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Accusations fly at Keystone council meeting

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — Mayor Karen Lake and Council Member Tony Brown exchanged allegations of malfeasance and using city property for personal benefit at Tuesday night's city council meeting.

The special meeting was called after City Manager Lynn Rutkowski submitted her resignation. During the meeting, council members voted 4-1 to reject the resignation and allow Rutkowski to withdraw the offer, which she did.

Brown, who asked for the special meeting because he was going to be absent from the council's regular April meeting started the discussion by praising Rutkowski, telling his colleagues and a packed council meeting room that Rutkowski guided the city through the COVID-19 pandemic and successfully shepherded improvements to Keystone Beach, the beach pavilion, South Lawrence Boulevard and the airport. He also praised her for cultivating relationships with county, state and federal officials.

Text messages and social media posts

Brown then turned his attention to Lake, repeating past claims that the mayor sends late-night, harassing text messages to current and past city managers regarding city business, "Mayor, you have an issue with



Mayor Karen Lake shows Council Member Tony Brown a photo of a trailer, asking Brown if he stored personal property at the city public works yard. Also pictured is Council Member Bobby Brown (center). Photo: City of Keystone Heights video.

texting and tweeting," he said. "That's obvious."

Brown then referenced two tweets Lake wrote in February where she accused the city manager of lying about her education.

"Evidently, you can lie about being a high school graduate and still win a \$70K city manager job," Lake wrote on Twitter on Feb. 7.

"We hired a liar and a high school dropout at a \$10K per year," Lake added in a tweet the following day.

Brown then pointed out to Lake that the mayor voted to hire Rutkowski as the city manager after previous manager Scott Kornegay retired.

"You voted just like the rest of us to put her in this position," Brown said. "There's no excuse for this kind of behavior from a mayor or any of us up here."

Brown added that after Sen. Jennifer Bradley and St. Johns Water Management District Chair Rob Bradley congratulated their daughter about her admission to the University of Florida's law school, Keystone Heights Vice mayor Steve Hart added a congratulatory comment to the proud parents' post.

"From one Gator Lawyer to another," Hart wrote, "Congratulations."

Brown then pointed out Lake's

response to Hart's congratulatory note: "Steve Hart, Education doesn't matter for the City of Keystone Heights. That's what you advocated for Lynn Rutkowski. She's a high school drop-out. You support her."

"That is bull crap," Brown told Lake. "I'm sorry. I'm sick and tired of it. Why in the world, as many times and since you have sat there in that seat, have we said and commented on your tweets and your emails — or not emails but your texts and stuff like that— you continually do it and even in the situation we are (in) right now?"

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A photo found by FBI agents on the phone of Bradley Weeks, showing Jonathan Daniel "Danny" Carlton wearing a tan jacket with silver buttons. Agents used the image to identify Carlton on Capitol surveillance video walking in the crypt of the U.S. Capitol.

Union man pleads to U.S. Capitol riot charge

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

LAKE BUTLER — A Raiford man pleaded to a charge that he illegally entered the U.S. Capitol and protested inside the building during a riot that forced congress to suspend proceedings for five-and-a-half hours on Jan. 6, 2021.

Jonathan Daniel "Danny" Carlton pleaded guilty to parading, demonstrating or picketing in a Capitol building, a misdemeanor with a maximum sentence of six months in prison and a \$5,000 fine.

According to a statement of offense, which the defendant signed as part of his plea agreement, Carlton, who at the time of his arrest was a correctional officer at Union Correctional

Institution, traveled to Washington by car the day before the riot with Bradley Weeks of Macclenny.

The two men attended the "Stop the Steal" rally and then marched to the Capitol with other protesters.

"At about 2:00 p.m.," according to the statement, "Defendant Carlton was a part of the group that had gathered on the lawn just north of the Northwest stairs. Defendant Weeks and Defendant Carlton watched as other members of the group destroyed the covering on the scaffolding, stood on the balustrade, and pushed past a line of officers trying to keep people away from the building. From there Defendant Carlton separated

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Bradford searching for a new county manager

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

STARKE — The search for a new county manager is on, and Bradford commissioners will be assisted in the headhunt by the Florida Association of Counties.

Experienced managers will work as a team to organize the process and help identify candidates based on the board's expectations.

A year ago, Sexton was appointed county manager by Commissioners Dougherty, Thompson and Riddick over the objections of Commissioner Spooner and in the absence of

Commissioner Andrews, both of whom wanted to advertise the position. Sexton's and his assistant's salaries were later adjusted to reflect the addition of those duties. It was said to be a cost savings for the county.

After coming to the board last month with legal reasons for the county to move forward with redistricting, Colson Douglas was back April 4 with questions about the county manager position, which the agenda listed as "vacant."

Douglas said he was wondering if there had been a letter of resignation since the board had not met to remove

Sexton as county manager. He went on to say that Sexton lives in Alachua County, although state law requires an administrator to live within the county they manage. County code gives an appointee six months to satisfy the residency requirement.

"We're six months past that, and for the past six months the county manager position has been statutorily vacant," Douglas said. "Power has been being exerted that is not legislatively endowed, and any action could be challenged on that ground."

Sexton said he had been asked to begin the process of assisting the

board select a candidate to fill the county manager post. He claimed the position has been vacant since Rachel Rhoden left it for the position of chief deputy clerk under Clerk Denny Thompson. The minutes from April 2021 reflect Sexton's appointment in the dual role of county manager and county attorney, an action taken in lieu of advertising the job and hiring a new person.

Commissioner Carolyn Spooner said Sexton has done a good job given the enormity of the responsibility placed on him, calling it an "unfair burden."

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Upcoming food distributions

—A communitywide food distribution hosted by Feeding Northeast Florida and True Vine Ministry will take place Wednesday, April 13, at 8:30 a.m. at the RJE Complex.

—A communitywide food distribution hosted by Farm Share and True Vine Ministry will take place Tuesdays, April 12 and 26, at 9 a.m. at True Vine Outreach Ministry in Starke.

Food boxes often include fresh produce, deli and bakery items, dairy and some meats. The inventory is subject to change based on availability. Tell a friend or a neighbor. The distribution is free and open to the public. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

April sobriety checkpoints announced

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.

Get help quitting

Quitting tobacco isn't easy. Finding help should be. If you're ready to quit, join the next Tools to Quit Tobacco group on Thursday, April 14, from 3-5 p.m. at the Bradford County Health Department. Virtual options by computer and phone are also available.

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Bradford hopes to redistrict prior to election

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

STARKE — With a goal of selecting a new map prior to this year's elections, Bradford County commissioners have agreed to a timeline to complete redistricting.

County commissioners will be using an online tool to experiment with creating their own maps, and the public is invited to do the same.

Assistant Supervisor of Elections Matt Barksdale introduced commissioners to the website DavesRedistricting.org, which allows users to create a free account and then "paint" districts using census voting blocks, all the while being able to see population and other statistics fluctuate as they add and subtract voting blocks. The work can be saved, exported or shared.

"This tool is designed to kind of put redistricting into everybody's hands, not leaving it to experts or mappers or GIS professionals. Anybody with a computer can just click on it and start creating their own district

lines," Barksdale said.

Supervisor of Elections Amanda Seyfang said without the expensive software to verify the accuracy of the maps and how they impact the current voting precincts, Barksdale must hand verify street addresses and house ranges.

"So, this is a long, lengthy process we do before we even start changing lines. So, once we get an approved map from you guys and the school board, then we look into 'reprecincting' to make sure we can readjust our precinct lines to fit into your district boundaries," Seyfang said, adding it is an approximately three-month process.

Come June, Seyfang said the office's primary focus must be in preparing for this year's elections, and that won't leave time for them to assist much with redistricting.

Because of the tight timeline, county attorney Will Sexton suggested the commissioners work with the mapping website throughout April. Any maps submitted for consideration by the board or the public will be

discussed at the commission's May 2 meeting. Then Sexton will proceed with scheduling the required public hearing, with the hope of getting the new redistricting map approved prior to the start of early voting in August.

Members of the public can create their own maps for consideration. The following parameters must be considered:

—Census blocks containing prison population are excluded during redistricting. For assistance in identifying those blocks, you should contact the elections office. (matt@votebradfordfl.gov)

—Preserving the constitutional principle of one person, one vote, the populations of each of the five voting districts needs to be as close as practically possible — within a few percentage points.

—The county must maintain at least one district with a majority population of minority residents to help maintain racially diverse representation. Historically, this has been District 1.

In the end, county

commissioners and school board members need to agree on the same map as they share district boundaries. Any change in that would increase the cost of elections tremendously, Seyfang said.

The races so far

There are two new entries into the county elections. Commissioner Kenny Thompson is running for reelection in District 2 against Mark Williams. Patricia Tucker has joined the now four-person race for the District 4 county commission seat, along with Tom Germano, Christiann Hudson and Michael Monaghan.

All these candidates are Republicans.

In the nonpartisan races, Gayle Nicula is still unchallenged for the District 2 school board seat, while District 5 incumbent Erica Reddish is facing a challenge from Lynn Melvin.

County Judge Tatum Davis is also running for reelection.



Loading up on berries!

A rainy day may have cute the 24th annual Strawberry Festival short, but sunny Sunday skies allowed the festival to open up for vendors, many with local produce for sale, and visitors eager to stock up on sweet strawberries.



Are you prepared for end-of-life decisions?

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
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STARKE — A powerful message was delivered with approval of a county proclamation recognizing April as National Health Care Decisions Month.

Every year, April 16 is set aside "to inspire educate and empower the public and providers about the importance of advanced care planning, to raise public awareness of the need to plan for health care decisions, especially those related to end-of-life care and medical decision making when patients are unable to speak for themselves."

Confusion and a lack of knowledge about advanced directives mean that few people make plans for health care decisions in the event of a crisis or end-of-life situation.

If you are ever unable to make these decisions for yourself, an advanced health care directive can speak for you instead of placing those decisions on family members or loved ones who may not be prepared or even agree on what action to take.

An advance health care directive can provide instructions about:

—the use of dialysis or breathing machines.

—whether you want to be resuscitated if your breathing or heartbeat stops.

—feeding via tube.

—organ or tissue donation.

Community Hospice and Palliative Care of North Central Florida and other organizations endorse the event, which encourages hospitals, physicians, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, etc., to become involved in public education about advanced health care directives.

Wendy Crews, a community relations representative for hospice, said, "We have over 1,600 patients on our service

daily and, unfortunately, we see so many family members struggling with 'Would mom want that?' or 'Would dad want that?' ... When you don't have those conversations in advance, then people are left behind who live with those decisions to wonder for the rest of their life, 'Did I do the right thing?' I just can tell you it's a big favor that you actually do for your family."

Bradford County Fire Rescue Director Allen Parrish said, "We often face that dilemma on scene," explaining family members may disagree how to care for a victim. That means first responders must question what to do.

"We see it quite a bit with the last two years with COVID, as far as putting a tube in to breathe for you or not," he said.

You can visit www.communityhospice.com for more information about advance care planning. Once you plans are made, you can make sure Bradford County Fire Rescue knows by participating in the Vial of Life program.

"This program is offered to all citizens of Bradford County. In emergency situations, time is crucial. In some cases, patients are unable to communicate with the responders or remember important medical information. The Vial of Life acts as a communication tool and allows first responders to access your important medical information quickly and easily. Within the Vial of Life is information containing your medications, medical history, allergies, emergency contact information and more."

You can also include copies of a living will and do not resuscitate order in the Vial of Life if you choose.

You can obtain one by calling 904-966-6911 or printing the PDF form available at www.bradfordcountyfl.gov/vialoflife. Then you let Bradford County Fire Rescue know when you have completed the form and attach it to your refrigerator in a bag or plastic sleeve where first responders will know where to look for it in an emergency.

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Keystone dump could be relocated

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

STARKE — The solid waste collection site on State Road 100 and County Road 21B near Keystone Heights could be relocated.

County attorney Will Sexton said they have received a number of inquiries about moving the site, which serves as a trash drop-

off point for the southern end of the county.

The reasons for doing so are twofold, according to Commission Chairman Chris Dougherty. First, there are concerns about public safety on that stretch of highway around the increasingly busy intersection. Second, the dump is an eyesore for the commercial and residential development

taking place in that area.

The obstacles are, of course, cost and the availability of a new location.

Sexton was given permission to move forward with exploring options, including potentially soliciting the donation of land from an outside agency.

The attorney will bring a proposed plan and cost estimate back to the commission for consideration.

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County refuses flashing light

Now that a flashing light has been installed at S.R. 100 and C.R. 21B, the Florida Department of Transportation wants Bradford County to take over maintenance responsibilities. The commission said no at its April 4 meeting.

