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. The family would like to thank and acknowledge the staff at Solaris Nursing Home for the excellent care they gave Mrs. Meyer. In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made to Haven Hospice, 6400 St. John's Ave., Palatka, 32177.

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Ricky Parker

Ricky Laverne Parker, 60, of Florahome died at his home on Sunday, March 31, 2024. He was born Aug. 19, 1963, in Warren, Ohio to the late Frank and Josephine (Clark) Parker.

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

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Tammy Wopshall

Tammy Sue Wopshall, 51, passed away unexpectedly in a tragic motor vehicle accident on Monday, March 25, 2024. She was born on Feb. 17, 1973, in Vidalia, Georgia, to her parents, Pete and Clarrissa Wilkerson Hodge. Her bright and bubbly personality endeared her to all who knew her. She had a strong will and a contagious, outgoing nature that could light up any room she entered. She graduated from Union County High School before embarking on her diverse career path. Over the years she held various roles, including working as a CNA, payroll person, and, most recently, as an equipment operator. In her free time, she enjoyed cheering on the Georgia Bulldogs, riding dirt roads, shopping, and most of all, spending quality time with her daughters and grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her son, Cody Wopshall; and her parents, Pete and Clarrissa Hodge. She leaves behind a legacy of love that will be deeply missed by her surviving family and friends.

She is survived by her daughters, Carissa Rehberg of Starke, Samantha (Colten) McAlister of Lake Butler, and Shana (Hunter) Barrett of Middleburg; and her cherished grandchildren, Braxton McAlister, Carver Norris, Brantley Barrett, Emersyn Barrett, and Sophia McAlister. In addition to her immediate family, she is survived by her siblings, Danny Wilkerson, David Hodge, Sue Ann Page, Teresa Brown, and Pete Hodge; and her special friend, Alan Davis.

Services to honor and celebrate Tammy's life were held at Archer-Milton Funeral Home in Lake Butler on Wednesday, April 3, 2024, with a visitation followed by a Celebration of Life ceremony.

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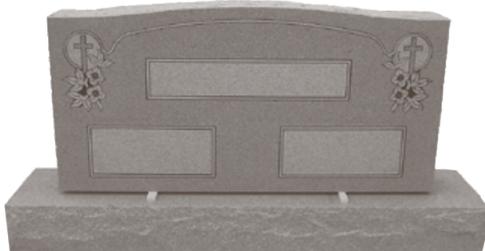
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Indians win Olympic, traditional district titles

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Keystone Heights High School won every weight class but two in both the Olympic and traditional events, capturing the

team championship trophies in both events at the District 7-1A boys weightlifting meet, which was held March 29 at KHHS.

For a team that's won the last three state championships in

traditional, the goals are bigger than winning the district, but to reach those goals, you have to perform to your capabilities at the district level. That's why Head Coach Lantz Lowery admitted he sleeps little the night before a district meet.

"I'm always more nervous about this than I am regionals or state because we can foul up here," he said. "This is the first meet for these kids in which everything matters. If you don't do it today, there is no next week."

Keystone's 16 total individual champions in Olympic and traditional automatically qualified for the Region 2 meet, which will be held Saturday,

April 6, at Suwannee High School at 10 a.m.

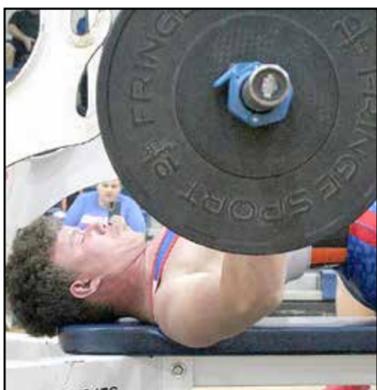
Keystone had a team score of 115 in Olympic, finishing 60 points ahead of runner-up Palatka. Eagle's View was third with 25 points, followed by Cedar Creek Christian with 5 and Bishop Snyder with 4.

In traditional, the Indians had 115 points to Palatka's 52. Eagle's View had 33, followed by Bishop Snyder with 6 and Cedar Creek Christian with 2.

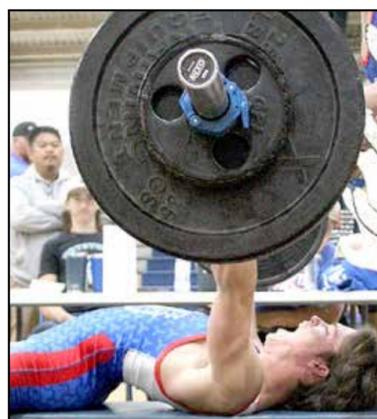
District teams Bradford and Union County decided not to participate.

Seven Keystone lifters won their weight classes in

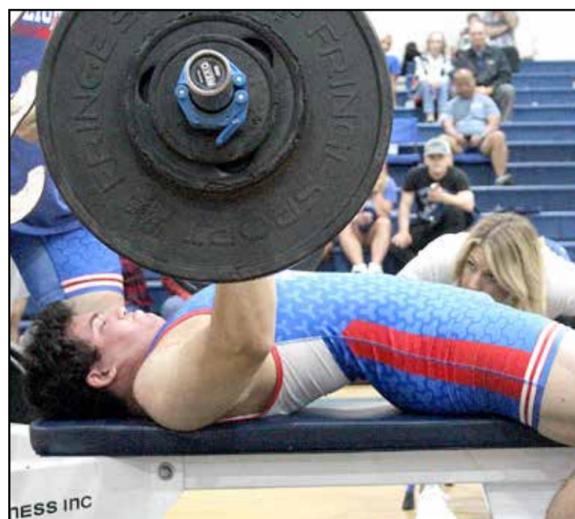
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RIGHT: Jayden Goodman was an Olympic and traditional champion in the 219-pound class. BELOW: Wyatt Van Zant won the 139-pound class Olympic and traditional titles.



LEFT: Tyson Baxter lets out a yell after bench pressing a school-record 205 pounds in the 119-pound class. BELOW: Davin Adams won the Olympic and traditional titles in the 154-pound class.

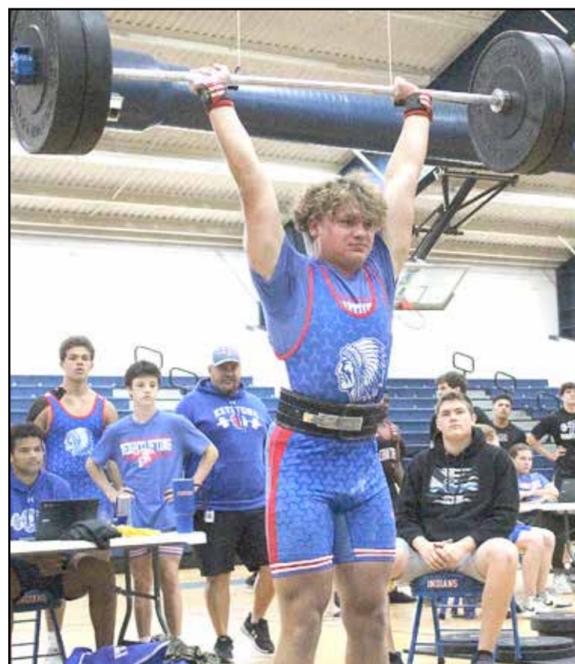


Ben Ulsch won the Olympic and traditional titles in the 169-pound class.

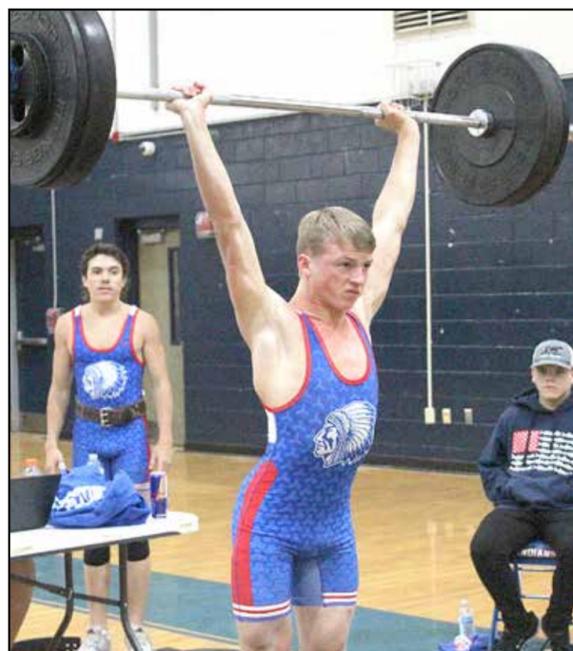


LEFT: Tyler Duncan won the Olympic title in the unlimited class. He was also the traditional runner-up.

BELOW: Colton Hollingsworth was the 129-pound class traditional champion.



Zane Leger won both Olympic and traditional championships in the 199-pound class.



Trey Jeffries won both the Olympic and traditional championships in the 238-pound class.

BC Education Foundation to host Empower U programs for students and their parents

The Bradford County Education Foundation will present "Thriving Together," an Empower U family resilience program for students (pre-K through 9 years old) and their parents on Monday, April 15, Monday, April 22, and Tuesday, April 30, in the Bradford County School District boardroom at 501 W. Washington St. in Starke. Each event is 5:30-8 p.m. Dinner will be provided. This program will build a child's self-regulation and confidence as well as helping parents and caregivers increase their coping skills and interaction

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To sign up, visit bradfordschools.org. An email will then be sent to your Parent FOCUS Portal with details.

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All other rules, such as seasons, bag and size limits apply. To renew or purchase a fishing license, visit GoOutdoorsFlorida.com.