The flashing light falls short of what the public and county have asked for — a fully signalized intersection. Commissioner Danny Riddick said the light "wasn't worth a crud" and asked that the agreement be pulled off of the agenda.

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April 13

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Thursday
April 14

"Love Feast" Communion Service

6:30 P.M.

Sunday
April 17

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

10:30 A.M.



Skylar Dobbs and Brilee Melvin look for site words during a partner reading activity in Ms. Mott's kindergarten class at Southside Elementary.

Kindergarten, here I come!

BY EVELYN CHASTAIN
Bradford County Schools

Are you the parent of a child turning 5 on or before Sept. 1, 2022? If so, we've got what you've been waiting for! That's right. It's time to get your child registered for an exciting adventure with the start of kindergarten ahead in August 2022.

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

The sessions are at:

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

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

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

Not sure which session to

attend? The address of your primary residence will determine the zoning of your child. If you're unsure, call the BCSD Transportation Department at 904-966-6734. They will be glad to provide this information for you.

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

Don't worry about completing a paper application before you visit the school. The registration process is now completed online. You will need paper documents to support registration which include:

—birth certificate.

—a school entry health exam performed within 12 months prior to the first day of school.

—a required immunization certification.

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

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

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

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

If you want to get a head start on the enrollment process, go to www.bradfordschools.org Choose "Student Registration." Looking forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming events.

not only develop basketball skills but also develop and improve their academic skills.

Melrose Fire Fest

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

The festival includes music,

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

Interested vendors may contact Barbara Franklin at 352-478-1372 or franklin@keystoneheightsins.com.

All proceeds benefit the Melrose Volunteer Fire Department.

Solid waste sites closing

Bradford County solid waste collection sites will be closed, April 15 for Good Friday and will reopen Saturday, April 16, at 10 a.m.

Library closed

In observation of Good Friday, Bradford County Public Library will be closed on April 15. The book-drop is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Online resources are available at www.BCPLibrary.com. A list of upcoming events can be found at www.facebook.com/bradfordlibrary/events.

Book Bingo April 8

Play bingo to win books at Bradford County Public Library. Winners can choose from a variety of cookbooks, nonfiction, and adult fiction novels. Every attendee will take home a book to read. Games begin at 1 p.m. Friday, April 8.

Learn to make freezer meals

Cutting costs and saving time are becoming increasingly important in today's lifestyles. One way to do this is to harness the power of planning and preparing freezer meals.

Learn useful tips and get fresh ideas during an informative workshop presented by UF/IFAS Bradford County Extension Agent D'Alicia Straughter at the Bradford County Public Library on Wednesday, April 13. The discussion begins at 10 a.m. Attendance is free. Reserve your seat today. For more information, please call 904-368-3911 and ask for Kathy.

Basketball and tutoring

The Concerned Citizens of Bradford County's 2022 Jr. NBA Spring Basketball League

will play every Tuesday and Thursday through April 28, 6-9 p.m. This developmental basketball league will also include free tutoring for all kids K-8th grade from 5-7 p.m. Parents please bring your kids to

Church News



Easter Egg Hunt

Get free candy and pictures with the Easter Bunny at Kingsley Lake Baptist Church's annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 9, at 10 a.m. The church is located at 6289 MaryDot Lane, Starke.

Hunt glowing eggs

Believer's Worship Center, 8736 S.R. 21 in Melrose, will have a Glow in the Dark Easter Egg Hunt on Friday, April 15, at 7:30 p.m. There will be refreshments and door prizes and, of course, candy for all! Bring your friends and family. This is a free event.

See Tabernacle and Ark at New River Baptist

Join New River Baptist Church this Sunday, April 10, as they welcome Dr. Mike Todd and his Bible in Pictures Ministry. Dr. Todd will bring two exciting programs on that day: one regarding the Old Testament Tabernacle at 10:30 a.m. where displays two models of the Tabernacle and wears a beautiful special made high priest costume; and the second one regarding Noah's ark at 6 p.m., which also includes a seven-foot model of Noah's ark with a cut-away showing the inside as well.

Have you ever wondered what the priests did in the Old Testament as they worshiped at the tabernacle? Did you ever wonder how big Noah's ark was and what it looked like according to the Bible? Or, where the water came from and where it went?

Don't miss this dynamic and exciting event at New River Baptist Church, located at 16703 SW 144th Ave. in Brooker.

Spring revival at Greater Allen Chapel

Greater Allen Chapel will have an open air spring revival on Thursday and Friday, April 14 and 15, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. with the Revs. Alvin Greene and Dewayne McBride. The location is 746 Pine St. in Starke. Please bring your lawn chairs.

Holy Week at FUMC

First United Methodist Church of Starke invites you to celebrate Holy Week beginning Palm Sunday service April 10 at 10:30 a.m. The midweek service with foot-washing is at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 13. The Love Feast communion service is Thursday, April 14, at 6:30 p.m. There will be a community service for Good Friday on April 15 at 10 a.m.

The community is also invited to the Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 16, from 9:30 a.m. to noon at 1307 Raiford Road in Starke. There will be games, horses, hayrides, train rides, music, bounce houses and food.

The Easter Sunday worship service will be at 10:30 a.m. April 17. The church is located at 200 N. Walnut St. in Starke.

Pleasant Missionary reopens

Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church in Speedville will reopen for services on Sunday, April 10, at 11 a.m. with pastor Dr. James Jones as host. The public is invited. Face masks are required.

Easter season services at First Presbyterian

The First Presbyterian Church of Starke will have its Palm Sunday service at 11 a.m. on April 10. Maundy Thursday service with communion will be at 5 p.m. April 14. Easter Service will be at 10 a.m. on the grounds (weather permitting). All are welcome to join on this special day of Christian life.

Resurrection service at True Vine

True Vine Ministry presents Open-Air Resurrection 2022. The service will take place Sunday, April 17, at 10 a.m. at Thomas Street Park. There will be free food, drinks and giveaways will be distributed. The public is invited to attend this monumental occasion. Please bring your own lawn chair.

Christ Lutheran Easter schedule

Christ Lutheran Church, located at 3760 SE S.R. 21 in Keystone Heights, is holding midweek Lenten services at 7 p.m. each Wednesday.

The Holy Week schedule includes the Palm Sunday service on April 10, the Maundy Thursday Service on April 14 and the Good Friday service on April 15, all at 7 p.m. Easter Sunday service will be at 10 a.m. with brunch to follow at 11 a.m.

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Lake Region

Clay Electric Cooperative growing, raising electric rates

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — Clay Electric CEO and General Manager Ricky Davis told co-op members during the utility's annual meeting that the co-op added 10,000 new accounts in 2021 and that because of increasing natural gas costs, the nonprofit will be raising rates in April for the third time in the last five months.

Rate increase

Clay increased its fuel adjustment in December by 0.4 cents per kilowatt hour, raising the cost of power by \$4 per month for the average 1000-kilowatt-a-month user.

The utility increased its access charge by \$4 a month in January. Clay charges the \$27-a-month flat fee for members to access its services.

Davis said that in April, the co-op will again raise its fuel adjustment by 0.4 cents per kWh, matching the December



Clay Electric CEO-General Manager Ricky Davis speaks during the co-op's annual meeting on March 26.

increase.

"The cost of power is now 70% of Clay Electric's total expense," Davis said. "The price of natural gas to generate electricity has more than doubled in the last few months."

He added that despite the price increases, Clay Electric remains one of the lowest priced cooperatives in the state of Florida and lower than many of its neighboring utilities.

Growth and upgrades

The CEO said that 30 years ago, the co-op served around 100,000 accounts, but is now on the verge of doubling that amount.

"We have been proactive in preparing our workforce and the infrastructure to handle the additional growth," he said.

Davis also said the co-op has updated its computer hardware and software over the past two years, and the utility continues to prioritize cybersecurity in its

organization.

He also highlighted upgrades to the co-op's distribution system.

"Eighty miles of distribution lines were updated last year to strengthen feeder ties, improve reliability and increase capacity," he said. "These projects included changing out 3,400 wood poles and converting wood poles to concrete poles where it is justifiable."

Davis also said the utility replaced transformers in its Orange Park district.

"We upgraded six substations to increase reliability and capacity," he said.

Davis said Seminole Electric, Clay's power supplier, is completing construction of a new natural gas-powered generating facility in Putnam County.

"When this new generation resource is fully operational this fall," he said, "it will increase power output for Seminole members by 24%, and it will also drop overall emissions by 34%."

He added that Seminole is

also adding 300 megawatts of solar generation capacity, which should come online in 2023.

Davis said Clay and Seminole are monitoring the growth of electric vehicles and are responding with increased capacity.

"Electric vehicles continue to be purchased by our cooperative members," he said. "In the next 10 years, this will be an extremely large load."

Supply chain challenges

Davis said the COVID-19 pandemic continued to affect the utility's operations in 2021, particularly its supply chain for materials and vehicles.

"We've seen material costs go up as much as 50% in some cases," he said. "Where we used to get vehicles in two months, now we are looking at possibly two, two-and-a-half years to get some of the vehicles."

Lowering water demand

Clay Commissioners discuss options to lower forecasted doubling of water demand

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

GREEN COVE SPRINGS — Clay County Utility Authority Executive Director Jeremy Johnston told county commissioners during a March 22 workshop that Clay County's water demand will double between now and 2045.

Johnston said CCUA customers are averaging 12 million gallons of water a day and will be using 24 MGD 23 years from now.

Johnston said that to meet future water needs, his utility will use a combination of supply projects and incentives for customers to curtail demand, rather than relying on one single solution.

Past success

Johnston pointed to success the utility has experienced in curbing demand in the past. He said that because of CCUA's reclaimed water program, tiered rate structure and conservation efforts, the water utility's customers are consuming 3.2% less water now than they did in the 2008-2009 fiscal year, even though the utility has 9,516 more accounts now than it did then.

He also said that 90% of the county's future residents will be CCUA customers. However, even with that growth rate, in 25



Johnston

years the utility will only serve 75% of the county's population.

"So, there will still be a significant portion of the population that will either be (connected to) the other municipalities or domestic self-supply throughout the county," he said.

He added that the utility has been so successful in converting customers to reclaimed water for landscaping that after 2031, CCUA will begin to experience shortages in reclaimed water.

Decreasing demand

Johnston said that CCUA plans to use toilet rebates, washing machine rebates, pricing, irrigation systems with advanced technology and

requiring developers to enact water conservation features to curb future demand.

He added that these policies would be in addition to the utility's current services of three-day continuous monitoring to detect leaks and CCUA's free water conservation assessments.

Regulating yards

Johnston said that one idea for decreasing future water demand is for the county to enact landscaping rules that would limit and reduce the amount of turf homeowners could have on their properties.

County Manager Howard Wanamaker added that reducing the amount of St. Augustine turf would be beneficial because the dark-green, broad-blade species requires a lot of water and fertilizer to maintain.

Now, the county requires developers to submit landscape plans for new developments but does not specify which grasses to use.

Commissioner Mike Cella said that neighboring St. Johns County does dictate to developers which grass species may be planted or laid, with one species allowed for front yards and another allowed for back yards.

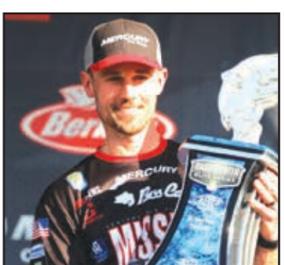
Clay County fishing for tourism

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

GREEN COVE SPRINGS — The agency that runs Clay County's efforts to attract sporting events said the county is seeking to host fishing tournaments as a way to increase overnight hotel stays in Clay County.

Alan Verlander of Airstream Ventures told the Clay Tourist Development Council that the county is looking to partner with Bradford or Putnam counties to put on a fishing event.

"This is not something that we could do by ourselves and it's an enormous opportunity for our region," Verlander



John Crews of Salem, Va., has won the 2022 AFTCO Bassmaster Elite at St. Johns River in February with a four-day total of 75 pounds, 4 ounces. The Palatka event drew nearly 100 of the top anglers from across the country and had an estimated economic of \$2 million.

said, "and so we're exploring the idea of sharing that opportunity."

Verlander said that unlike other sports that are seasonal, fishing is more of a year-round opportunity. He said he has already met with Bradford County officials about partnering on a tournament and hopes to meet with Putnam County representatives soon.

The Palatka area already has several large fishing tournaments including the Bassmaster's Elite Series which draws the top anglers in the country to Palatka's riverfront.

Planning board approves beer sales

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — During its Monday, April 4 meeting, the city's planning and zoning board approved a use by exception to allow a downtown convenience store to sell beer.

Last year the board approved a site plan for the former Circle K to reopen under new ownership but denied a request for the business to keep its 20-foot-high sign that had been on the property for decades.

Since the business at the corner of Nightingale Street and South Lawrence Boulevard had been closed for over 180 days, the new owner had to start from scratch in gaining city approvals for zoning changes, exceptions and site plan approvals.

"This is pretty clear-cut," said board Chair Larry Peoples. "This place has been here for a long, long time and all they're asking to do is to renew their ability to sell alcohol, and I have no issue



Last year the Keystone Heights Planning and Zoning Board said when the new owner of a formal Circle K at the corner of South Lawrence Boulevard and Nightingale Street reopens the store, the 20-foot-high sign at the location will have to be replaced.

with it."

The new owner said he hopes to reopen the store on Wednesday, April 6.

"We have merchandise in there," said Joel Graham, "but

we were just waiting on this (approval) that we've got to give to the (Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation)."

Life of a chaplain

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — A recently retired Florida National Guard chaplain gave a Lake Region civic group a look behind the scenes of what it is like meeting the spiritual needs of military members.

Michelle Lawson spoke to the Keystone Heights Rotary Club on March 17.

Lawson said she joined the military when she was 17, promoted to staff sergeant before beginning training to become a chaplain.

"I went through the split option program," she said of her enlistment, "where you go to basic training after your junior year of high school, then you come back, you finish your senior year and then after your senior year you go for your specialized training."

"It was such a blessing and a benefit to be able to come in as an E-1," she added, "and go through all of the ranks and moving up to staff sergeant before God placed the call on my life to become a chaplain."

Lawson said the requirements for a military chaplain are stringent and includes a Master of Divinity degree, approval from

state and federal boards, ordination through a local church and an ecclesiastical endorser.

"Basically, your entire life is put on paper to be judged," she said of the process. "Your finances, any moral choices that you've made, your family history and what your current family relationships are."

Lawson was the first female chaplain candidate in the Florida National Guard, its second female chaplain and its longest-serving female chaplain.

Speaking truth to power

She said the three roles of a chaplain are to nurture the living, care for the wounded and honor the fallen.

Lawson added that another important part of the calling is speaking truth to power, which sometimes means calling out

moral and ethical issues that may ruffle feathers up the chain of command.

"The person that we report to is a

lieutenant colonel and they're also the person that writes your officer evaluation report," she said. "So, you have a moral choice to make. Are you going to call out moral issues? Are you going to address ethical things or are you going to allow what someone else's evaluation of you



Michelle Lawson speaks to the Keystone Heights Rotary Club.

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5 KH students win fair scholarships

GREEN COVE SPRINGS — The Clay County Agricultural Fair awarded scholarships to five Keystone Heights High School students. Receiving the academic awards were (L-r) Tyler Shaw: \$2,500, Blake Kendrick: \$2,500, Lindsay Hovsepian: \$1,500, Isabel Johns: \$1,000 and Mallory Hollingsworth: \$1,000. The students were recognized during the fair's annual luncheon on March 22.

Holiday Helpers hold senior event

On March 29, the Holiday Helpers held their annual senior Mass, lunch and games function at St. William Catholic Church. Seniors who were invited to attend were from St. William Church, the senior center and their friends. All were provided lunch, which was catered by Hill's in Gainesville. Entertainment after lunch consisted of a sing-a-long, bingo with prizes and door prize drawings. Humana insurance provided the lunch and all were given goodie bags prepared by Holiday Helpers and Humana. Special guests included the "seasoned" citizens, Keystone Heights Mayor Karen Lake, School Board Member Tina Bullock and Father Andy of St. William Church. The Holiday Helpers Program is spearheaded by the local Knights of Columbus Council 10572, St. William Catholic Church, Answers, Kiwanis and others from the Keystone Safety Net.



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"Who in the heck wants to work as a city manager here that has council continuously texting, emailing and putting this stuff out there on social media?" he continued.

Claims of malfeasance

Brown then accused Lake of malfeasance when he said she instructed two city vendors to work beyond the duties set out in city contracts, incurring additional costs for the municipality.

"I personally feel back in 2019 that malfeasance was done on your part, mayor, as you contacted the engineers that we had which is Michael Baker at that time to conduct some services without this council knowing, without staff knowing," Brown said, "and then we get a bill for it so the city taxpayers—I'm a city taxpayer—I had to pay for that bill."

Brown added that Lake also instructed a contractor who was hired to remove vegetation from Keystone Beach to do additional work not authorized by the council.

"This goes against the Keystone Heights Code of Ordinance Article 3, Section 11," Brown said. "The only city employee or contractor that a council member is allowed to speak with about city business is the city manager and the city attorney."

Procedures for impeachment

Brown then read the procedures to impeach and remove city officials.

He did not call for the mayor's removal, but he did lament the state of Keystone Heights politics.

"We all have had differences at

some time but when a house is divided, things can't get done," Brown said. "This house is divided, and we need to get some mortar to put on our bricks and get rebuilt or we're going to fall apart."

She lied for eight years

Lake told her fellow council members that Rutkowski's education or job performance was not the main issue she was concerned about now, but rather Rutkowski's misleading statements and the likelihood she tampered with city records.

"What it is about for me, and it's always been about for me, which is the point that has been missed from the beginning, was she lied for eight years about being a high school graduate," Lake said.

Lake also said Rutkowski lied to her about the status of a recent downtown land sale.

Lake added that Rutkowski also misled council members in February when she said she was first hired by the city without completing a job application. Lake said Rutkowski's assertion is contradicted by then-City Manager Terry Suggs and former Mayor Mary Lou Hildreth.

"(Suggs) distinctly remembers reviewing her application because he had two positions open," Lake said. "He needed to fill a full-



Tweets from Keystone Heights Mayor Karen Lake accusing City Manager Lynn Rutkowski of lying about her education.

time finance position and a part-time code enforcement position. He said she wasn't qualified for the finance position, so he hired her for code enforcement."

"What happened to that application?" Lake asked. "Somewhere between these three city managers something happened to an application that went missing and it doesn't appear to me that it would have been a function of Mr. Suggs because he doesn't really have a dog in the race, and it probably isn't a function of Mr. Kornegay because he's also a professional and would have treated that public record accordingly."

Lake then added that Rutkowski had the most to gain from the missing form because

Brown questioned about property stored at city facility

Lake then turned her attention to Brown, showing him a photograph of a trailer stored on city property.

"Is that your trailer?" Lake asked Brown.

"No," Brown responded, "because the city of Keystone bought that trailer and that belongs to the city of Keystone, thank you very much. Don't try to pin something on me."

Lake then showed Brown a photograph of a smoker stored

on city property and asked him if he owned the item.

Again, Brown said the smoker was owned by the city.

"Do you think I'm stupid enough to go park a business van or trailer or anything on city property?" Brown asked Lake.

Brown then asked Lake why she instructed contractors to perform additional work beyond the scope of their city contracts.

"I don't remember," Lake said. "I was probably not aware of the rule at the time, Tony."

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Young people take top honors in Skill-A-Thon at UCLA Agricultural Fair

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Times Editor

LAKE BUTLER — Working in agriculture is not what it used to be. In days past a prospective farmer, either working in field crops or livestock, derived much of their knowledge from other farmers, most notable their family members. In today's agricultural world there is so much more to learn and know and, like so many professions, the changes in required knowledge happen at a very fast pace. The practice as long surpassed simply reading the Farmer's Almanac and keeping track of the phases of the moon. Today there are many government regulations, improvements in equipment and scientific improvements to seeds and stock and all of these require a farmer to keep up and current.

Organizations like the 4-H, FFA and the Union County Livestock Association spend many hours assisting youth in learning what they need to know should they choose farming as a profession. Like any learning environment, tests have their place, and some of the sting is taken out of test taking by turning it into a fun, competitive event.

One of the ways that testing can be made fun is through activities at events, such as the Skill-A-Thon competition at the Union County Agricultural Fair, most recently held this past March 14-19. Young people in four age-based divisions took the Skill-A-Thon tests — kind of like the FCAT of agriculture. Youngsters, ages 8-18 took a written test to see how much they really knew about agriculture. The Little Bit youth had taken a similar test at the recent UCLA Goat Show.

And the winners were:

LITTLE BIT DIVISION — Trinitie McCall, Grace Box, Braxton Johnson, Lane Hartley, Wayne Hartley, Jackson Brewster and Sawyer Dyal.

JUNIOR DIVISION — (8-10 years old)

(In order, first to fourth)

Farrah Elixson, Callen Collins, Nomi Croft and Raylan Dyal.

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION — (11-13 years old)



Little Bit Skill-A-Thon winners from the UCLA Goat Show. Winners were: (pictured) Trinitie McCall and Grace Box, (not pictured) Braxton Johnson, Lane Hartley, Wayne Hartley, Jackson Brewster and Sawyer Dyal



Another Senior Division Skill-A-Thon winner, Bo Wilson, who finished fifth.

(In order, first through tenth) Shayna Durrance, Macie Wilson, Cyler Collins, Gage Lewis, Miley Wilson, Celis Elixson, Payton Kilgore, Malia Williams, Maddie Croft and Emmy Croft.

SENIOR DIVISION — (14-18 years old)

(In order, first through fifth) Noah Williams, Jolene Moore, Cadence Collins, Darby Andrews and Bo Wilson.

Congratulations to all these young people, who can show their knowledge in their chosen field. Keep learning!



Intermediate Division Skill-A-Thon winners were: Shayna Durrance, Macie Wilson, Cyler Collins, Gage Lewis, Miley Wilson, Celis Elixson, Peyton Kilgore, Malia Williams, Maddie Croft and Emmy Croft.



Junior Division Skill-A-Thon winners were: Farrah Elixson, Callen Collins, Nomi Croft and Raylan Dyal.



Senior Division winners at the recent UCLA Fair were (l-r in order of placement in awards) Noah Williams, Jolene Moore and Cadence Collins.

Union board discusses Florida Crown

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Times Editor

LAKE BUTLER — Representatives from Career/Source Florida Crown attended the March meeting of the Union County Board of Commissioners to address concerns of the board as to the value the county was getting for participation with the agency.

At the February meeting of the board, where the board discussed continuing its participation with Florida Crown, Commissioner Jilly Tallman expressed concerns that the county was not getting all the benefits it deserved from the program, stating that the program seemed to be offering more help to the larger counties in its service area and neglecting its smaller members, such as Union County.

At the request of Commissioner Ryan Perez several representatives from Florida Crown attended the meeting, made a presentation about the services the organization provided and answered questions from commissioners. Robert Jones spoke to the board, as well as the organization's new Direct Response Coordinator George Green.

Perez introduced the representatives, saying that he wanted to deal with the issues and misunderstandings that had been discussed at the previous meeting and to define the roles and processes the organization would provide to county residents.

Tallman reiterated his comments from the previous month that he felt Union County was not receiving services comparable to other counties, citing Columbia County as his main example. He said that the

office that had been opened in Union County had closed after just a few months, saying that he was told it was closed because of "lack of community response." He said he felt that there was a serious lack of communication between the board the Florida Crown and that counties such as Columbia were getting a bigger slice of the pie that Union.

"I want more for Union County," Tallman said.

Jones said that the Union County office had closed due to a drastic reduction in the organization's budget and that the Dixie County office had been closed as well. HE noted that the Gilchrist County office had remained open. He cited figures that Columbia County made up about 50% of the total interaction with Florida Crown and the services it provides, while Union only accounted for 13% of that total. Jones also said that Florida Crown can only provide services that can be "tied" to a particular individual (Social Security number) and took referrals from the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF).

Tallman responded to these comments with the response that the lack of communication was a major problem and noted that Columbia County had donated money to the organization for services.

Jones introduced Green and said that he would act as the organizations liaison with Union County to address any concerns the board members had about the services they were receiving. Green then added that he would be attending the board's monthly meetings so to be on hand to deal with questions and concerns.

Jones provided commissioners with a handout what Florida

Crown has done in Union County in the past year (2021). Outlined on the sheet were numbers of services provided and the dollar amount spent in providing these services. Listed were:

—Working with 24 employers in the county is assisting them in finding employees, providing 324 total services in this area.

—Working with 141 job seekers in the county, providing them with 189 services.

—Combined WT/SNAP participation with county families, assisting 44 families with children and 1231 families without children.

—Offered three youth programs in the county, including Why-Try (with 56 participants at a cost of \$25,000), Summer Youth Employment (8 participants at a cost of \$18,000) and High School Hi-Tech (15 participants at a cost of \$16,000).

Jones said that the cost of the youth programs totaled \$59,000 for the year and that the combined economic impact in the county of all the services provided totaled \$411,000.

Jones went on to talk about the services Florida Crown offered in helping local residents in getting a college education that would lead to employment. He said that the desired outcome of this assistance was a starting wage of at least \$14,000 per year, limiting the available career options to mostly jobs in medical fields, transportation or logistics.