Anglers of all ages and skill levels are encouraged to take advantage of this special weekend, which allows them to reel in their favorite freshwater species without the need for a license.

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FWC's next freshwater license-free fishing weekend will be June 8-9.

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KHHS baseball team rebounds with 8-0 win

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Pitchers Austin Musgrove and Aiden Screen combined to allow one hit, while Alex Addington drove in three runs in the Keystone Heights High School baseball team's 8-0 win over visiting Class 4A Palatka on March 29.

The Indians (11-2) were coming off a loss that ended a 10-game win streak (see related story), but had no trouble getting back into the win column. A hit batter is all that prevented Musgrove from pitching a perfect game through the first four innings, while Screen gave up just one hit in the final three.



Alex Addington had three RBI in the Indians' 8-0 win over Palatka.

Musgrove struck out eight, while Screen struck out four.

Palatka (4-10) had just four base runners on two hit batters, a walk and a single.

A big second inning provided the pitchers with plenty of run support. The Indians loaded the bases with one out, getting singles from Tallon Campbell and Andru Siemer and a walk by Ty Mitzel. Addington hit a two-run single. After Siemer was picked off at second, Keystone loaded the bases again, with Guy being intentionally walked and Musgrove hitting a single. An error on a ground ball hit by Austin Smith scored a run to make it 3-0. Guy scored the fourth run on a passed ball before



Austin Musgrove was the starting pitcher against Palatka, giving up no hits and no walks in four innings.

Brady Kerlin walked to load the bases. Screen hit a two-run double to put the Indians ahead 6-0.

Addington, who went 3 for 4, hit an RBI single in the third, while a Tyler Brinson ground ball with the bases loaded pushed the final run across in the sixth.

Kerlin and Screen finished 2 for 3 and 2 for 4, respectively.

The Class 3A Indians played Class 5A Middleburg this past Tuesday and will travel to play Class 6A Buchholz on Thursday, April 4, at 7 p.m. Keystone travels to play Class 5A Orange Park on Friday, April 5, 7 p.m. before returning home to play Class 4A North Marion on Tuesday, April 9, at 6:30 p.m.

KHHS softball team drops 3rd straight game

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Keystone Heights High School's softball team hit two home runs, but the Class 3A Indians couldn't score enough in a 9-5 loss to Class 4A Clay on April 1 in Green Cove Springs.

The Indians (5-6) got a two-run homer from Ashley Nugent (2 for 3) in the first and took a 4-3 lead in the third on a two-run double by Abbie Roach.

Clay scored four runs in the bottom of the third to take the lead for good.

Alaina Kinsall hit a solo homer for Keystone in the fifth.

It was the third straight loss for Keystone. Prior to playing Clay, the Indians dropped games against Oakleaf and Baker County.

Delia Johnson hit a two-run homer in the game against Oakleaf on March 26, but the host Knights never trailed after scoring 11 runs in the first three innings.

Caitlin Frampton and Nugent went 2 for 3 and 2 for 4, respectively, with Frampton driving in a run each on two doubles. Nugent hit one double.

Bella Cumbo and Riley Shuford each had one RBI, with Shuford hitting a double.

On March 28, Keystone traveled to play Baker County, losing 5-2.

The Indians were held to three hits and didn't score until the top of the seventh, getting an RBI single from Kadence Massey and an RBI double from Nattalie Glinski.

The Indians will play in the April 4-6 Roger Jones Kissimmee Classic at Fortune Road Softball Complex. Keystone's first game will be Thursday, April 4, against West Broward at 2 p.m.

A schedule and link to tickets can be found on the tournament's Facebook page (Roger Jones Kissimmee Classic Softball Tournament).

Keystone will travel to play Ridgeview on Monday, April 8, at 7 p.m.

Indians' 10-game win streak ends against Orange Park

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Keystone Heights High School's baseball team was held to four hits by Orange Park's Josh Taylor, who struck out seven in the visiting Raiders' 5-2 win over the Indians on March 28.

Class 3A Keystone lost for the first time since its season opener, while the Class 5A Raiders (5-7) won for the third time in four games.



It wasn't a win, but Gage Barry allowed just one run, three hits and no walks in 2.1 innings of relief against Orange Park.

Two of the Indians' hits occurred in the second inning, when they took a 1-0 lead. Austin Smith hit a leadoff single. One out later, Aiden Screen singled, with Smith advancing to third. Smith scored on a passed ball before a strikeout and a ground out ended the inning.

The Raiders loaded the bases on two singles and a hit batter with one out in the top of the third. Jack Bejarano and Tyson Cruz each drew a walk to force a run in, putting Orange Park up 2-1.

Orange Park added two runs in the fifth. With two on and one out, Robert Barnett drove a run in on a sacrifice fly. Cruz followed with an RBI single into left field.

The Raiders threatened to score more runs in the inning, with an error on a throw to first giving Orange Park runners on first and third with two outs. Jaylen Williams walked to load the bases.

Gage Barry then entered the game to relieve starting pitcher Ty Mitzel. Barry struck out Devon Moore to get out of the jam.

Keystone's Alex Addington



First baseman Austin Smith (foreground) prepares to catch a pop-up against Orange Park as pitcher Ty Mitzel looks on.

hit a one-out single in the bottom of the sixth, followed by Connor Guy drawing a walk. Smith, who went 2 for 3, hit an RBI single with two outs to make the

4-2. The Raiders' Williams drove in the game's final run with a single in the seventh.

It was the only run allowed by Barry, who gave up three hits and no walks in 2.1 innings. He had three strikeouts.

The Indians entered the game off an 11-1 win over visiting Class 1A Williston on March 26.

Keystone wasted little time in scoring with five runs in the first. Leadoff batter Addington reached on an error and eventually scored on a Guy double. Austin Musgrove hit an RBI double, while Screen and Brady Kerlin each had an RBI single. Smith drove in a run as well.

Guy, who went 3 for 3 with three RBI ended the game in the bottom of the fifth with a solo home run that enacted the mercy rule.

Mitzel went 2 for 2 with a double and two RBI, while Screen and Smith each went 2 for 3. Screen had one RBI, while Smith, who hit a double, had two.

Kerlin, who had two RBI,



Prior to the Orange Park loss, Connor Guy went 3 for 3 with a home run and three RBI in an 11-1 win over Williston.

started on the mound, allowing one run and one hit in three innings. He had four strikeouts.

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

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Bethea's 2 wins and Jones' 2nd-place finish lead UCHS at track meet

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Union County High School and Lake Butler Middle School track and field athletes competed at the March 27 Oak Hall mini meet, with Amia Bethea earning two wins in the girls events and Deonte Jones finishing as a runner-up in one event on the boys side.

Bethea won the 100m with a time of 12.41 and took first in the 200m with a time of 25.98.

Melinda Mabrey placed sixth in the shot put with a distance of 26-1.75, while the Tigers had the eighth- and ninth-place finishers in the girls long jump. Ivy Wilson and Latoya Hampton jumped 12-

5.25 and 12-2.75, respectively.

Other girls results were: 100m — Wilson 14.17, Hayden Robinson 14.78, Hampton 15.85, Elauna Roberts 15.97; 200m — Tierra Williams 29.81, Robinson 30.78, Daina Smith 35.33; 400m — Mia Odum 1:11, Maddison McKenzie 1:16; 800m — Rachel Harris 3:04, Mackenzie Ring 3:04; 1600m — Harris 7:02; discus — Briana Haight 52-11, Mari Williams 45-9.25, Ja'Kari Hill 45-8.5; and shot put — Jayde Miller 17-5.75, Sommer McKenzie 14-10.

Jones placed second in the boys 400m with a time of 51.75. The Tigers' Bo Thomas and Blake McCoy finished fourth and seventh, respectively, with times of 53.68 and 55.22.

Dayquan Diston earned two top-five finishes. He ran the third-place time of 23.08 in the 200m and the fifth-place time of 11.37 in the 100m.

McCoy placed fifth in the long jump with a distance of 18-3, while C.J. Ivey was seventh in the discus with a throw of 88-

10.5.

Thomas finished in the top 10 in the 200m with a ninth-place time of 24.3.

Union also had the following boys results: 100m — Braylen Tyson 12.94, Ivey 13.52; 200m — Brycen Boney 24.82, Tyson 25.29, Damon Ferrer 29.83; 400m — Boney 56.77, Ferrer 1:06; 800m — Gavin Smith 2:19, Dane Johnson 2:37, Zayden Williams 2:47; 1600m — Ashton Bunkley 6:09; discus — Matthew Rogers 73-9.5, Dillon Lane 71-8.75; and shot put — Jacob Jenkins 33-8, Lane 30-2.25.

BHS baseball team blasts Parker 18-1

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Bradford High School's baseball team returned from spring break in a big way, with Ryland Rike driving in five runs as the Tornadoes defeated host Parker 18-1 in 4.5 innings on April 2.

The Tornadoes led 2-0 before getting an RBI single each from Rike and Mattox Burgin as part of a four-run second.

Bradford scored five runs in the third to go up 11-1. Three runs were scored on an error, a wild pitch and a hit batter with the bases loaded.

Rike, who went 3 for 3,

hit a bases-loaded single that scored every runner as part of a seven-run fourth. The inning also featured a two-run double hit by Ryder Thompson and an RBI double each from Patrick Pendarvis and Blake Wynn.

Burgin, who was 2 for 3, and Thompson each finished with three RBI.

Pendarvis, Wynn, Jeffrey Brugh and Luke Stucky each drove in one run, with Stucky going 3 for 4.

Stucky started on the mound, giving up one unearned run, two hits and one walk through three innings.