After the presentation and discussion with Jones and Green, the board voted unanimously to approve the renewal of the interlocal agreement between Union County and Florida Crown.



Two SODA drag boats compete in a competition earlier this year.

Drag boat racing returns to Lake Butler this Saturday

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Times Editor

LAKE BUTLER — The drag boats are coming to the lake and organizers say they feel lucky to have found a good place for their sport to hold its competitions.

For the third time the members of the Southern Outlaw Dragboat Association will "take to the lake" in Lake Butler to compete and put on a show for all the residents attending. The races first came to the lake about four years ago, looking for a place to hold a non-sanctioned practice event. When they held their competition, they found that the lake fitted their needs perfectly and asked to return the following year. Now, the Lake Butler event is an annual endeavor and is officially on the SODA schedule of sanctioned events in Florida.

Racers will come from 10 or more states to compete at the event, with most from Florida, Georgia, Alabama and North and South Carolina, although some will travel further. The event is officially known as the Tommy Styles Memorial Shootout, in honor of a deceased member of SODA.

The teams and their boats will start coming in to the area the

previous day, getting settled in at motels in Starke and Lake City and hoping to get out on the lake a little to test the course. The event itself will take place on Saturday, April 9, 2022 and is expected to last about five hours. Boats will race in four or more classes, based on size, configuration and engine type. New this year will be the arrival of nitrous fueled boats — the fastest of all the types.

The sanctioning body is providing its own insurance for the event, so there is no cost to the city for the race. The event is of great economic advantage to the restaurants and many of the businesses in Lake Butler, with many reporting good sales in previous years.

Racing will begin at 12-noon on Saturday and admission is free to all. The City of Lake Butler has joined in the spirit of the event and worked to allow it to have a festival atmosphere as do other events held at the lake, such as the annual July 4 event. There will be five or more food trucks on hand to provide attendees and participants with lunch and snacks and the all important cold beverages. Local vendors will also have tables set up around the perimeter of

the park, selling a wide variety of locally produced and crafted products.

"We want to make this event an opportunity for residents to have a day out and some family-oriented fun," said City Manager Dale Walker.

There is still time for vendors wanting to get in on the fun, but the sign-up ends Friday, April 8 at 4 p.m. Those interested should contact the Lake Butler City Hall at (386) 496-3401 for details.

The lake will be closed to private boats for the duration of the race due to safety concerns. Parking will be catch-as-catch can, so be sure to wear walking shoes. Attendees may also want to bring portable chairs, although they will probably be on their feet, watching the races, most of the time. The noise level is much lower than might be expected, with the city saying that they have received very few complaints in previous years.

So, load up the family and come to the lake to watch some fast boats compete one on one with each other. Wear a hat, grab your sunglasses and don't forget the sunscreen — then come on down to the lake for an afternoon of fun and excitement!

Edwards chosen top school employee at Union County High

BY LARRY DUPEE
Special to the Times

LAKE BUTLER — Courtney Edwards chose her job because she wanted more time to spend with her family and she loves the choice she has made. She takes great satisfaction in her multifaceted position as school secretary, answering phones and dealing with the students, as well as updating the school calendar, making maintenance requests and helping with supplements for summer teachers, coached and clubs. She is happy with the choice she has made and the people working around her are happy with her as well — happy enough that she has been voted the UCHS School Related Employee of 2021-22, an honor bestowed upon her by her peers.



Union County High School School Related Employee of the Year for the 2021-22 school year, Courtney Edwards.

The annual selections for teacher and school related employee of the year are true

reflections of how co-workers view the person they select. Each is selected by others in their

area, some of which have had the title bestowed upon them in years past. Selection means that

the person knows their job, does it well and is a pleasure to work with.

Edwards has worked for the school district for two and one-half years, originally in the area of mental health with Steve Hoard and now in the office at UCHS. She holds a degree in dental hygiene and worked for a pediatric dental office for some time but found the hours and drive time kept her from what she loved to do best — taking care of her husband, children and others at home.

Edwards is married to RMC Warden Joe Edwards and rides herd on three kids, ages 19, 16 and six. In addition to spending time with them, she also likes to shop, go to the beach, go out to eat (preferably Mexican food), cook and travel. She is a Lake Butler native and attended Union County schools. She also enjoys

working out, lifting weights with her husband.

While she said her job now is very different from her work in dental hygiene, she said there was a high degree of satisfaction in both.

“With the little ones, in the dentist’s chair, what I did was basically behavioral management,” Edwards said. “With the older kids it is more like teaching and passing on life lessons. I enjoy working with them and seeing them grow as people.”

Edwards said she was really surprised to be chosen as the school related employee for this year at UCHS.

“I don’t really like a lot of attention on myself,” she said. “I do always try to be helpful to others and always try to do so with a smile. This job is more challenging than the things

I have done in the past...you never know who is going to walk through the door: kids needing to see the principal, or parents needing to see the principal, faculty members and sometimes members of the administration. I like the pace and no day is ever the same as the one before.”

Edwards said she is pleased and honored to receive the good opinion of her peers and to receive the honor they have bestowed on her. She was quick to say that she also admired them and the work they do and she was very grateful that they like working with her.

“I am so touched and grateful that these wonderful people I work with think this much of me,” Edwards said. “It makes me feel good to be honored in this way and I want to thank everyone concerned with my selection.”



Bartow Lee, Kenneth Snyder and Richard Waters from the Union County Solid Waste Department, catch up with Nancy Bivens after they have unloaded her tires. The three men all were friends of her late husband, Randel Bivens, who worked for the UC Road Department.

Amnesty event brings in truckload of tires

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Times Editor

LAKE BUTLER — Old tires are one of the most difficult household waste products to get rid of. You can pay a fee when you buy new tires, take a few a year to your solid waste disposal site or pay to dispose of them at the land fill. Although they are recyclables they are not in nearly as much in demand as other items, such as aluminum cans, and they take up a great deal of space and create problems on your property.

al safety hazard on a property. The Union County Solid Waste Department, as well as the Union County Board of Commissioners, are sensitive to the needs of residents who have bought old tires along with a piece of property or who have let them pile up for want of an economically pleasing solution and have offered a solution — a Florida Department of Agriculture program that allows tire to be disposed of for free.

The grant funded (\$25,000) Waste Tire Amnesty Event was held, for the second year, outside of the office of the Solid Waste Department last weekend (April 1-3, 2022), allowing county residents to bring in up to 20 old, used tires and dispose of them. Global Tire Recycling had

a 40-foot semi-trailer on site to stack the tires in and solid waste department employees were on hand for get the tires stacked in the trailer — as well as to assist those residents who needed a little help unloading their cargo. Residents were limited to 20 tires each, with off-road and commercial tires not being accepted.

Resident Nancy Bivens brought some tires in and was delighted to see the men from Solid Waste on hand. Bivens’ husband, Randel, had worked for the Union County Road Department (located in the same building as Solid Waste) prior to his death last summer from COVID-19 and she said that all of the men on hand had been his friends.

“It is good to see old friends and catch up a little,” Bivens said, also noting that it was wonderful to be able to dispose of her waste tires in a responsible manner.

The final tally of the event has not yet been communicated to Solid Waste Department Director Kim Hayes, but the numbers should be high. Hayes said she was glad to be able to help provide the service to county residents and hopes to do it again next year if grant funds are still available.

Union County School Board receives clean audit

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Times Editor

LAKE BUTLER — The Union County School Board has received its annual audit for the district’s most recent school year with no discrepancies found in either financial reporting or the final settlement of the fiscal year.

The audit report, compiled by Lyons and Lyons CPAs of MacClenny, did include several conditions. Conditions are matters in financial reporting that do not present any evidence of misreporting or discrepancies but sight areas where things could be done in a better manner. Each of these items is then responded to by the board representative, in this case Finance Director Renae Prevatt. The audit format was significantly different this year, due to changes in the manner in which the state wants audits presented. An overall auditors opinion is no longer present in the report but was given verbally by one of the auditors and the audit was declared to be clean.

Among the conditions cited was one which has plagued the district for the past several years — due to the limited number of available personnel it is not always possible to adequately segregate certain incompatible duties which sometimes left employees handling both assets and their recording. The auditors recommended that this situation be remedied and proper accounting practices (separation of duties) be followed.

Prevatt responded that segregation of duties was not always possible as the district was small and could not afford to hire additional staff at this time. She did say that she would begin making spot-checks on the areas in question to test records kept.

Another condition noted in the audit was that while the reporting of expenditure was done, the spending was either reported as being taken out of one fund when it was actually charged to another, although all monies were accounted for and there did not appear to be any misuse of funds. Prevatt responded that she would reclassify certain types of expenses (in this case class specific curriculum materials) as

monies to be reimbursed to the district from the board and any school improvement funds to be handled through the faculty fund rather than the general fund.

It was reported in the audit that bank statements of school internal funds were not always reconciled as soon as they were received, which is required by state guidelines. Prevatt said she would ensure that school bookkeepers completed the reconciliations in a timely manner in the future.

Also noted was an occasional delay in the length of time it took the schools between the reception of money from sponsors of events and their deposit in the appropriate bank account. Once again, the reporting of the fund amounts was accurate and the receipts acknowledged correctly, just not in the timeframe set down by state standards. Prevatt said she would be in contact with all of the school bookkeepers and make sure that they were aware

of the timeframe and adhered to it.

In a related condition was the inconsistent use of numbered receipts and tickets for sporting event receipts and other monies. Also, the audit stated that special reports of monies collected were not being completed consistently, which would support receipts written and other incoming funds. It was stated that such practices could lead to mistakes and recommended that established internal control procedures be followed, again mentioning the lack of segregation of duties. Prevatt said she would have school administrators handle this matter, asking them to work with their school bookkeepers to ensure that the proper forms were used at report all receipts.

Other matters commented on as conditions included a time lapse between the issuance of checks and their use (Prevatt said that unless their was written approval

from the school principal would be required on all purchases in the future), a formal budget was not being prepared for school internal accounts (with Prevatt responding that one will be done in the future) and problems with the amount advanced to the schools to make change at events was not always deposited back into the account it came from, but rather into the account for the team or group holding the event. Prevatt said she would keep a closer eye on where the deposits went.

All in all, there were no monies missing and no evidence of wrongdoing in the report. All the money was there, just not always in the account it was supposed to be in. All of the conditions were attributed to the limited number or personnel for handling such duties — a situation that is not likely to be able to be resolved in the near future, according to Prevatt.

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Crime

Recent arrests in Bradford, Union and Clay

March 26 through April 1

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

Sara Raven Armstrong, 26, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 28 for selling cocaine, possession of cocaine and a conditional release violation.

Ronnie Allen Baker Jr., 40, of Brooker was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 29 for resisting an officer and possession of drug equipment.

According to an arrest report, the defendant was one of nine people arrested during a drug unit and SWAT team raid.

Mikel Marvin Bright, 40, of Lawley was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 29 for a probation violation.

Tiffany Renate McElroy Butcher, 39, of Ocala was arrested by Starke police on April 1 for possession of drugs, possession of drug equipment, resisting an officer, fraud-impersonation and out of county warrants.

Ebony Malana Butler, 45, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 28 for failure to appear.

Jessie D. Carter, 55, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 29 for a probation violation.

According to an arrest report, the defendant was one of nine people arrested during a drug unit and SWAT team raid.

Marquese Terrell Chandler, 23, was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 28 for

transmitting information harmful to minors.

According to an arrest report, the defendant sent sexually explicit images to a minor through Facebook.

Pedro Juan Delgado, 24, of Ocala was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 32 for failure to appear.

Joy Carter Gray, 59, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies for child neglect, maintaining a public nuisance, possession of marijuana, possession of drugs, possession of cocaine and possession of drug equipment.

According to an arrest report, the defendant was one of nine people arrested during a drug unit and SWAT team raid.

Deputies wrote that the defendant was in possession of THC wax, Xtampza ER, oxycodone hydrochloride, methamphetamine, cocaine and 26.1 grams of marijuana.

Morgan Shae Griffis, 28, of Callahan was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 29 for a probation violation.

Mary Katherine Horsley, 48, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 30 for possession of drugs and possession of drug equipment.

Aquiles Leonardo Jackson, 27, of Ocala was arrested by Bradford deputies on April 1 for a probation violation.

Shannon Arnold Jenkins, 42, of Lake Butler was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 31 for DUI and driving with a tag that had been expired for more than six months.

Adrienne Leigh Jones, 37, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on April 1 for failure to appear.

James Rodney Lucas, 41, of Starke was arrested by Starke police on March 28 for selling cocaine and possession of cocaine.

Kansas Marie Matchett, 27, of Interlachen was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 29 for possession of drugs and possession of drug equipment.

Winnie Maynard, 48, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies

on March 29 for possession of drugs and possession of drug equipment.