Jerry Baxter threw one inning, allowing no hits and striking out two.

The Tornadoes travel to play Hilliard on Thursday, April 4, at 7 p.m. Bradford returns home to play Union County on Tuesday, April 9, at 7 p.m.

UCHS baseball team falls by 1 run to Warriors

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Union County High School's baseball team dropped its second straight one-run game, losing 4-3 to Class 3A West Nassau on March 29 in Callahan.

The Class 1A Tigers (7-8) fell behind 4-0 and were held to three hits. One of those hits was a double by Foster Smith, which

set him up to score on a Kacen Thomassen ground out in the fourth.

Trenton Klein hit a single that scored Riggs Davis in the fifth.

Union loaded the bases with one out in the seventh, with Ayden Androlevich and Preston Bonsall walking and Davis getting hit by a pitch. After a strikeout for the second out, Androlevich scored on a passed ball. Another strikeout ended the game.

Devin Diggs pitched the final 3.2 innings, giving up no runs and no hits, while striking out seven.

The Tigers were coming off an 8-7 loss to Class 6A Oakleaf on March 26 in Lake Butler.

Oakleaf scored seven runs in the second and led 7-2 when Union scored four runs in the fifth. Walks to Smith, Erick Lasseter and Jake Walker loaded the bases with one out. Thomassen drove in a run on a sacrifice fly, while Diggs drove in two with a triple. Diggs later scored on a wild pitch to make it a 7-6 game.

The Knights loaded the bases on two walks and a single with one out in the top of the seventh. Another walk would force in the eventual game-winning run.

Smith led off the Tigers' half of the seventh with a single and later advanced to second on a wild pitch. After a ground out, Smith scored on Thomassen's sacrifice fly.

A pop up to second ended the

game.

Diggs and Thomassen each finished with two RBI.

Union played Class 1A Williston this past Tuesday and will host Class 2A St. Joseph on Thursday, April 4, at 6:30 p.m. The Tigers host Class 6A First Coast on Friday, April 5, at 6 p.m. before hosting fellow 1A team Lafayette on Monday, April 8, at 7 p.m.

The Tigers travel to play Class 3A Bradford on Tuesday, April 9, at 7 p.m.

Fort White hands LBMS just its 1st loss in baseball

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Lake Butler Middle School's baseball team is no longer undefeated after losing 7-4 to visiting Fort White on April 1.

The Tigers (8-1-2) fell behind 4-0 after two innings and trailed 5-0 before scoring four runs in the bottom of the fourth. Kiptyn Shuler was hit by a pitch to lead off the inning, followed by Westyn Miller hitting a double. Shuler scored on a passed ball before Miller scored on a ground out by Weston Thompson. Tristan George reached on an error, while Brody Stephenson

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CLAY COUNTY FILE NUMBERS 24 JT 3 and 24 JT 4

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By: William R. Shilling Attorney at Law PO Box 677 Murphy, NC 28906 NC Bar # 33073

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHT JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION

CASE NO.: 2023-CA-000209 TRJMG FUND, LLC

Plaintiff,

vs. HARRY EDWARD DEEVERS, KATHY JOE DEEVERS,

Defendants.

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COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 12 AND RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 38 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY THEREOF, 337.8 FEET FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING, FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING THUS DESCRIBED RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 02 SECONDS WEST, 600.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 21 SECONDS EAST, 693.73 FEET TO AN INTERSECTION WITH THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF THE RIGHT OF WAY OF STATE ROAD 200 (U.S. 301); THENCE NORTH 17 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 38 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID WESTERLY BOUNDARY, 632 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO AN INTERSECTION WITH THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID SECTION 12; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 38 SECONDS WEST, ALONG SAID NORTHERLY BOUNDARY, 900 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. LESS AND EXCEPT:

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PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD The City of Starke Planning & Zoning Board will not meet on April 15, 2024 but will meet on April 17, 2024 at 5:30 pm at 209 North Thompson Street.

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NOTICE OF ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STARKE, FLORIDA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ordinance, which title hereinafter appears, will be considered for enactment by the City Commission of the City of Starke, Florida, hereinafter referred to as the City Commission, at a public hearing on April 16, 2024 at 5:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the City Commission Meeting Room, City Hall located at 209 North Thompson Street, Starke, Florida. A copy of said ordinance may be inspected by any member of the public at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, located at 209 North Thompson Street, Starke, Florida, during regular business hours. On the date, time and place first above mentioned, all interested parties may appear and be heard with respect to the ordinance. The title of said ordinance reads, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-08 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF STARKE, FLORIDA, AMENDING

THE CITY OF STARKE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, AS AMENDED, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, LDC 24-01, BY THE CITY COMMISSION, RELATING TO AN AMENDMENT TO THE TEXT OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE: PROVIDING FOR AMENDING SECTION 4-106.L.1 ENTITLED DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENTS BY CHANGING THE MINIMUM SIZE PARCEL FOR PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENTS FROM TEN ACRES TO FIVE ACRES INCLUSIVE OF ALL EXISTING PUBLIC STREETS; 12PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decisions made at the above referenced public hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings, and that for such purpose they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact the Office of the City Clerk at 904.964.5027 or via the Florida Relay Service 800.955.8770 (voice) or 800.955.8771 (TTY) at least 48 hours prior to the date of the public hearing.

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

CASE NO.: 24000016CAAXMX FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION PLAINTIFF,

vs. KAREN ANN WALDRON A/K/A KAREN

WALDRON, HARRIET WALDRON AND MARION WALDRON, ET AL., DEFENDANT(S).

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: Unknown spouse of Marion Waldron Last Known Address: 8744 & 8734 Northwest 219th Street, Starke, FL 32091

Current Residence: UNKNOWN

TO: Unknown spouse of Marion Waldron

Last Known Address: 8439 SW COUNTY ROAD 225 STARKE FL 32091

Current Residence: UNKNOWN

TO: Unknown spouse of Marion Waldron

Last Known Address: 9827 SW COUNTY ROAD 225 STARKE FL 32091

Current Residence: UNKNOWN

TO: Unknown spouse of Marion Waldron

Last Known Address: 65 NW AVE STARKE FL 32091

Current Residence: UNKNOWN

TO: Marion Waldron

Last Known Address: 8744 & 8734 Northwest 219th Street, Starke, FL 32091

Current Residence: UNKNOWN

TO: Marion Waldron

Last Known Address: 8439 SW COUNTY ROAD 225 STARKE FL 32091

Current Residence: UNKNOWN

TO: Marion Waldron

Last Known Address: 9827 SW COUNTY ROAD 225 STARKE FL 32091

Current Residence: UNKNOWN

TO: Marion Waldron

Last Known Address: 65 NW AVE STARKE FL 32091

Current Residence: UNKNOWN

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

ALL that certain land situate in Bradford County, Florida, viz:

A part of section 27, Township 5 South, Range 21 East, Bradford County, Florida and being more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCE at the northeast corner of southeast 1/4, of the northwest 1/4 of said section 27;

THENCE South 00 degrees 49 minutes 24 seconds East, 647.81 feet to the South Right of way line of the northwest 219th Street;

THENCE continue South 00 degrees 49 minutes 24 seconds East, 256.25 feet;

THENCE South 89 degrees 10 minutes 36 seconds West, 246.89 feet to the point of BEGINNING;

THENCE South 00 degrees 47 minutes 34 seconds East, 208.72 feet;

THENCE South 89 degrees 12 minutes 23 seconds West, 208.72 feet;

THENCE North 00 degrees 47 minutes 34 seconds West, 208.72 feet;

THENCE North 89 degrees 12 minutes 23 seconds East, 208.72 feet to the point of BEGINNING.

Together with a 30 feet ingress, egress and utility easement being more particularly described as follows:

Part of section 27, Township 5 South, Range 21 East, Bradford County, Florida and being more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCE at the northeast corner of the southeast 1/4 of the northwest 1/4 of said section 27;

THENCE South 00 degrees 49 minutes 24 seconds East, 647.81 feet to the South right of way line of northwest 219th Street;

THENCE continue South 00 degrees 49 minutes 24 seconds East, 256.25 feet;

THENCE South 89 degrees 10 minutes 36 seconds West, 246.89 feet to the point of BEGINNING;

THENCE South 89 degrees 12 minutes 23 seconds West, 30.21 feet;

THENCE North 05 degrees 58 minutes 25 seconds East, 107.81 feet;

THENCE North 33 degrees 19 minutes 41 seconds East, 210.55 feet to an intersection with the South right of way

line of northwest 219th Street;

THENCE South 81 degrees 10 minutes 56 seconds East, along said right of way line, 32.97 feet; THENCE South 33

degrees 19 minutes 41 seconds West, departing said right of way line, 216.93 feet, THENCE South 05 degrees 58

minutes 25 seconds West, 96.95 feet to the point of BEGINNING.

And A parcel of land containing 20.00 acres and lying partly in the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 and partly in the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 27, Township 5 South, Range 21 East, Bradford County, Florida: said parcel being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at a concrete monument found at the Northeast corner of said SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 and run South 00 degrees, 49 minutes and 24 seconds East, along the Easterly boundary thereof, 647.81 feet to a concrete monument found on the Southerly boundary of the right of way of NW 65th Avenue (a County graded road also known as Buck Lake Road) for the Point of Beginning. From Point of Beginning thus described continue South 00 degrees, 49 minutes and 24 seconds East, along said Easterly boundary 687.45 feet to an iron pipe found at the Northeast corner of said NE 1/4 of SW 1/4 thence South 00 degrees, 46 minutes and 17 seconds East, along the Easterly boundary thereof, 932.02 feet to a set concrete monument: thence continue South 00 degrees, 46 minutes and 17 seconds East, along last said Easterly boundary, 77.04 feet to an intersection with the present centerline of Water Oak Creek: thence run along said centerline the following courses: North 67 degrees, 37 minutes, and 15 seconds West, 50.52 feet; North 09 degrees, 36 minutes and 43 seconds West, 26.57 feet; North 45 degrees, 40 minutes and 36 seconds West, 42.24 feet; North 76 degrees, 09 minutes and 40 seconds West, 23.02 feet; South 86 degrees, 34 minutes and 45 seconds West, 50.69 feet; North 40 degrees, 40 minutes and 34 seconds West, 45.74 feet; North 75 degrees, 23 minutes and 39 seconds West, 91.62 feet; North 86 degrees, 17 minutes and 37 seconds West, 123.80 feet; South 60 degrees, 51 minutes and 17 seconds West, 24.51 feet; North 76 degrees, 35 minutes and 07 seconds West, 77.47 feet; North 87 degrees, 45 minutes and 01 seconds West, 74.52 feet to an intersection with a line having a bearing of South 00 degrees, 47 minutes and 37 seconds East (said line being the Westerly boundary of the herein described parcel); thence North 00 degrees, 47 minutes and 37 seconds West, along said line and along said Westerly boundary, 32.87 feet to a set concrete monument; thence continue North 00 degrees, 47 minutes and 37 seconds West, along said line and along said Westerly boundary, 1136.61 feet to an iron rod set in the centerline of a drainage ditch: thence North 25 degrees, 15 minutes and 49 seconds East, along last said centerline, 106.89 feet to a set iron rod: thence North 31 degrees, 22 minutes and 23 seconds East, along last said centerline, 159.53 feet to a set iron rod; thence North 15 degrees, 26 minutes and 57 seconds East, along last said centerline, 207.80 feet to an iron rod set on said Southerly boundary of NW 65th Avenue; thence South 81 degrees, 10 minutes and 56 seconds East, along said Southerly boundary, 380.77 feet to the Point of Beginning. Subject to existing easements for power lines or drainage.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on MILLER, GEORGE & SUGGS, PLLC, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 210 N. University Drive, Suite 900, Coral Springs, FL 33071, on or before _____, within or before a date at least thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in the Bradford Telegraph, 131 W. Call Street, Starke, FL 32091 and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in 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 your receipt of this notice; if you are hearing impaired call (800) 955-8771; if you are voice impaired, call (800) 955-8770.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 22nd day of March, 2024.

DENNY THOMPSON

As Clerk of Court

By: Kanetra Jenkins

As Deputy Clerk

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AMENDMENT PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN SECTIONS 163.3161 THROUGH 163.3248, FLORIDASTATUTES, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR CHANGING THE LAND USE CLASSIFICATION FROM AGRICULTURAL-2 (LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 1 DWELLING UNIT PER 5 ACRES, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN POLICY I.2.2) TO COMMERCIAL 30F CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

AN ORDINANCE OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN MAP OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, AS AMENDED; RELATING TO AN AMENDMENT OF 50 OR LESS ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, S240312B, BY THE PROPERTY OWNER OF SAID ACREAGE, UNDER THE AMENDMENT PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN SECTIONS 163.3161 THROUGH 163.3248, FLORIDASTATUTES, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR CHANGING THE LAND USE CLASSIFICATION FROM RESIDENTIAL, LOW DENSITY (LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 2 DWELLING UNITS PER ACRE) TO COMMERCIAL 50F CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decision made at the above referenced public hearings they will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in these proceedings should contact the office of the County Manager at 904.966.6327 by 5:00 p.m. at least 48 hours prior to the public hearing or via Florida Relay Service 800.955.8770 (voice) or 800.955.8771 (TTY).

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NOTICE OF ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCES BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ordinances, which titles hereinafter appear, will be considered for enactment by the Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida, at public hearings on April 18, 2024 at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matters can be heard, in the in the County Commission Meeting Room, North Wing, County Courthouse located at 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida. Copies of the ordinances may be inspected by any member of the public at the Office of the County Clerk located at 945 North Temple Avenue, Courthouse North Wing, Starke, Florida, during regular business hours. On the date, time and place first above mentioned, all interested persons may appear and be heard with respect to the ordinances. The title of said ordinances read, as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING ATLAS OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, AS AMENDED; RELATING TO THE REZONING OF TEN OR LESS CONTIGUOUS ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, Z 24-01, BY THE PROPERTY OWNER OF SAID ACREAGE; PROVIDING FOR CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT FROM AGRICULTURAL (A-2) TO COMMERCIAL, INTENSIVE (CI) OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

AN ORDINANCE OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING ATLAS OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, AS AMENDED; RELATING TO THE REZONING OF TEN OR LESS CONTIGUOUS ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, Z 24-02, BY THE PROPERTY OWNER OF SAID ACREAGE; PROVIDING FOR CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT FROM AGRICULTURAL (A-2) TO COMMERCIAL, INTENSIVE (CI) OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

AN ORDINANCE OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING ATLAS OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, AS AMENDED; RELATING TO THE REZONING OF MORE THAN TEN

CONTIGUOUS ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, Z 24-03, BY THE PROPERTY OWNER OF SAID ACREAGE; PROVIDING FOR CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT FROM RESIDENTIAL, (MIXED) SINGLE-FAMILY/MOBILE HOME-2 (RSF/MH-2) TO COMMERCIAL, INTENSIVE (CI) OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decision made at the above referenced public hearings they will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in these proceedings should contact the office of the County Manager at 904.966.6327 by 5:00 p.m. at least 48 hours prior to the public hearing or via Florida Relay Service 800.955.8770 (voice) or 800.955.8771 (TTY).

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AMENDMENT PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN SECTIONS 163.3161 THROUGH 163.3248, FLORIDASTATUTES, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR CHANGING THE LAND USE CLASSIFICATION FROM AGRICULTURAL-2 (LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 1 DWELLING UNIT PER 5 ACRES, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN POLICY I.2.2) TO COMMERCIAL 30F CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

AN ORDINANCE OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN MAP OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, AS AMENDED; RELATING TO AN AMENDMENT OF 50 OR LESS ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, S240312A, BY THE PROPERTY OWNER OF SAID ACREAGE, UNDER THE

AMENDMENT PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN SECTIONS 163.3161 THROUGH 163.3248, FLORIDASTATUTES, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR CHANGING THE LAND USE CLASSIFICATION FROM AGRICULTURAL-2 (LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 1 DWELLING UNIT PER 5 ACRES, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN POLICY I.2.2) TO COMMERCIAL 40F CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

AN ORDINANCE OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING ATLAS OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, AS AMENDED; RELATING TO THE REZONING OF MORE THAN TEN

CONTIGUOUS ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, Z 24-03, BY THE PROPERTY OWNER OF SAID ACREAGE; PROVIDING FOR CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT FROM RESIDENTIAL, (MIXED) SINGLE-FAMILY/MOBILE HOME-2 (RSF/MH-2) TO COMMERCIAL, INTENSIVE (CI) OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decision made at the above referenced public hearings they will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in these proceedings should contact the office of the County Manager at 904.966.6327 by 5:00 p.m. at least 48 hours prior to the public hearing or via Florida Relay Service 800.955.8770 (voice) or 800.955.8771 (TTY).

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AMENDMENT PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN SECTIONS 163.3161 THROUGH 163.3248, FLORIDASTATUTES, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR CHANGING THE LAND USE CLASSIFICATION FROM AGRICULTURAL-2 (LESS

Legal Notices

Legals for the week of April 4, 2024

BRADFORD

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
 Notice is hereby given that LEWIS CHAFF the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and names in which it was assessed are as follows:
 Certificate Number: 871
 Year of Issuance: 2017
 Parcel Number: 03304-0-0000
 Case Number: 04-2024-TD-0006
 Description of Property: Lot 4 of Block 8, Livingston Truby and Company Subdivision of Northwest Quarter of Northeast Quarter, Section 28, Township 6 South, Range 22 East. Name in Which Assessed: VICKIE HOLMES CUMMINGS
 Name on last tax roll, if different: All of said property being in the County of Bradford, State of Florida. Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the BRADFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, STARKE, FL on 07/10/2024, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.
 Denny Thompson, Clerk Of The Circuit Court
 Bradford County, Florida
 BY: KANETRA JENKINS
 Deputy Clerk
 Contact the Tax Deed Office at 904-966-6280 to obtain the amount necessary to redeem.
 DATED: April 1, 2024
 DATE OF PUBLICATION: APRIL 4, 2024; APRIL 11, 2024; APRIL 18, 2024; APRIL 25, 2024

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING A SPECIAL EXCEPTION AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE BRADFORD COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS BY THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to the Bradford County Land Development Regulations, as amended, hereinafter referred to as the Land Development Regulations, objections, recommendations and comments concerning a special exception, as described below, will be heard by the Board of Adjustment of Bradford County, Florida, at a public hearing on April 18th, 2024 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, at the County Commission Meeting Room, North Wing, County Courthouse, located at 954 N. Temple Avenue in Starke, Florida.

SE 24-01, an application petition by Joel Islam, to request a Special Exception be granted as provided for in Section 4.7 "RE" Residential Estate, Section 4.7.5 # 10 of the Bradford County Land Development Regulations to allow for a Guest House with separate utility meter from primary structure to be located at the property being described as follows; Lot 16, Indian Beach Unit No. 3, Plat Book 2, Pages 42 & 43 of the public records of Bradford County, Florida. Being Bradford County Parcel Number 06190-0-00000.
 The public hearing may be continued to one or more future dates. Any interested party shall be advised that the date, time and place of any continuation of the public hearing shall be announced during the public hearing and that no further notice concerning the matter will be published, unless said continuation exceeds six calendar weeks from the date of the above referenced public hearing. At the aforementioned public hearing, all interested parties may appear to be heard with respect to the appeal.