According to an arrest report, the defendant was one of nine people arrested during a drug unit and SWAT team raid.

Deputies wrote that the defendant was in possession of methamphetamine and Subutex.

Proctor William McNeal, 49, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 29 for possession of a weapon by a felon, possession of drugs and possession of drug equipment.

According to an arrest report, the defendant was one of nine people arrested during a drug unit and SWAT team raid.

Deputies wrote that seven weapons and three different types of ammunition were found in the home.

Amanda Rose Mills, 37, of Punta Gorda was arrested by Lawley police on March 28 for an out-of-county warrant.

Robert W. Morris, 60, of Lawley was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 27 for battery, obstructing justice and a conditional release violation.

According to an arrest report, the victim told deputies that during an argument, the defendant grabbed the right side of her neck and struck her on the head numerous times. Then, when the victim was on the phone with 911, the defendant took the phone away from her.

Christopher Anthony Paredes, 48, of Hampton was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 29 for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

According to an arrest report, the defendant used his pickup to ram another vehicle while his ex-girlfriend was in the other car. No injuries were reported, and the defendant told a deputy he did not strike the other car hard enough to hurt anyone.

Dylan Seth Parker, 20, of Starke was arrested by Starke police on March 31 for lewd and lascivious behavior.

Wendy Ann Reza, 47, of Starke was arrested by Starke police on April 1 for possession of drugs, possession of drug equipment and trafficking in amphetamine.

Justin Kyle Robbins, 31,

of Hampton was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 26 for a probation violation.

Stanley Wayne Davis Sapp, 43, of Jacksonville was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 29 for possession of drugs and possession of drug equipment.

According to an arrest report, the defendant was one of nine people arrested during a drug unit and SWAT team raid.

Deputies wrote that the defendant was in possession of methamphetamine, Suboxone and methylphenidate hydrochloride.

Dawn Nichole Shepherd, 50, of Macclenny was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 29 for possession of drugs and possession of drug equipment.

According to an arrest report, the defendant was one of nine people arrested during a drug unit and SWAT team raid.

Deputies wrote that the defendant was in possession of methamphetamine.

Karen Elizabeth Sherrod, 19, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 29 for child neglect and resisting an officer.

According to an arrest report, the defendant was one of nine people arrested during a drug unit and SWAT team raid.

The defendant was arrested for having a child in a home where she knew narcotics were being trafficked. She was arrested for resisting an officer for failing to respond to 36 minutes of call outs from deputies.

Joseph Iva Blade Starling, 18, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on March 29 for resisting an officer.

According to an arrest report, the defendant was one of nine people arrested during a drug unit and SWAT team raid.

Nichole Leigh Stroup, 42, of Melrose was arrested by Starke police on April 1 for possession

of drugs.

Union

Connor Lee Austin, 27, of Starke was arrested by Union deputies on March 29 for larceny.

Wilfred Beaubrum, 53, of Graceville was arrested by Union deputies on March 28 for smuggling contraband into a prison.

According to court papers, while the defendant was an inmate at the Department of Corrections Reception and Medical Center, officers found MDMA, also known as Molly in the defendant's shirt pocket.

At first appearance, the defendant pleaded no contest, was adjudicated guilty and sentenced to one year and one day in prison.

Thomas Daniel Clarke, 39, of Lawley was arrested by Union deputies on March 29 for dealing in stolen property and using a two-way communications device to commit a felony.

According to court papers, the defendant cut off the catalytic converter from a truck owned by his sister's boyfriend and attempted to sell the item to a Lake Butler man.

Before the sale was complete, the buyer called a Union deputy, and put his phone on speaker so the officer could listen in on and record the transaction.

After the sale was complete, deputies arrested the defendant and recovered the \$591 he received for the converter.

Quinton Dale Conner, 47, of Lake City was arrested by Union deputies on March 29 for criminal mischief with property damage, larceny and vehicle theft.

Jakira Jermaine Morton, 20, of Gainesville was arrested by Union deputies on March 26 for failure to appear.

Shawn Michael Gibson, 38, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on March 31 for a conditional release violation, obstructing justice and using a two-way communications device while committing a felony.

Ezekiel Aaron Hedrick, 13, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on March 31 for failure to appear.

Cody Edward Smith Sr., 31, of High Springs was arrested by Union deputies on March 29 for an out-of-county warrant and failure to appear.

Clay

Scott Edward Bowen, 54, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on March 27 for criminal mischief with property damage.

According to court papers, a manager at Lake Area Ministries noticed a broken window at the facility. She checked surveillance video and observed the defendant break the window with a hammer and then place the tool in a bush near the front door.

Deputies recovered the hammer. The damage to the window was estimated at \$500. The manager said LAM has experienced prior incidents with the defendant due to "his erratic behavior." The arresting officer also said he has had past encounters with the defendant.

Jaycie Lee Goeschel, 21, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on March 27 for possession of not more than 20 grams of marijuana and possession of drug equipment.

Tina Marie Hickok, 54, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on April 1 for burglary and grand theft.

Joshua Aaron Soto, 26, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on March 29 for battery and a conditional release violation.

RIOT

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from Defendant Weeks and climbed the Northwest Stairs underneath the scaffolding to the Capitol's Northwest Terrace."

The statement says Carlton entered the Capitol with a large crowd through the Senate Wing Door about 2:48 p.m.

The statement added that while attempting to reunite with Weeks, Carlton left the building to get some air. He then re-entered the Capitol with Weeks, walking through the Crypt all the way to the Hall of Columns on the south side of the Capitol. The two men left the building around 3:30 and lingered on the



Mobile phone photo of (right) Jonathan Daniel "Danny" Carlton of Raiford with Bradley Weeks of Macclenny outside the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021.

northwest terrace until at least 3:52.

According to court papers, the FBI's investigation of Weeks led them to Carlton. An agent first interviewed Carlton with a phone call on Jan. 20, 2021, when the Raiford man denied entering the Capitol, and told the agent he and Weeks were separated for about 20 minutes during the chaos.

"Carlton stated that upon reuniting with Weeks, the two left the area and traveled by Metro back to their hotel," according to an arrest warrant.

"Carlton further stated neither he nor Weeks took part in any property destruction, violence or confrontation with police."

However, the day after the telephone call, during an in-person interview with agents, Carlton admitted to entering

the building.

"When asked about his lie that he had not entered the Capitol," the warrant says, "Carlton indicated that he was embarrassed to have participated in the demonstration, appalled by the riot, and just wanted to distance himself from it."

Agents also retrieved text messages between the two men from Weeks's phone, in which Carlton told the Macclenny man he was inside the building.

Agents also found photos on Weeks's phone of Carlton wearing a tan jacket with silver buttons. They used the images to identify the Raiford man on Capital surveillance video, showing Carlton walking in the building's crypt, a room underneath the rotunda.



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Conspired with mother and girlfriend to obstruct justice

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

LAKE BUTLER — A 38-year-old Lake Butler man is in more trouble after first being arrested in February for choking his live-in girlfriend and threatening deputies with a knife.

Shawn Michael Gibson was arrested by Union deputies for a second time on March 31 for a conditional release violation, obstructing justice and using a two-way communications device while committing a felony.

According to court papers, during his first appearance, Gibson was ordered not to

contact the victim.

Union Sheriff's Sergeant Charles Townsend wrote in a sworn complaint that after discovering that the defendant had been talking to the victim, he listened to recorded jail telephone calls made by the defendant to his mother.

Townsend wrote that during the calls, Gibson spoke to his girlfriend and instructed her to refuse to talk to prosecutors about the February incident. He also told her to get the no-contact order rescinded.

"During the conversations I listened to," wrote Townsend,

"Shawn and (the victim) clearly discuss the details of the case, confirming that he is talking to (the victim). Shawn (tells the victim) he is going to take this to trial, and he will not lose."

Townsend added that he also spoke to Gibson's mother who confirmed that her son and the victim spoke to each other, but that the mother did not know Gibson wasn't allowed to talk to (the victim).

"This is misleading information after listening to the phone calls," the sergeant added.

Stole paychecks from former employer

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

LAKE BUTLER— Union deputies arrested a 27-year-old Starke man after they said he stole two paychecks made out to former co-workers and cashed the checks at a Lake Butler convenience store.

Connor Lee Austin was arrested on March 29 for larceny.

According to a sworn complaint, Austin's former employer put a stop-payment order on the checks after discovering that the checks for two of his current workers were missing. One check was for



Austin

\$859.68 and a second totaled \$1,341.30.

The business owner told deputies that he kept employee paychecks in a box and that the workers knew where the checks were located.

Austin cashed the checks on Feb. 4 at a Lake Butler convenience store, but the two items were returned to the merchant unpaid due to the stop-payment order.

Although the store owner did not collect identification from the check casher, Austin's former boss recognized the 27-year-old from store surveillance video.

Arrested for pointing BB gun at fishermen

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

MELROSE— A Gainesville woman is facing charges after she allegedly pointed a BB gun at two men who were fishing on Lake Santa Fe.

Cynthia Lou Malott was arrested by Alachua deputies on March 30 for aggravated battery with a deadly weapon without intent to kill.

According to an arrest report the two victims, both Alachua residents, were fishing from a

boat near the shore when the defendant started to yell at them from a nearby residence that they could not fish there.

"The defendant said, 'I'm going to get my gun,'" wrote Deputy David A. Visconti in the report. "The defendant walked inside, then came back to the doorway with a silver barrel and black stock rifle."

The deputy added that Malott started moving items out of the doorway while threatening to shoot the men, then moved from the doorway to a window.

"The defendant shouldered and pointed a silver barrel and black butt stock long gun at the victims behind the window while saying 'I'm going to fire,'" wrote Visconti. "The victims stated that they ducked behind the center console of their boat in fear of being shot at."

The deputy added that the victims thought the weapon was a firearm, but a search of the residence yielded a silver barrel, black stock BB air gun.

The defendant denied pointing the gun at the fishermen.

Towed truck, stole tools

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor



Conner

LAKE BUTLER — Union deputies arrested a Lake City man after they said he used his position as a tow truck driver to steal a Ford F-150, and then help himself to tools in the Ford in addition to stripping it of electronics.

Quinton Dale Conner, 47, was arrested on March 29 for criminal mischief with property damage, larceny and vehicle theft.

According to court papers, property owners in Lake Butler wanted the F-150 removed from their land, and one of them called Conner because she knew he drove a tow truck.

"(The property owner) said Conner didn't give her any paperwork before he removed the vehicle from her property," wrote Sgt. Charles Townsend in a sworn complaint.

The witness added that the defendant was driving a truck owned by his employer and he busted a window on the passenger side front door to gain entry into the vehicle.

"Procedures for tow companies when removing vehicles from private property are very specific and can be found in Florida

Statute 715.07," wrote Townsend. "Basically, the tow company will provide the property owner with paperwork. Then the tow company is required to secure the vehicle for 30 days and allow the vehicle owner to retrieve the vehicle. If the owner doesn't make contact within 30 days, the tow company is required to advertise the vehicle for two weeks through local media. If no contact is made after the two weeks, the tow company can obtain ownership of the vehicle."

Townsend wrote that he contacted the owner of the tow company who confirmed that Conner worked for him but added the employee was never dispatched to pick up the Ford.

"Conner is not allowed to remove or tow any vehicles without being dispatched by (the owner)," wrote Townsend.

The business owner told Townsend that when he discovered that his worker had removed a truck without being dispatched, he ordered the Ford returned.

"(The owner) told me that Conner removed a lot of tools from the truck before he removed the truck from (the business)," wrote Townsend, adding that the defendant placed the tools in a shed on the business's property.

Townsend reported that he also interviewed the defendant who told him he returned the Ford to the property from which he picked it up.

"This information was misleading because Conner never returned the truck," the sergeant wrote.

Townsend added that he later located the truck, which had been stripped of its electronics. The business owner found the missing tools in a shed on adjacent property. The tools were valued at over \$5,000 and damage to the truck was estimated at \$2,000.

LIFE

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drive what you say?"

Lawson also said that military chaplains enjoy confidentiality, meaning that they do not have the duty to warn that other military members have, and they may not disclose confidential information without the permission of their advisees.

Lawson said that with no active army bases in Florida, the responsibility of assisting with death notifications to families falls on National Guard chaplains.

She said that technology has created challenges with death notifications.

"We try to get ahead of media and social media," she said.

Lawson added that doorbell cameras and other home surveillance devices have created additional challenges.

"Does anyone have the Ring doorbell?" she asked the Rotarians. "Some are motion activated, or you push the

doorbell button and that activates the camera."

Most of the home surveillance cameras come with apps that allow residents to see who is at their door via a cell phone image.

"When you show up in your dress uniform with another service member on someone's doorstep, you've already given notification before you open your mouth."

She said it is particularly difficult when family members are not home, and they get a screenshot of officers in dress uniform at their door.

Lawson said family members reactions to death notifications range from disbelief to anger. However, she considers the duty an honor.

"It's a privilege, and just being able to be there for the family is a great honor," she said.

You go, you pray, and you figure it out

Lawson said serving as a

chaplain can be difficult and painful, "but there's so much joy that comes in being able to be there for people in their greatest time of need."

She also said chaplains don't get to pick and choose where and when to minister.

"When there's a need, you go and you pray and you figure it out," she said, "and you do the best you can in that moment, and you trust God for the results."

Last year, after 21 years in the military, the last 15 months on active duty for COVID, Lawson retired.

She opened a Lake Region counseling practice called Lawson Life Consulting where she offers pastoral counseling and crisis intervention.

"People ask me: what does it feel like to be retired or does it feel any different," she said. "The truth is, it doesn't because I'm doing the same thing now I did in the military, I'm just not wearing a uniform."

Legal Notices

Bradford

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CIVIL ACTION

Case #: 2018-CA-000553
Wells Fargo Bank, NA
Plaintiff,

-vs-
Tabitha Nicole Terry a/k/a Tabitha Nicole Moore a/k/a Tabitha N. Terry a/k/a Tabitha N. Moore a/k/a Tabitha Terry a/k/a Tabitha Harvey; Unknown Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Assignees, Creditors, Lienors, and Trustees of Ricky Allen Terry a/k/a Rick Allen Terry a/k/a Ricky A. Terry a/k/a Rick A. Terry a/k/a Ricky Terry, Deceased, and All Other Persons Claiming by and Through, Under, Against The Named Defendant (s); Unknown Spouse of Tabitha Nicole Terry a/k/a Tabitha Nicole Moore a/k/a Tabitha N. Terry a/k/a Tabitha N. Moore a/k/a Tabitha Terry a/k/a Tabitha Harvey; Florida Credit Union; Unknown Parties in Possession #1, if living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as

Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants; Unknown Parties in Possession #2, if living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants; Bradford Land & Cattle Company, Inc, a dissolved Florida Corporation; Unknown Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Assignees, Creditors, Lienors, and Trustees of Kathy J. Terry a/k/a Kathy Geiger a/k/a Kathy Eaton, Deceased, and All Other Persons Claiming by and Through, Under, Against The Named Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF ACTION FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS-PROPERTY

TO: Tabitha Nicole Terry a/k/a Tabitha Nicole Moore a/k/a Tabitha N. Terry a/k/a Tabitha N. Moore a/k/a Tabitha Terry a/k/a Tabitha Harvey; LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 17145 SW 101st Avenue, Starke, FL 32091 and Bradford Land & Cattle Company, Inc, a dissolved Florida Corporation; LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 1105 South Walnut Street, Starke, FL 32091

Residence unknown, if living, including any unknown spouse of the said Defendants, if either has remarried and if either or both of said Defendants are dead, their respective unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, creditors, lienors, and trustees, and all other persons claiming by, through, under or against the named Defendant(s); and the aforementioned named Defendant(s) and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendants and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendants as may be infants, incompetents or otherwise not sui juris.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action has been commenced to foreclose a mortgage on the following real property, lying and being and situated in Bradford County, Florida, more particularly described as follows: LOT 12 RIVER BEND ESTATES (AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION) LYING IN THE EAST 1/4 OF THE SE 1/4 OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; SAID LOT BEING CONVEYED WITH A RIGHT OF INGRESS AND EGRESS OVER EASEMENTS AS SHOWN ON SAID PLAT, ALSO BEING SUBJECT TO EASEMENTS TO CLAY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INC., AS SHOWN ON SAID PLAT; SUBJECT TO COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS, DATED

NOVEMBER 1, 1984, RECORDED NOVEMBER 1, 1984, IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 239, PAGE 460, ET. SEQ., PUBLIC RECORDS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA. SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID RIVER BEND ESTATES; THENCE S 00°18'49" W ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID PLAT FOR A DISTANCE OF 1688.74 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, BEING THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 12; THENCE S 00°18'49" W ALONG THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 12 FOR A DISTANCE OF 140.02 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 12; THENCE N 89°22'03" E ALONG THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 12 FOR A DISTANCE OF 640.80 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 12; THENCE N 00°55'12" W ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 12 FOR A DISTANCE OF 140.00 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 12; THENCE S 89°22'03" W ALONG THE NORTHERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 12 FOR A DISTANCE OF 637.79 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN MANUFACTURED HOME, YEAR: 2005, MAKE: FLEETWOOD, VIN#: GAFL435A89637EX21 AND VIN#: GAFL435B89637EX21.

more commonly known as 10248 Southwest 111th Avenue, f/k/a 10248 Southwest 111th Avenue Graham, FL 32042, Brooker, FL 32042. This action has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defense, if any, upon LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP, Attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is 2424 North Federal Highway, Suite 360, Boca Raton, FL 33431, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this notice and file the original with the clerk of this Court either before with service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on the 22 day of March, 2022.

Denny Thompson
Circuit and County Courts
By: Lisa Brannon
Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator; 201 East University Avenue, Room 410, Gainesville, Florida 32601 (352) 491-4490 at least

7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification of the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

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FOR SALE COMMUNITY STATE BANK WILL BE ACCEPTING SEALED BIDS ON A 2013 FORD ESCAPE FROM MARCH 31, 2022 THRU APRIL 13, 2022. PLEASE CALL COMMUNITY STATE BANK @ (904)964-7830 OR (904)364-2867.

COMMUNITY STATE BANK HAS THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ANY AND ALL BIDS. VEHICLE WILL BE SOLD AS IS. 3/31 2tchg 4/7-BCT

BUDGET WORKSHOP THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida will hold a budget workshop on April 12, 2022 at 6:00 PM at the Bradford County Courthouse, located at 945 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida.

The public is encouraged to visit www.bradfordcountycl.gov/meetings or to call the Office of the County Manager at (904) 966-6327 to obtain a copy of the agenda for this meeting.

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PUBLIC AUCTION Ron Denmark Mini Storage will hold a public auction on the following units at 10:00 am on Friday April 15th, 2022 at 2117 N Temple Ave., Starke, FL. On the following units containing personal items:

- # 148- Belonging to J. Collins
- # 66- Belonging to C. Lane
- # 145- Belonging to K. Russell
- # 62- Belonging to S. Nichols
- # 179 - Belonging to H. Brazell
- # 92 & 118 - Belonging to N. Harley

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Emergency Food and Shelter Program Advertisement UNION COUNTY

The Union County EFSP/FEMA Local Board has been awarded federal funds made available through the Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) under the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program.

The selection was made by a National Board that is chaired by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency and consists

of representatives from American Red Cross; Catholic Charities, USA, National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA; The Jewish Federations of North America; The Salvation Army; and, United Way Worldwide. The Local Board was charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country.

A Local Board made up of representatives of various community agencies will determine how the awards to Union County are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service agencies in the area. The Local Board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds made available under this phase of the program.

Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local agencies chosen to receive funds must:

- 1) be private voluntary non-profits or units of government,
 - 2) be eligible to receive Federal funds,
 - 3) have an accounting system,
 - 4) practice nondiscrimination,
 - 5) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and
 - 6) if they are a private voluntary organization, have a voluntary board.
- Qualifying agencies are urged to apply. Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact Mary Broadfoot at United Way of North Central Florida via email at mbroadfoot@unitedwayncfl.org for an application. The deadline for applications to be received is midnight Saturday, April 23, 2022.

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NOTICE OF SALE Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Florida Self Storage Facility Act Statutes (Section 83.801 - 83.809); Santa Fe Storage of Starke will sell for cash to the highest bidder on storageauctions.net for location at 1630 North Temple Ave., Starke, County of Bradford, FL, at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, the 20th day of April; 2022 and continuing day to day thereafter until sold: the household goods and misc. contents of the following:

- 0G019 Shamicka Beckwith
- 0K004 Keith Thomas

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NOTICE OF SALE Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Florida Self Storage Facility Act Statutes (Section 83.801 - 83.809);

Santa Fe Storage of Waldo. Will sell for CASH to the highest bidder on Storageauctions.net

For location at 15540 NE HWY 301, Waldo, County of Alachua, Florida; ending at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, the 20th day of April; 2022, and continuing day to day thereafter until sold: the household goods and misc. contents of the following:

- 0OS05 Cecil A Litton
- 0B014 Kelsey Hood
- 0C037 Sharde Thomas

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING A SPECIAL EXCEPTION AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE CITY OF STARKE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE

BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OF THE CITY OF STARKE, FLORIDA, SERVING AS THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT 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 special exception, as described below, will be heard by the Planning and Zoning Board of the City of Starke, Florida, serving as the Board of Adjustment of the City of Starke, Florida, at a public hearing on April 18, 2022 at 6:00 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. The petition was previously noticed for a public hearing on February 21, 2022.

SE 21-01, an petition by H. Timothy GILL, Esq., of Shutts and Bowen LLP, as agent for Belco Enterprises, to request a special exception be granted as provided for in Section 4.99 of the Land Development Code, to permit a package liquor store within a COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL (B-2) zoning district, in accordance with an petition and site plan filed on November 4, 2021 to be located 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 intersection of the South right-of-way line of State Road 100 (Madison Street) with the West the right-of-way line of Bay Street; thence South 25°40'38" West 462.53 feet, along the West the right-of-way line of said Bay Street to the North right-of-way line of Lafayette

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Street; thence South 89°01'10" West 152.34 feet, along the North right-of-way line of said Lafayette Street to the Point of Beginning; thence South 89°01'10" West 242.81 feet, along the North right-of-way line of said Lafayette Street to the East right-of-way line of Orange Street; thence North 01°22'50" West 333.45 feet, along the East right-of-way line of said Orange Street; thence North 01°00'16" East 278.73 feet, along the East right-of-way line of said Orange Street; thence North 50°03'29" East 6.56 feet to the South right-of-way line of said State Road 100 (Madison Street), said Southerly boundary being on a curve concave to the South and having a radius of 542.96 feet; thence Easterly, along said Southerly boundary and along the arc of said curve, 85.92 feet, as measured along a chord having a bearing of South 75°56'07" East, to the end of said curve; thence South 71°23'50" East 391.55 feet, along the South right-of-way line of said State Road 100 (Madison Street); thence South 23°00'00" West 508.66 feet to the North right-of-way line of said Lafayette Street and the Point of Beginning.

Containing 4.54 acres, more or less. 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 petition. Copies of the petition are available for public inspection at the City of Starke 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 HEARING CONCERNING AN AMENDMENT 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 amendment, 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 a public hearing on April 21, 2022 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard in the County Commission Meeting Room, North Wing, County Courthouse located at 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida. S220228A, an application by Timbuktu Enterprises, Inc., 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 dwelling 2 units per acre) to COMMERCIAL on property described, as follows:

A parcel of land lying in Section 16, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida. Being more particularly described, as follows: Commence at the Northwest corner of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 16; thence South 00°20'00" East 89.13 feet, along the West line of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 16 to the Point of Beginning; thence South 00°20'00" East 157.87 feet, along the West line of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 16; thence South 72°10'00" East 878.27 feet to the West right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 301 (State Road 200); thence Northeastly, along the West right-of-way line of said U.S. Highway 301 (State Road 200) and along the arc of a curve concave to the West and having a radius of 11,404.16 feet, a distance of 132.15 feet as measured along a chord having a bearing of North 18°09'55" East to the end of said curve; thence North 17°50'00" East 17.85 feet, along the West right-of-way line of said U.S. Highway 301 (State Road 200); thence North 72°10'00" West, 929.15 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Containing 3.80 acres, more or less. 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 and be heard with respect to the amendment.

Copies of the amendment 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 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 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 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 amendment, 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 a public hearing on April 21, 2022 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard in the County Commission Meeting Room, North Wing, County Courthouse located at 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida.

Z 22-01, an application by Timbuktu Enterprise Inc., to amend the Official Zoning Atlas of the Land Development Regulations by changing the zoning district from RURAL RESIDENTIAL (RR) to COMMERCIAL, INTENSIVE (CI) on property described, as follows: A parcel of land lying in Section 16, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida. Being more particularly described, as follows: Commence at the Northwest corner of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 16; thence South 00°20'00" East 89.13 feet, along the West line of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 16 to the Point of Beginning; thence South 00°20'00" East 157.87 feet, along the West line of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 16 to the Point of Beginning; thence South 00°20'00" East 157.87 feet, along the West line of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 16 to the Point of Beginning; thence South 72°10'00" West, 929.15 feet to the Point of Beginning.