Copies of the material are available for public inspection at the Office of the Director of Zoning, Planning, and Building, County Courthouse located at 945 North Temple Avenue, North Wing, Starke, Florida, during regular business hours. All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decision made at the above referenced public hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS CONCERNING AMENDMENTS TO THE BRADFORD COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, SERVING AS THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THE LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to Sections 163.3161 through 163.3248, Florida Statutes, as amended, and the Bradford County Land Development Regulations, as amended, objections, recommendations and comments concerning the amendments, as described below, will be heard by the Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida, serving as the Planning and Zoning Board of Bradford County, Florida, and the Local Planning Agency of Bradford County, Florida, at public hearings on April 18, 2024 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matters can be heard in the County Commission Meeting Room, North Wing, County Courthouse located at 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida.

(1) S240312A, an application by Susan E. Perkins, to amend the Future Land Use Plan Map of the Comprehensive Plan by changing the land use classification from AGRICULTURE-2 (less than or equal to dwelling 1 unit per 5 acre, except as provided for in Policy I.2.2) to COMMERCIAL on property described, as follows:
 A parcel of land lying in Section 7, Township 7 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida, described as follows: Commence at the Southwest corner of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 7; thence North 01°07'04" West 150.00 feet, along the Westerly boundary of the East 1/2

of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 7 for the Point of Beginning; thence continue North 01°07'04" West 181.00 feet, along the Westerly boundary of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 7; thence North 88°22'40" East 798.98 feet to the Westerly right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 301 (State Road 200); thence South 15°38'40" West 189.52 feet, along the Westerly right-of-way line of said U.S. Highway 301 (State Road 200); thence South 88°22'40" West 745.11 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Containing 3.34 acre, more or less.
 (2) S240312B, an application by Susan E. Perkins, to amend the Official Future Land Use Plan Map of the Comprehensive Plan by changing the land use classification from AGRICULTURE-2 (less than or equal to dwelling 1 unit per 5 acre, except as provided for in Policy I.2.2) to COMMERCIAL on property described, as follows:
 A parcel of land lying in Section 7, Township 7 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida, described as follows: Commence at the Southwest corner of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 7; thence North 01°07'04" West 331.00 feet, along the Westerly boundary of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 7 for the Point of Beginning; thence continue North 01°07'04" West 150.00 feet, along the Westerly boundary of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 7; thence North 88°22'40" East 868.76 feet to the Westerly right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 301 (State Road 200); thence South 15°38'40" West 157.07 feet, along the Westerly right-of-way line of said U.S. Highway 301 (State Road 200); thence South 88°22'40" West 824.11 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Containing 2.98 acres, more or less.
 (3) S240326A, an application by Hunt Real Estate Service, Inc. and Hunt RE Acquisitions, LLC, as agents for Karin Gray Thomas, to amend the Future Land Use Plan Map of the Comprehensive Plan by changing the land use classification from RESIDENTIAL, LOW DENSITY (less than or equal to 2 dwelling units per acre) to COMMERCIAL on property described, as follows:
 A parcel of land lying in Section 24, Township 7 South, Range 21 East, Bradford County, Florida. Being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Southeast corner of said Section 24; thence Westerly 1,980.00 feet, along the Southerly boundary of said Section 24, to the Easterly boundary of the right-of-way of U.S. Highway 301 (State Road 200); thence North 09°31'00" East 18.00 feet, along the Easterly boundary of the right-of-way of U.S. Highway 301 (State Road 200); thence North 09°31'00" East 18.00 feet, along the Easterly boundary of the right-of-way of said U.S. Highway 301 (State Road 200) to the Northerly boundary of the right-of-way of County Road 18 (formerly State Road 19) to the Point of Beginning; thence continue North 09°31'00" East 940.90 feet, along the Easterly boundary of the right-of-way of said U.S. Highway 301 (State Road 200); thence South 87°18'40" East 513.30 feet; thence South 00°48'50" West 471.90 feet; thence South 83°28'00" East 267.10 feet; thence South 03°01'20" West 402.10 feet to the Northerly boundary of the right-of-way of said County Road 18 (formerly State Road 19); thence West 905.70 feet, along the Northerly boundary of the right-of-way of said County Road 18 (formerly State Road 19) to the Point of Beginning.

Containing 14.80 acres, more or less. At the aforementioned public hearings, all interested parties may appear and be heard with respect to the amendments.
 Copies of the amendments are available for public inspection at the Office of the Director of Zoning, County Courthouse located at 945 North Temple Avenue, North Wing, Starke, Florida, during regular business hours.
 All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decision made at the above referenced public hearings they will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in these proceedings should contact the office of the County Manager at 904.966.6327 by 5:00 p.m. at least 48 hours prior to the public hearing or via Florida Relay Service 800.955.8770 (voice) or 800.955.8771 (TTY).

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS CONCERNING AMENDMENTS TO THE BRADFORD COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, SERVING AS THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THE LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to Sections 163.3161 through 163.3248, Florida Statutes, as amended, and the Bradford County Land Development Regulations, as amended, objections, recommendations and comments concerning the amendments, as described below, will be heard by the Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida, serving as the Planning and Zoning Board of Bradford County, Florida, and the Local Planning Agency of Bradford County, Florida, at public hearings on April 18, 2024 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matters can be heard in the County Commission Meeting Room, North Wing, County Courthouse located at 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida.

(1) Z 24-01, an application by Susan E. Perkins, to amend the Official Zoning Atlas of the Land Development Regulations by changing the zoning district from AGRICULTURAL-2 (A-2) to COMMERCIAL, INTENSIVE (CI) on property described, as follows:
 A parcel of land lying in Section 7, Township 7 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida, described as follows: Commence at the Southwest corner of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 7; thence North 01°07'04" West 150.00 feet, along the Westerly boundary of the East 1/2

of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 7 for the Point of Beginning; thence continue North 01°07'04" West 181.00 feet, along the Westerly boundary of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 7; thence North 88°22'40" East 798.98 feet to the Westerly right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 301 (State Road 200); thence South 15°38'40" West 189.52 feet, along the Westerly right-of-way line of said U.S. Highway 301 (State Road 200); thence South 88°22'40" West 745.11 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Containing 3.34 acres, more or less.
 (2) Z 24-02, an application by Susan E. Perkins, to amend the Official Zoning Atlas of the Land Development Regulations by changing the zoning district from AGRICULTURAL-2 (A-2) to COMMERCIAL, INTENSIVE (CI) on property described, as follows:
 A parcel of land lying in Section 7, Township 7 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida, described as follows: Commence at the Southwest corner of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 7; thence North 01°07'04" West 331.00 feet, along the Westerly boundary of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 7 for the Point of Beginning; thence continue North 01°07'04" West 150.00 feet, along the Westerly boundary of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 7; thence North 88°22'40" East 868.76 feet to the Westerly right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 301 (State Road 200); thence South 15°38'40" West 157.07 feet, along the Westerly right-of-way line of said State Road 200; thence South 88°22'40" West 824.11 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Containing 2.98 acres, more or less.
 (3) Z 24-03, an application by Hunt Real Estate Service, Inc. and Hunt RE Acquisitions, LLC, as agents for Karin Gray Thomas, to amend the Official Zoning Atlas of the Land Development Regulations by changing the zoning district from RESIDENTIAL, (MIXED) SINGLE-FAMILY/MOBILE HOME-2 (RSF/MH-2) to COMMERCIAL, INTENSIVE (CI) on property described, as follows:
 A parcel of land lying in Section 24, Township 7 South, Range 21 East, Bradford County, Florida. Being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Southeast corner of said Section 24; thence run in a Westerly direction 1,980.00 feet, along the Southerly boundary of said Section 24, to the Easterly boundary of the right-of-way of U.S. Highway 301 (State Road 200); thence North 09°31'00" East 18.00 feet, along the Easterly boundary of the right-of-way of said U.S. Highway 301 (State Road 200) to the Northerly boundary of the right-of-way of County Road 18 (formerly State Road 19) to the Point of Beginning; thence continue North 09°31'00" East 940.90 feet, along the Easterly boundary of the right-of-way of said U.S. Highway 301 (State Road 200); thence South 87°18'40" East 513.30 feet; thence South 00°48'50" West 471.90 feet; thence South 83°28'00" East 267.10 feet; thence South 03°01'20" West 402.10 feet to the Northerly boundary of the right-of-way of said County Road 18 (formerly State Road 19); thence West 905.70 feet, along the Northerly boundary of the right-of-way of said County Road 18 (formerly State Road 19) to the Point of Beginning.

Containing 14.80 acres, more or less. At the aforementioned public hearings, all interested parties may appear and be heard with respect to the amendments.
 Copies of the amendments are available for public inspection at the Office of the Director of Zoning, County Courthouse located at 945 North Temple Avenue, North Wing, Starke, Florida, during regular business hours.
 All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decision made at the above referenced public hearings they will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in these proceedings should contact the office of the County Manager at 904.966.6327 by 5:00 p.m. at least 48 hours prior to the public hearing or via Florida Relay Service 800.955.8770 (voice) or 800.955.8771 (TTY).

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

BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OF THE CITY OF STARKE, FLORIDA, SERVING ALSO AS THE LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY OF THE CITY OF STARKE, FLORIDA, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to the City of Starke Land Development Code, as amended, hereinafter referred to as the Land Development Code, objections, recommendations and comments concerning the amendment, as described below, will be heard by the Planning and Zoning Board of City of Starke, Florida, serving also as the Local Planning Agency of City of Starke, Florida, at a public hearing to be held on April 17, 2024 at 5:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard in the City Commission Meeting Room, City Hall located at 209 North Thompson Street, Starke, Florida.

Z 23-06, an application by Pro Source Water & Fire Restoration LLC, to amend the Zoning Map of the Land Development Code 6by changing the zoning district from SINGLE FAMILY, MEDIUM DENSITY DISTRICT (R-1C) to MULTI-FAMILY, MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (R-2A) on the property described, as follows:
 A parcel of land lying in Section 28, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida. Being more particularly described, as follows: Commence at the Northeast corner of Jackson Street and Cherry Street; thence North 17°48'00" East 210.00 feet, along the East line of said Cherry Street to the Point of Beginning; thence continue North 17°48'00" East 105.00 feet, along the East line of said Cherry Street; thence South 72°20'00" East 108.64 feet; thence South 17°41'00" West 105.00 feet; thence North 72°20'00" West 108.56 feet to the East line of

said Cherry Street and the Point of Beginning. Containing 0.23 acre, more or less. At the aforementioned public hearing, all interested parties may appear to be heard with respect to the amendment.

Copies of the amendment are available for public inspection at the City Zoning Department, located at 209 North Thompson Street, Starke, Florida, during regular business hours.

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

Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact the Office of the City Clerk at 904.964.5027 or via the Florida Relay Service 800.955.8770 (voice) or 800.955.8771 (TTY) at least 48 hours prior to the date of the public hearing.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS CONCERNING AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF STARKE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OF THE CITY OF STARKE, FLORIDA, SERVING ALSO AS THE LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY OF THE CITY OF STARKE, FLORIDA, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to the City of Starke Land Development Code, as amended, hereinafter referred to as the Land Development Code, objections, recommendations and comments concerning amendments, as described below, will be heard by the Planning and Zoning Board of City of Starke, Florida, serving also as the Local Planning Agency of City of Starke, Florida, at public hearings to be held on April 17, 2024 at 5:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matters can be heard in the City Commission Meeting Room, City Hall located at 209 North Thompson Street, Starke, Florida.

(1) S240328A, an application by the City Commission, to amend the Future Land Use Plan Map of the Comprehensive Plan by changing the future land use classification from PUBLIC to HIGH DENSITY, RESIDENTIAL (more than 8 and less than 20 units per acre) on property described, as follows:
 A parcel of land lying in Section 28, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida. Being more particularly described, as follows: Commence at the Southwest corner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 28; thence South 89°57'00" East 38.89 feet, along the Southerly boundary of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 28, to the Easterly right-of-way line of Water Street; thence Northerly, along the Easterly right-of-way line of said Water Street and along the arc of a curve concave to the West, and having a radius of 143.15 feet, as measured along a chord having a bearing of North 13°07'30" West, 52.13 feet to the end of said curve; thence North 23°37'00" West, along said Easterly boundary, 37.17 feet to the beginning of a curve concave to the East and having a radius of 148.14 feet; thence Northwest, along said Easterly boundary, and along the arc of last aforesaid curve, 20.16 feet, as measured along a chord having a bearing of North 19°42'40" West, to an iron stake; continue thence in a Northerly direction, along said Easterly boundary and along last aforesaid arc, 86.97 feet, as measured along a chord having a bearing of North 01°15'30" East, to the end of said curve; thence North 18°19'30" East, along said Easterly boundary, 24.42 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continue North 18°19'30" East 53.63 feet, along said Easterly boundary; thence North 35°25'00" East 32.94 feet, along said Easterly boundary, to the Southerly right-of-way line of State Road 230 (Call Street); thence South 72°18'00" East 224.50 feet, along the Southerly right-of-way line of said State Road 230 (Call Street) to an angle point in said Southerly boundary; thence South 17°42'00" West 25.00 feet, along said Southerly boundary to an angle point where said Southerly boundary bears South 72°18'00" East; thence South 17°55'00" West 60.00 feet; thence North 72°18'00" West 234.88 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Containing 0.40 acre, more or less.
 (2) S240328B, an application by Kingsley Development 1, LLC, to amend the Future Land Use Plan Map of the Comprehensive Plan by changing the future land use classification from MEDIUM DENSITY, RESIDENTIAL (more than 2 and less than or equal to 8 units per acre) to HIGH DENSITY, RESIDENTIAL (more than 8 and less than 20 units per acre) on property described, as follows:
 A parcel of land lying in Section 28, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida. Being more particularly described, as follows: Lots 1 through 8 of Block 1 of City Park Subdivision, Weatherly and Carmen's Addition to Starke, as recorded in the Public Records of Bradford County, Florida, containing 1.25 acres, more or less. LESS AND EXCEPT
 A parcel of land lying in Section 28, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida. Being more particularly described, as follows: Commence at the Northwest corner of Lot 1 of Block 1 of City Park Subdivision, Weatherly and Carmen's Addition to Starke, as recorded in the Public Records of Bradford County, Florida, for Point of Beginning; thence South 89°57'00" East 227.66 feet, along the Northerly boundary of Lots 1 and 8 of Block 1 of City Park Subdivision, Weatherly and Carmen's Addition to Starke, as recorded in the Public Records of Bradford County, Florida, to the Southerly right-of-way line of State Road 230; thence South 72°18'00" East 39.54 feet, along the Southerly right-of-way line of said State Road 230; thence North 89°57'00" West 265.87 feet to the Westerly boundary of Lot 1 of Block 1 of City Park Subdivision, Weatherly and Carmen's Addition to Starke, as recorded in the Public Records of Bradford County, Florida, and the Easterly right-of-way line of Redgrave Street (formerly Park Street); thence

North 02°34'40" East 12.00 feet, along the Westerly boundary of Lot 1 of Block 1 of City Park Subdivision, Weatherly and Carmen's Addition to Starke, as recorded in the Public Records of Bradford County, Florida, and the Easterly right-of-way line of said Redgrave Street (formerly Park Street) to the Point of Beginning. Containing 0.07 acre, more or less. All said lands containing 1.18 acres, more or less.

At the aforementioned public hearings, all interested parties may appear to be heard with respect to the amendments.

Copies of the amendments are available for public inspection at the City Building and Zoning Department, located at 209 North Thompson Street, Starke, Florida, during regular business hours.

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

Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact the Office of the City Clerk at 904.964.5027 or via the Florida Relay Service 800.955.8770 (voice) or 800.955.8771 (TTY) at least 48 hours prior to the date of the public hearings.

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UNION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NUMBER: 63-2024-CA-0008
J.R. DAVIS, as Trustee of the J.R. DAVIS TRUST,
 Plaintiff,

vs. **UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND ANY OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING BY THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST LOUISE FIELDS a/k/a LOUISE FIELDS GLOVER, deceased,**
 Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION TO ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED OF THE filing of a Complaint against you to quiet title to the following property in Union County, Florida:
TOGETHER WITH:
 A parcel of land containing a total area of 0.50 acres, more or less, lying, being and situate in Section 31, Township 5 South, Range 20 East, City of Lake Butler, Union County, Florida, more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCE at the Southeast corner of the North 1/2 of Government Lot 1, said Section 31, and run North 01 degree 46 minutes 19 seconds West, along the East line of said Section 31, a distance of 103.48 feet to the intersection with the North right of way line of State Road Number 121 (Southeast 6th Street); thence run South 85 degrees 12 minutes 21 seconds West, along said North right of way line, a distance of 210.66 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING of the hereinafter described parcel of land: Thence continue running South 85 degrees 12 minutes 21 seconds West, continuing along said North right of way line, a distance of 210.24 feet; thence run North 01 degree 43 minutes 32 seconds West a distance of 105.17 feet; thence run North 85 degrees 30 minutes 03 seconds East a distance of 210.19 feet; thence run South 01 degree 43 minutes 32 seconds East a distance of 104.08 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. SUBJECT TO all existing easements, rights of way, restrictions, reservations, covenants and jurisdictional areas, whether of record or not of record.

Union County Parcel Identification Number: 31-05-20-00-000-0040-0
 You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, on M. Aaron Dukas, the Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is Post Office Box 328, Lake Butler, Florida 32054, on or before the 11th day of April 2024, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either immediately before service on Plaintiffs' attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. DATED this 5th day of March, 2024.
 KELLIE H. RHOADES
 Deputy Clerk
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING AN EXTENSION OF THE TRAVEL TRAILER PARKS AND CAMPGROUNDS MORATORIUM BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA, SERVING AS THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THE LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, an ordinance declaring an extension on the moratorium on the acceptance and processing of special exception applications for travel trailer parks and campgrounds, as described below, will be heard by the Board of County Commissioners of Union County, Florida, serving as the Planning and Zoning Board of Union County, Florida, and the Local Planning Agency of Union County, Florida, at a public hearing on April 15, 2024 at 5:45 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, County Courthouse, located at 55 West Main Street, Lake Butler, Florida.
 Ordinance No. 2024-03, an ordinance by the Board of County Commissioners, amending Ordinance No. 2023-03, by extending the existing moratorium on the acceptance of applications and processing of special exception applications for travel trailer parks and campgrounds for a period of one year from April 29, 2024 to April 28, 2025.

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

A copy of the moratorium Ordinance No. 2024-03 is available for public inspection, at the Office of the Board of County Commissioners, located at 15 Northeast First Street, Lake Butler,

Florida, during regular business hours.