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ordinance, which title hereinafter appears, will be considered for enactment by the Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida, at a public hearing on April 21, 2022 at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the County Commission Meeting Room, North Wing, County Courthouse located at 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida. Copies of the ordinance 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 ordinance. The title of said ordinance reads, as follows:

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, S220228A, BY THE PROPERTY OWNER OF SAID ACREAGE, UNDER THE AMENDMENT PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN SECTIONS 163.3161 THROUGH 163.3248, FLORIDA STATUTES, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR CHANGING THE LAND USE CLASSIFICATION FROM RESIDENTIAL, LOW DENSITY (LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 2 DWELLING UNIT PER ACRE) TO COMMERCIAL 10F

CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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.

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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 LESS THAN TEN CONTIGUOUS ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, Z 22-01, BY THE PROPERTY OWNER OF SAID ACREAGE; PROVIDING FOR CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT FROM RURAL RESIDENTIAL, RURAL (RR) 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

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.

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Notice is hereby given: Joseph K. Rowe Last known address of: 14719 SE 25TH Ln Starke FL 32091

You are hereby notified that your eligibility to vote is in question. You are required to contact the Supervisor of Elections, in Starke, Florida, no later than thirty (30) days after the date of this publishing. Failure to respond will result in a determination of ineligibility by the Supervisor and your name will be removed from the statewide voter registration system. Published one time in the Bradford County Telegraph Amanda Seyfang Bradford County Supervisor of Elections P. O. Box 58 945 N. Temple Ave., Suite C Starke, FL 32091

Date: April 4, 2022

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PUBLIC HEARING Bradford County School District will hold a Public Hearing on April 11, 2022, at 6:00 P.M. on New and Revised Board Policies.

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KEYSTONE HEIGHTS AIRPORT AUTHORITY

NOTICE TO BIDDERS Sealed proposals, in duplicate, will be received by the Keystone Heights Airport Authority in the Conference Room at the Keystone Heights Airport Terminal Building, located at 7150 Airport Road, Starke, Florida 32091, until 2:00 PM EDT on May 19, 2022 at which time all proposals received will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bidders are invited to submit proposals for:

RECONSTRUCT EXISTING T-HANGAR TAXILANES AT KEYSTONE HEIGHTS AIRPORT A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting and site inspection will be held at 1:00 PM on April 19, 2022 in the Conference Room at the Keystone Heights Airport Terminal Building. Bidders are strongly urged to attend. Bidders are invited to submit proposals for this work on the Proposal Forms provided. Other proposal forms will not be accepted. The complete examination and understanding of the Contract

Documents consisting of the Plans and Specifications, and all addenda or other revisions, and Site of the proposed work is necessary to properly submit a Proposal. Contract Documents consisting of the Plans and Specifications, and all addenda or other revisions will be available on or before Tuesday, April 12, 2022 for examination or may be obtained from the offices of the AECOM, 7650 West Courtney Campbell Causeway, Tampa, Florida 33607, Phone (813) 636-2139 (Diane Kline). There is no fee to obtain a set of the Contract Documents. Printed copies of documents will not be made available. Only PDF project plans and specification files, either on CD or sent via File Transfer will be made available. Contractor must obtain the Contract Documents from the Engineer of Record in order to be considered a responsive bidder. A Bid Bond in the form as bound in the Contract Documents or Certified Check in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount bid must accompany each Bid. Successful Bidder shall be required to execute and to provide a Payment Bond and Performance Bond each in an Amount of not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the total value of the Contract awarded to him with a satisfactory surety or sureties for the full and faithful performance of the work.

No bid may be withdrawn after closing time for the receipt of Proposals for a period of one hundred twenty (120) days.

The Keystone Heights Airport Authority reserves the right to waive any informalities or irregularities in or reject any or all bids and to award or refrain from awarding the Contract for the Work.

For additional information, contact William R. Prange, P.E., AECOM, at (386) 898-2298 or bill.prange@aecom.com.

Dated: April 5, 2022

By: Keystone Heights Airport Authority

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MEETINGS

Bradford County School District will meet on April 11, 2022. WORKSHOP will be at 5:45 P.M., PUBLIC HEARING at 6:00 P.M. Immediately following the Public Hearing will be the REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING. An EXECUTIVE SESSION will follow the Board Meeting. The Executive Session is closed to the Public.

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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 21st, 2022 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the County Commission Meeting Room, North Wing, County Courthouse located at 945 N. Temple Avenue in Starke, Florida.

Be granted as provided for in Section 4.15.5 "CI"(Commercial Intensive), Special Exception # 11 of the Bradford County Land Development Regulations to allow Mini-warehouses to be located at the property being described as follows:

Three (3) parcels of land lying partly in the SW1/4 of the SW1/4 of Section 12 and partly in the NW 1/4 of the NW1/4 of Section 13, Township 8 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida and being located East of the Keystone Heights Bradford County trash transfer site and North of State Road 100. Being Bradford County Parcel Number's 05459-0-00100, 05459-0-00300 and 05552-0-00100. 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. 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 HEARING CONCERNING A VARIANCE AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE BRADFORD COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

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Be granted as provided for in Section 4.15.7, of the Bradford County Land Development Regulations, "CI"(Commercial Intensive), Minimum Yard Requirements, from a required 10 feet along side lot line's to a requested 5 feet and from a required 15 feet along the rear lot line to a requested 5 feet on property being described as follows:

Three (3) parcels of land lying partly in the SW1/4 of the SW1/4 of Section 12 and partly in the NW 1/4 of the NW1/4

of Section 13, Township 8 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida and being located East of the Keystone Heights Bradford County trash transfer site and North of State Road 100. Being Bradford County Parcel Number's 05459-0-00100, 05459-0-00300 and 05552-0-00100. 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. Aforementioned public hearing, all interested parties may appear to be heard with respect to the appeal.

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Be granted as provided for in Section 4.15.5 "CI"(Commercial Intensive), Special Exception # 2 of the Bradford County Land Development Regulations to allow "sale of alcoholic beverages, bar, tavern or lounge" to be located at the property being described as follows:

Z 22-01, an application by Timbuktu Enterprise Inc., to amend the Official Zoning Atlas of the Land Development Regulations by changing the zoning district from RURAL RESIDENTIAL (RR) to COMMERCIAL, INTENSIVE (CI) on property described, as follows: A parcel of land lying in Section 16, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida. Being more particularly described, as follows: Commence at the Northwest corner of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 16; thence South 00°20'00" East 89.13 feet, along the West line of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 16 to the Point of Beginning; thence South 00°20'00" East 157.87 feet, along the West line of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 16 to the Point of Beginning; thence South 72°10'00" East 878.27 feet to the West right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 301 (State Road 200); thence Northeastly, along the West right-of-way line of said U.S. Highway 301 (State Road 200) and along the arc of a curve concave to the West PO Box 591 Bushnell, Florida 33513 Telephone: (352) 793-4001

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Containing 3.80 acres, more or less. 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 and be heard with respect to the amendment. 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 HEARING CONCERNING A VARIANCE 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 variance, as described below, will be heard by the Board of Adjustment of Bradford County, Florida, at a public hearing on April 21st, 2022 at 6:00 pm, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, at the County Commission Meeting Room, North Wing, County Courthouse located at 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida.

V 22-07, an application by Eddie L Moss, to request a Variance be granted as provided for in Section 4.5.7, Agricultural, Minimum Yard Requirements of the Bradford County Land Development Regulations from Twenty-five (25) feet from the Westerly property line to a requested Eight (8) feet of the property being described as follows: Lot 6 and the West 43.03 feet of Lot 7, Block 6, Crosby Lake Shores according to plat thereof recorded

in the public records of Bradford County, Florida in Plat Book 2, Page 17 and being Bradford County Parcel Number 00786-0-00600. 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 variance. Copies of the variance application 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.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

File No. 63-2021-CP-000034 IN RE: ESTATE OF ROBERT TIMOTHY HANRAHAN Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Robert Timothy Hanrahan, deceased, whose date of death was October 20, 2021, is pending in the Circuit Court for Union County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 55 W Main St #103, Lake Butler, Florida 32054. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

2ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is March 31, 2022.

Personal Representative: /s// Vivienne Thorpe Vivienne Thorpe 704 West Deer Lake Drive Lutz, Florida 33548 Attorney for Personal Representative: /s// Jennifer Isaksen Jennifer Isaksen, Esq. E-mail addresses: jennifer@isaksenlawfirm.com Florida Bar No. 519081 Law Offices of Jennifer Isaksen, PA PO Box 591 Bushnell, Florida 33513 Telephone: (352) 793-4001

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PUBLIC MEETING

The Union County Board of County Commissioners will hold a workshop concerning ARPA Funding/Recreational Dept. on Monday, April 18th at 4:00 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room of the Union County Courthouse. The workshop will be followed by the Regular Monthly Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA

PROBATE DIVISION

File No.: 2021-CP-000664

Division: Probate

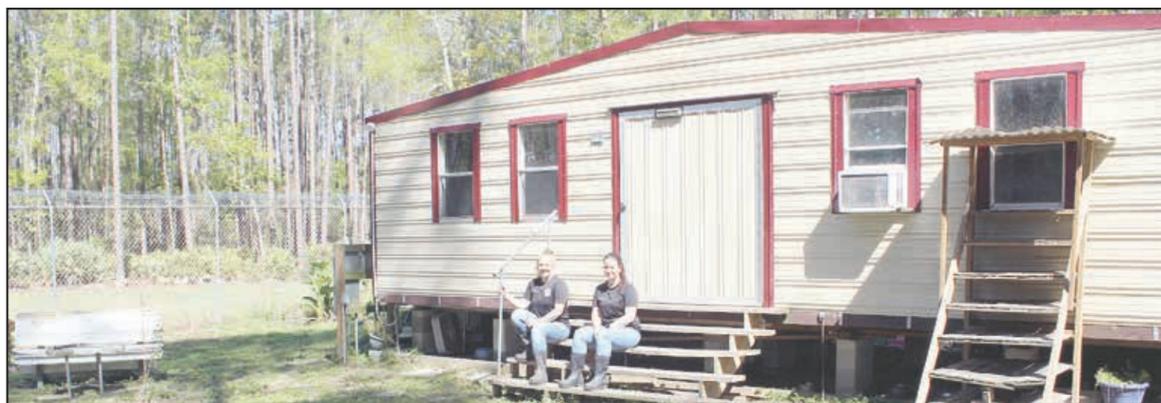
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF ROBERT ROFFE, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of ROBERT ROFFE, deceased, whose date of death was, August 30, 2021, File Number 2021-CP-000664 is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 North Orange, Avenue, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.



Summerlyn Byrd (left) and Christy McKinley sit on the steps in front of one of the several air-conditioned and heated buildings in a fenced enclosure in which a local woman housed more than 100 cats, with the intention of adopting them out before she became ill and could no longer care for them. Bradford County Animal Services has been working with rescue organizations in removing the cats so they can find homes. Photos by Cliff Smelley.

Bradford County Animal Services helps ill woman relocate cats from sanctuary

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

She could very well envision herself walking into a situation that would tell the story of how a desire to help animals became abuse, but what Summerlyn Byrd found instead was an impressive set-up that was a testament to how one person went above and beyond to provide the best possible care for cats in need of a home.

Byrd, who works for Bradford County Animal Services, was contacted by a woman who told her of the cat sanctuary she had constructed and how she could no longer care for the 100-plus cats it was home to. The woman became sick with cancer and is currently in hospice care.

"At first, I was a bit nervous," Byrd said. "I called her and said, 'Can I get some backstory?' The first thing she said was, 'They're all spayed and neutered.' My jaw just dropped."

That wasn't the most impressive thing, as Byrd was to learn when she visited the



Summerlyn Byrd pets one of the cats at the sanctuary.

The cats were living in a sanctuary by an 8-foot-high fence, Byrd found multiple insulated, utility On approximately one-third of buildings with heating and air an acre, which was surrounded

provided plenty of water.

This was certainly no case of numerous cats living in crowded, unsafe conditions. Byrd said the cats were "very healthy," noting that only a few cats that were elderly had upper-respiratory issues, while another elderly cat had cancer. A separate living area existed for cats that had feline immunodeficiency virus and feline leukemia virus.

"She is not the crazy cat lady," Bradford County Sheriff Gordon Smith said. "She exemplifies someone who truly cares and does the right thing."

The sheriff added that the facilities for the cats are better than what some people are living in.

"It's what you should see in a sanctuary," Byrd said.

The problem is that the woman, whose plans were to find people to adopt the cats, could no longer provide the level of care she used to because of her health. She contacted the

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BHS' Jackson voted state's 1A Coach of the Year

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Sampson Jackson, who guided Bradford High School to its first-ever boys basketball state championship, was named the Florida Dairy Farmers Class 1A Coach of the Year on March 24.