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

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

CASE NO. 22000022CAAXMX
US BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR VRMTG ASSET TRUST,
 Plaintiff,

vs. **CHELSEA WHITEHEAD, et al.**
 Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 04, 2024, and entered in 22000022CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the EIGHTH Judicial Circuit in and for Union County, Florida, wherein US BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR VRMTG ASSET TRUST is the Plaintiff and CHELSEA WHITEHEAD; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CHELSEA WHITEHEAD; JAKE WHITEHEAD; JACK HENRY WHITEHEAD; A MINOR, BY AND THROUGH HER/HIS NATURAL GUARDIAN TAMMY WHITEHEAD AKA TAMMY R. WHITEHEAD AKA TAMMY RENEE WHITEHEAD; PRESLEY WHITEHEAD, A MINOR, BY AND THROUGH HER/HIS NATURAL GUARDIAN TAMMY WHITEHEAD AKA TAMMY R. WHITEHEAD AKA TAMMY RENEE WHITEHEAD; MATTHEW WHITEHEAD, JR.; BRADLEY E. WHITEHEAD are the Defendant(s). Kellie Hendricks Rhoades as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Front Lobby, Union County Courthouse 55 W. Main Street, Lake Butler, FL 32054, at 11:00 AM, on May 02, 2024, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 20 EAST, UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA, SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT AN IRON ROD FOUND (1/2" LB5668) AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER OF NORTHEAST QUARTER AND RUN NORTH 86 DEGREES 01 MINUTE AND 03 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY THEREOF 48.29 FEET TO A SET IRON ROD (1/2" LB4012) FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM POINT OF BEGINNING THUS DESCRIBED CONTINUE NORTH 86 DEGREES 01 MINUTE 03 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID NORTHERLY BOUNDARY 612.44 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE WEST ONE—HALF OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER, OF NORTHEAST QUARTER; THENCE NORTH 85 DEGREES 55 MINUTES AND 05 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY OF THE EAST ONE—HALF OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF NORTHEAST QUARTER A DISTANCE OF 48.29 FEET TO A SET IRON ROD (LB4012); THENCE SOUTH 02 DEGREES 37 MINUTES AND 31 SECONDS EAST, 827.49 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET (1/2" LB4012) ON THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF NORTHEAST 100TH TRAIL (50 ± RW); THENCE RUN ALONG SAID NORTHERLY BOUNDARY THE FOLLOWING FOUR COURSES: SOUTH 76 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 02 SECONDS WEST, 295.34 FEET TO A SET 1/2" IRON ROD (LB4012); THENCE SOUTH 79 DEGREES 21 MINUTES AND 39 SECONDS WEST, 199.99 FEET TO A SET 1/2" IRON ROD (LB4012); THENCE SOUTH 85 DEGREES 34 MINUTES AND 48 SECONDS WEST, 126.93 FEET TO A SET 1/2" IRON ROD (LB4012); THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 06 MINUTES AND 37 SECONDS WEST, 44.02 FEET TO A SET 1/2" IRON ROD (LB4012); THENCE RUN NORTH 02 DEGREES 45 MINUTES AND 57 SECONDS WEST, PARALLEL WITH AND 48.29 FEET EASTERLY OF SAID WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF NORTHEAST QUARTER A DISTANCE OF 895.37 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. Property Address: 20947 NE 100TH TRAIL, LAKE BUTLER, FL 32054
 Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 45.031. Dated this 2nd day of April, 2024.
 Kellie Hendricks Rhoades
 As Clerk of the Court
 By: Crystal Norman
 As Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT
AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in a proceeding, you are entitled to be provided with certain assistance at no cost to you. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Alachua County Family and Civil Justice Center, 201 East University Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601 (352) 337-6237 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8770 via Florida Relay Service.

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Tigers hold off Tornadoes 5-4 for softball victory

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Mackenzie Orton hit an RBI double in the bottom of the fourth that proved to be the difference in the Union County High School softball team's 5-4 win over visiting Bradford on April 1.

Orton and Mia Kent each drove in two runs for the Class 1A Tigers, who won their second straight game.

Union held a 4-0 lead for three innings before the Class 3A Tornadoes (3-10) scored two runs each in the fourth and fifth innings and threatened to score in the top of the seventh when Keegan Yowell hit a leadoff single. Yowell, who was

on second with one out after Madison Highland's sacrifice bunt, made her way to third base on a fly out by Addyson Hinds, but she stumbled over the base. She was put out when third baseman Emma Handley (after receiving a throw from right fielder Skyler Moates) tagged her while she was still off the bag, ending the game.

Union scored four runs in the first, which began with a Handley single. A sacrifice bunt by Leanne Dicks and a sacrifice fly by Orton moved Handley around and brought her home for the first run.

The inning continued, with Shyla Crowe and Campbell Webb both walking and Brooke



LEFT: Shyla Crowe pitched a complete game in Union's win over Bradford.

BELOW: Union's Emma Handley takes a swing on what would be a first-inning double against Bradford.

Hunt getting hit by a pitch. A Kent single allowed courtesy runners Brooke Burgess and Michael-Ann Smith to score. Hunt would later come around and score on a Jaydin Alvarez single.

The score remained 4-0 until the top of the fourth. Bradford had Yowell, who singled, and Hinds, who doubled, on base with one out Kallie Yowell drove in a run on a ground ball and reached safely on an error. Hinds scored on an Amber Wynn single to make it a 4-2 game.

Handley drew a walk to lead off the bottom of the fourth. Handley advanced to second on Dicks' sacrifice bunt and scored on Orton's double.

Bradford made it a one-run game in the fifth. Rylie Blankenship hit a leadoff triple and scored one out later on Keegan Yowell's double. Yowell moved to third on Highland's sacrifice bunt and scored on a Hinds single.

Handley was the only Union batter with multiple hits, going 2 for 3.

Crowe pitched a complete game for the Tigers, giving up nine hits and no walks.

Keegan Yowell went 3 for 4 to lead the Bradford batters. Blankenship and Hinds each went 2 for 4.

Blankenship pitched five innings of relief, allowing one run, five hits and two walks.

This week's start for the Tigers was much better than how they began the previous week. On March 26, they were held to no hits in a 10-0 loss to host Branford. Union was then held to two hits in a 9-1 loss to host Bell on March 28.

Union tied Bell 1-1 in the fourth. Crowe hit a two-out double. Burgess, who entered to run for Crowe, scored on a Webb single.

Bell scored two runs in the fifth and six runs in the sixth.

The Tigers avoided a third straight loss, defeating Class 4A North Marion 5-2 on March 29 in Lake Butler.

North Marion had three hits in the first inning and scored two runs, but the Colts were held to four hits the rest of the way by



Bradford second baseman Tinsley Higginbotham blows a bubble while receiving a throw for a force play at second.

Crowe, who allowed one earned run and one walk in a complete-game effort.

Union got on the board in the second when Hunt drove in a run. The Tigers tied the game in the third, with Alvarez hitting a leadoff single and scoring on a Dicks ground out.

The Tigers took the lead with a two-run fifth. Handley singled and later scored when Dicks reached on an error. Orton then hit an RBI single.

Alvarez went 2 for 3 with one RBI. The Tigers also got one RBI each from Dicks, Hunt and Orton.

Union played Class 3A Eastside this past Tuesday and will travel to play Class 1A Hawthorne on Friday, April 5, at 7 p.m. The Tigers return home to play Class 3A Crescent City on Tuesday, April 9, at 7 p.m.

Bradford traveled to play Class 1A Hilliard on April 3 and will travel to play Class 3A Bolles on Friday, April 5, at 5:30 p.m. The Tornadoes then play Class 6A Buchholz on the road on Monday, April 8, at 6:30 p.m. before returning home to play Class 5A Gainesville on Wednesday, April 10, at 7 p.m.

RIGHT: Union's Jaily Simmons catches a fly ball in left field to record the final out in the top of the first against Bradford.



BELOW: Bradford shortstop Keegan Yowell (left) puts Union's Campbell Webb out at second on a steal attempt.



Bradford's Rylie Blankenship is safe on the slide in front of Union third baseman Emma Handley on what was a triple to lead off the top of the fifth.

BHS grad McFarland is key player for Dakota State

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Hannah McFarland, a 2022 Bradford High School graduate, is leading the Dakota State University softball team in multiple categories, including her batting average of .386 and her slugging percentage of .491.

The sophomore outfielder, through March 22, leads the

team in hits (22), doubles (6), runs scored (16), walks (15) and stolen bases (10). Her on-base percentage of .521 is second best.

Two of McFarland's notable performances in March occurred in a pair of March 15 games against Mayville State. In a 12-6 loss, she went 2 for 3 with two doubles, an RBI and three runs scored, while in an 11-10 win, she was 3 for 4 with a double, an RBI and four runs scored.

McFarland scored a crucial run in the 11-10 win over Mayville State. She led off the fourth inning with a walk and stole second before advancing to

third on a sacrifice bunt. She then scored on a steal of home to put Dakota State up 6-5.

The game went into extra innings with the score tied at 6-6.

In one of her more recent games, McFarland went 2 for 4 with an RBI in a 9-4 loss to Dickinson State on March 22.

McFarland is coming off a season in which she earned North Star Athletic Association All-Conference honors. She played in all 49 of her team's games, batting .338, which ranked her sixth on her team. She hit two triples and eight doubles, driving in 25 runs and scoring

the second-most runs on the team with 45. Her on-base percentage of .418 was fourth best on the team.

Clark, Rogel drive in 6 runs in 2 Central Florida wins

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Leah Clark, a 2023 Union County High School graduate, and Emma Rogel, a 2022 Keystone Heights High School

graduate, continue to make an impact in collegiate softball, combining for six RBI to help the College of Central Florida defeat Hillsborough twice on March 26.

The first game of the double-header was a 13-1 win in which Clark went 2 for 3, two RBI and three runs scored. Rogel went 1 for 3 with an RBI.

Central Florida defeated Hillsborough again by a 13-1 score, with Rogel going 3 for 4 with two RBI and two runs scored. Clark scored two runs and went 2 for 3 with an RBI.

Prior to the double-header, Clark hit her seventh home run

in a 3-0 win over Miami Dade on March 24.

Clark leads the Patriots with 21 extra-base hits. She has the team high in doubles (10) and triples (4), while her home-run total is second on the team.

The freshman infielder also leads the team in RBI (49), runs scored (53) and walks (20). She's second in stolen bases (34) and is batting .456, which ranks her fourth on the team.

Rogel, a catcher, is batting .376. She's third on the team in stolen bases (20) and walks (13) and fourth in RBI (30) and runs scored (30).

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Keystone Heights High School won the District 7-1A Olympic and traditional championships, with a total of 16 individual winners. All 20 Olympic lifters will compete at the Region 2 meet on Saturday, April 6, at Suwannee High School. All but one of the 20 traditional lifters will compete as well. Pictured are: (front, l-r) Tyson Baxter, Jackson Parmeter, Layton Wright, Jayden Goodman, Colton Hollingsworth, Jed Tisdale, Brayden Hall, Tyler Duncan, (second row, l-r) Damien Dunlap, Zane Leger, Kyle Perkins, Andrew Ulsch, Declan Shine, Jackson Herman, Trey Jeffries, (third row, l-r) Wyatt Van Zant, Bryson Wester, Brayden Wester, Trace Wooden, Clayton Shaw, Davin Adams, (back, l-r) Head Coach Lantz Lowery, Gabriel Brainard, Ben Ulsch and coaches Steve Reynolds, Doug Johnson and Brandon Boettcher.

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both Olympic and traditional, including first-year lifter Tyson Baxter, who broke the school bench-press record in the 119-pound class with a lift of 205. The previous record was set in 1998.

"That's a heck of a job," Lowery said, adding, "It'll be really neat in the next three weeks to see where he winds up."

Baxter had snatch total of 110 and a clean and jerk of 160 to finish with a 270 overall Olympic total and 365 overall traditional total.

Trey Jeffries won district titles in Olympic and traditional last year and won the traditional state title in the 219 class. This year, he's competing in the 238 class. He had a snatch of 225, a clean and jerk of 325 and a bench press of 365, giving him the top overall totals of 550 in Olympic and 690 in traditional.

Wyatt Van Zant won the Olympic district title in the 139 class last year and did it again this year with a 395 total (145 snatch, 250 clean and jerk). His bench press of 195 gave him a 445 traditional total that earned him first place as well.

The other four lifters who won titles in both Olympic and traditional were Davin Adams in the 154 class with a 405 Olympic total and 455 traditional total (175 snatch, 230 clean and jerk, 225 bench), Ben Ulsch in the 169 class with a 465 Olympic total and 570 traditional total (195 snatch, 270 clean and jerk, 300 bench), Zane Leger in the 199 class with a 395 Olympic total and 470 traditional total (155 snatch, 240 clean and jerk, 230 bench) and Jayden Goodman in the 219 class with a 520 Olympic total and 625 traditional total (205 snatch, 315 clean and jerk, 310 bench).

Tyler Ducan won the unlimited class championship in Olympic with a 475 total (200 snatch,

275 clean and jerk), while Colton Hollingsworth won the traditional championship in the 129 class with a 415 total (200 clean and jerk, 215 bench). Both were district champions last season as well.

Olympic results

Keystone had seven finish as runners-up in the Olympic event: Andrew Ulsch with a 215 total (80 snatch, 135 clean and jerk) in the 119 class, Jed Tisdale with a 345 total (140, 205) in the 129 class, Jackson Parmeter with a 355 total (140, 215) in the 154 class, Kyle Perkins with a 415 total (175, 240) in the 183 class, Trace Wooden with a 365 total (155, 210) in the 199 class, Bryson Wester with a 420 total (170, 250) in the 219 class, and Jackson Herman with a 485 total (205, 280) in the 238 class.

Five earned third-place finishes: Hollingsworth with a 335 total (135, 200), Declan Shine with a 345 total (145, 200)

in the 139 class, Layton Wright with a 390 total (155, 235) in the 169 class, Clayton Shaw with a 390 total (155, 235) in the 183 class and Brayden Wester with a 455 total (175, 275) in the unlimited class.

All of the Olympic lifters who weren't champions earned at-large bids to the Region 2 meet.

Traditional results

Besides winning an Olympic championship, Duncan earned a runner-up finish in traditional with a 605 total (275 clean and jerk, 330 bench).

He was one of seven to place second in traditional, joining Tisdale, who had a 410 total (205, 205), Shine, who had a 425 total (200, 225), Perkins, who had a 470 total (240, 230), Wooden, who had a 400 total (210, 190), Bryson Wester, who had a 590 total (250, 340), and Brayden Hall, who had a 560 total (235, 325) in the 238 class.

Five lifters placed third:

Andrew Ulsch with a 250 total (135, 115), Damien Dunlap with a 425 total (200, 225) in the 154 class, Wright with a 465 total (235, 230), Shaw with a 460 total (235, 225) and Brayden Wester with a 600 total (275, 325).

Wooden was the only traditional lifter to not receive an at-large bid to the Region 2 meet.

Moving forward

The Indians' toughest challenge at the Region 2 meet will be host Suwannee, which won the Olympic state championship last year ahead of Keystone and finished six points behind the Indians in the

traditional event at state.

"We're going to give them all we've got," Lowery said, "but I think they're the number-one team at the state."

At last year's Region 2 meet, Keystone won the traditional championship with 56 points, which put the Indians three points ahead of Suwannee. Suwannee had 74 points to Keystone's 54 in winning the Olympic championship.

The Class 1A state finals will be held Saturday, April 20, at R.P. Funding Center-Jenkins Arena in Lakeland. The lighter weight classes will begin lifting at 9 a.m., with the heavier classes lifting at 3 p.m.



ABOVE: Trey Jeffries, who's being spotted by Jackson Herman, is attempting to become a two-time state champion.

LEFT: Tyson Baxter starts to celebrate and receives congratulations from teammate Colton Hollingsworth after breaking a school record in the 119-pound class.



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and Jackson Andersen-Davis both walked. George scored on a Ridge Robinson ground ball before Stephenson scored when Fisher Thomassen was hit by a

pitch with the bases loaded. That was the extent of the scoring for Lake Butler, which had only one hit.

Lake Butler was looking to win its fourth straight game following consecutive 4-4 ties against Suwannee on March 4 and Lake City on March 12. The Tigers defeated visiting

Baker County 7-4 on March 14.

A three-run fifth inning proved to be the difference. Lake Butler loaded the bases with two outs. Emery Muse reached on an error, followed by Thomassen getting hit by a pitch. Shuler then walked, setting the stage for Miller's two-run single. After Thompson was hit by a pitch, Shuler scored on a

passed ball.

Miller, who went 3 for 4, drove in four runs in all.

Thomassen was one of four pitchers used by Lake Butler. He threw 2.1 scoreless innings, giving up two hits and striking out three.

On March 25, Lake Butler defeated host Trenton 9-2.

The Tigers scored four runs in the second inning, two of which came on a single by Dalen Paige. Shuler had an RBI single, while another run scored on a passed ball.

Lake Butler pushed another five runs across in the fourth, with all coming on passed balls and errors. The inning featured only two hits, both of which were doubles hit by Shuler and Andersen-Davis.

Shuler finished 2 for 3.

The Tigers' final win before the Fort White loss came by the

score of 16-0 in three innings over visiting Williston on March 26.

Lake Butler scored 11 runs in the first inning. Miller drove in the first two runs on a double. Thompson followed with an RBI single. Andersen-Davis drew a bases-loaded walk before Robinson hit his own RBI single. A Muse ground ball and subsequent error scored another run. Thomassen and Shuler then hit a double and a single, respectively, with each hit scoring a run.

The final fun of the inning came on Thompson's sacrifice fly.

Thompson, who went 2 for 2, and Muse each had three RBI. Miller and Shuler each drove in two runs, with Shuler going 3 for 3.

Andersen-Davis, Robinson and Thomassen each had one

RBI.

Thomassen got the start on the mound, giving up one hit and one walk in two innings. He had four strikeouts.

Spencer Legg threw the final inning, allowing no hits and no walks, while striking out one.

The Tigers played Keystone Heights this past Tuesday and will travel to play Bradford on Thursday, April 4, at 6 p.m. Lake Butler hosts Trenton on Monday, April 8, at 6 p.m. before traveling for games against Lake City on Tuesday, April 9, at 4 p.m. and Williston on Wednesday, April 10, at 6 p.m.

KHHS girls tennis team gets 6-1 win

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Keystone Heights High School dropped only one singles match in defeating visiting Middleburg 6-1 in girls tennis on April 1.

Whitnee Buchanan suffered an 8-6 loss at number-one singles, but the rest of the matches went the Indians' way, with Alyssa Lee winning 8-4, Joann Mason winning 8-3, Alli Tisdale winning 8-2 and Evie Hallberg winning 8-5.

Buchanan and Tisdale for a 9-7 win in doubles, while the team of Lee and Mason won 8-4.

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