That put Jackson in the running for the overall Coach of the Year award. It was announced on April 4 that Class 6A Martin County's John Leon received the most votes.

Other finalists besides Leon and Jackson were Treig Burke of 2A Orlando Christian Prep, Charlie Ward of 3A Florida High, Cilk McSweeney of 4A Fort Lauderdale Calvary Christian, Edward Schuler of 5A Stranahan and Andrew Moran of 7A Miami Columbus.

Bradford capped a 16-10 season by defeating Paxton 64-44 for the state title. It was Bradford's eighth straight win.

Bradford proved to be dominant once the regional

playoffs began. After defeating Bell 55-49 to win the District 6 championship, the Tornadoes hosted Bell for a Region 3 semifinal game, defeating the Bulldogs 59-30.

In the Region 3 championship game, the Tornadoes hosted a Madison County team it had defeated by three points in the last game of the regular season. This time, Bradford won 64-54.

The Tornadoes defeated Hawthorne 53-35 in the state semifinals as part of their postseason run that saw them win each game by an average margin of 19 points. Bradford trailed in only two postseason games — early in the first quarter against Madison and 2-0 against Hawthorne.

This marked Jackson's second year as Bradford head coach. He received 97 points in the Class 1A Coach of the Year voting, with Paxton's Jeff Bradley finishing second with 83 points.



Bradford High School Head Boys Basketball Coach Sampson Jackson was named the Florida Dairy Farmers Class 1A Coach of the Year after guiding the Tornadoes to their first state title in program history. File photo by Cliff Smelley.

Howard on Player of the Year watchlist

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

University of West Florida senior softball player Teala Howard has been named to the Schutt Sports/National Fastpitch Coaches Association Division II National Player of the Year Top 50 watchlist.

Howard, a 2018 Union County High School graduate, leads her team in five offensive categories and leads the Gulf South Conference in three.

The third baseman, who's started 28 games for the Argos this season, is batting .425, which leads her team. Howard also leads the Argos in hits (48), runs scored (28), triples (4) and stolen bases (22). She's been unsuccessful on only two stolen-base attempts.

Howard is second on her team in on-base-plus-slugging (1.073) and doubles (8).

In the Gulf South Conference, which consists of West Florida and 12 other teams, Howard is number one in hits, triples and stolen bases. She's third in batting average, seventh in runs scored and ninth in on-base-plus-slugging.

The Argos (21-9) played a series at Montevallo this past weekend, with Howard going 2 for 5 with a double, two RBI and a run scored in a 7-4 win on April 1. It was the 16th multi-hit game this season for Howard, who, after the series was over, has now had at least one hit in every game but three.

Some of Howard's highlights this season include wins over Palm Beach Atlantic (Feb. 5), Shorter (Feb. 26), Christian



University of West Florida senior third baseman Teala Howard, a 2018 Union County High School graduate, has been named to the Schutt Sports/National Fastpitch Coaches Association Division II National Player of the Year Top 50 watchlist. Photo by Morgan Givens/UWF Athletic Communications.

Brothers (March 5) and West Beach Atlantic, Howard went 3 for 4 with a double and two runs scored, while in a 10-0 win over

In a 3-2 win against Palm

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Shorter, she went 3 for 3 with an RBI, scoring three runs and stealing two bases.

Howard went 2 for 5 with two solo home runs in an 8-4 win over Christian Brothers. With her team trailing 4-2, Howard hit her first homer in the top of the fifth to make it a one-run game. She then tied the score in the sixth with her second long ball.

In a 15-13 win over West Alabama, Howard drove in three runs and scored three runs, going 3 for 5 with a triple. She also stole two bases.

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Obituaries

William Baker

STARKE William (Bill) Baker, 90, passed away on Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 2:31 p.m. at Haven Hospice in Gainesville. He was born April 29, 1931 in Glenville, Georgia. He was self-employed in construction prior to moving to Starke. Once he moved to Starke, he was a chicken farmer until he retired. His favorite pastime was working in his wood shop making amazing things like furniture and clocks. He also enjoyed going to Edward's Grocery and Tony's to drink coffee and talk with his friends.



He is survived by his loving wife of 67 years, Marjorie; and his loving children, Garry, Glenn, Debbie, and Lorrie; his grandchildren, Kim, Kristen, Wesley, Mandy, Amber, and Taylor; and many great-grandchildren. Services will be at a later date.

PAID OBITUARY

Patricia Bennett

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS Patricia "Pat" Bennett, 80, of Keystone Heights died on Monday, March 28, 2022. Born in Jacksonville, she moved with her husband to Keystone Heights in 1970. She worked at Gulf Life in Jacksonville for many years before moving to Keystone State Bank in Keystone. Later, she became the smiling face of Shands Starke ER. She was an active member in the community and volunteered with many organizations. She was a member of the Lake Region Kiwanis Club; the Junior Woman's Club, where she served as a past president; and Keystone Business Association. She always enjoyed participating in the Kiwanis' annual Festival of the Lakes and parades each year. Her infectious smile and ability to make people laugh will always be remembered. She was preceded in death by her husband of 40 years, Del; sister, Sandra Chapman; and parents, William C. and Marge German.

She is survived by two children: son, Darrin (Tamsen) Bennett, and daughter, Dana (David) Eatmon, both of Keystone Heights. She was "Mimi" to grandchildren, Daelynn, Kamryn, Carson, and Rachel Eatmon, all of Keystone Heights. She is also survived by her sisters, Linda Titus of Jacksonville, and Peggy (John) Pugh of San Rafael, California.

Friends and family are invited to a special remembrance and celebration of life on Sunday, April 10 at The Woman's Club of Keystone Heights from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m.

PAID OBITUARY

Dr. Mark Frost

Dr. Mark M. Frost, 73, passed away quietly in his sleep surrounded by his loving family on Saturday, Jan. 20, 2022, following a lengthy illness. He was born in Jacksonville on March 4, 1948 and attended public schools there until his mother's death when he was 15 then he transferred to Washington, D.C., to finish high school while living with his Uncle Dick. He attended the University of Florida, and Texas A&M University, College of Veterinary Medicine. He worked with Dr. John Plant in the Herschel Animal Clinic from his Vet School graduation until his early retirement due to illness in 2006. His love of people and devotion to the health of animals made him a special veterinarian to many. He was very focused on civic activities, as well as a dedicated, lifelong Gator fan. He was a lifelong Rotarian, serving on many committees, and a past president of the Westside Rotary Club. He served on the Greater Jacksonville Fair Board for many years, including being a past president of the Greater Jacksonville Fair from 1994 until 1996. He was a past president of the Jacksonville Chapter of the Kappa Alpha Order, a past president of the Beta Zeta Housing Corporation, and a member of the Kappa Alpha Court of Honor. He was an avid outdoorsman; enjoying boating, fishing, and hunting. He was gregarious and a friend to all. He remembered all his friends and was always glad to see them. He loved to listen to stories and tell his own. He hated casseroles and asked that be included in his obituary. He was a Christian and appreciated all that the Lord provided, especially his loving family and friends. He played poker in the Timuquana Tuesday-night "prayer meeting" for decades and will be remembered among his friends there for his laughter and stories. He married Tommye Morehead in Bryan, Texas, after graduation from vet school in 1983. He and Tommye have two children, Elizabeth "Beth Anne" Frost and Kevin Edward Frost. Both went to the University of Florida for undergraduate and master's degrees. Beth Anne followed in her dad's footsteps and earned her DVM from Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine, and now practices at her two clinics, Pottsborg Creek Animal Hospital in Jacksonville, and Nassau Animal Hospital in Yulee. Kevin received his BS and ME in civil engineering at UF, then went on to Texas A&M and received a further MS in ocean engineering. He now works for Xylem in St. Petersburg as a sales engineer and project manager. Mark's greatest wish was to be a grandfather, an event accomplished with the birth of his twin grandchildren, Ellis Elizabeth and Graham Everett Frost, on Aug. 1, 2020, to Beth Anne. They were truly the light of his life!

He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Tommye Frost, and both children, Beth Anne (Ashlie) of Jacksonville, and Kevin Edward (Brenna) of St. Petersburg; two grandchildren; sister, Barbara Woolfe of Nocatee; brother, John "Skip" (Terry) Frost of Bartow; and several nieces and nephews who, along with many friends and acquaintances, are profoundly saddened by his passing.

A celebration of life will be held at his residence, 8136 Alderman Road, Melrose on Saturday, April 30, from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m.. The family will be accepting any family and friends who would like to come out. Remembrances may be made to the Dr. Mark M. Frost Memorial Endowed Scholarship in the Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine or a charity of your choice. Remembrances to the scholarship endowment may be forwarded directly to Ms. D. Turner, AUCVM, 317 S. College St., Auburn, AL 36849. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 340 E. Walker Drive, Keystone Heights, 352-473-3176. www.jonesgallagherfh.com

PAID OBITUARY

Frank Hadley III

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS Frank "Buddy" Madison Hadley III, 78, of Keystone Heights died in Gainesville on Saturday, April 2, 2022. He was born in Jacksonville on Aug. 14, 1943.

No services will be held at this time. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 340 E. Walker Drive, Keystone Heights, 352-473-3176. www.jonesgallagherfh.com

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county's animal services for help in finding homes for the cats.

"She said she had called four other national organizations, and nobody would help her," Byrd said, adding, "She said, 'I just want them to find a place before I'm not here anymore.'"

That was in January. The sanctuary consisted of approximately 130 cats. Byrd said it's been a seven-day-a-

week job, but in working with rescue organizations, the number of cats remaining at the sanctuary as of March 3, when she and Smith were interviewed by the Telegraph-Times-Monitor, was 20-25.

Byrd, who's also been going to the sanctuary every other day to feed the cats, said it has been a stressful situation, but one she's been happy to be a part of.

"I've loved every minute of it," she said.

Her interactions with the woman who had the sanctuary constructed have helped make the experience a rewarding one.

Wessie Saxon

Wessie Pope Saxon, 90, went to her heavenly home surrounded by her family on Friday, April 1, 2022. She was born in Levy County to Albert and Ruby Pope on Oct. 28, 1931. She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward Saxon; and brothers, L.G. and Beryl Pope.

She leaves behind three daughters, Gail (Lloyd) Allen of Starke, Joy (Evan) Drake of Togo, Africa, and Julie (Rob Stone) Christie of Hampton; and two sons, Eddie (Tammy) Saxon of Lawtey, and Timmy (Amy) Saxon of McClenny. She also leaves behind numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were Wednesday, April 6, at Hampton Cemetery. Services were officiated by Pastor John Hodges.

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



PAID OBITUARY

Celia Spillman

Celia Katherine (Doverspike) Spillman, 84, passed on to her Heavenly Father's eternal kingdom on Tuesday, March 29, 2022 in Palatka. She was born on Nov. 29, 1938 in Armstrong County, Redbank Township, Pennsylvania to Melvin Eugene Doverspike and Mable Marie (Miller) Doverspike. She was raised in the Nazarene faith and often sang in church services with her dad and siblings. She attended Franklin High School, Franklin, Pennsylvania, Class of 1957. She participated in FFA, Girls' Glee Club, the Literary Club, the Driving Club, was the FHA president and, was on the Junior Prom Committee and the Candy Committee. She joyfully attended her 50th high school reunion and kept up with several of her high school classmates throughout her entire life. She met PFC Larry Spillman (US Army) in Washington, D.C. while she was employed as a file clerk for the CAA (now the FAA). They were married on June 9, 1958 at the Nazarene Church in Franklin, Pennsylvania. It actually snowed on her wedding day. She faithfully and lovingly raised five children: Michael R (Sabine) Spillman, Cheryl (James) Craig, Gayle May, Katherine D. Spillman, and, Stephen (Angelika) Spillman. Prior to becoming homebound, she attended First Baptist Church, Keystone Heights, and enjoyed singing in the choir and participating in Women on Mission (formerly WMU). She enjoyed caring for the infants and toddlers at First Baptist Day Care. Her hobbies included stamp collecting, drawing, painting, sewing, quilting, cooking and canning, gardening, and, decorating for Christmas. She will be sorely missed by all who loved and knew her. She was preceded in death by her eldest son, Michael R. Spillman; her parents; and six siblings, Martha, Gerald, Truman, Savinna, Everett and, Roy Cedric.

She leaves behind her husband of 62 years, Larry E. Spillman; children, Cheryl (James) Craig of Grayson, Kentucky, Gayle May of Middleburg, Katherine Spillman of Keystone Heights, Stephen (Angelika) Spillman of Middleburg. Surviving grandchildren include, Robert Michael Adkins of Ashland, Kentucky, James Michael Spillman of Lake Butler, Soner (Stephanie) Acar of Jacksonville, Hakim Acar of Germany, Zachary (Tiffany) Craig of Grayson, Kentucky, Caleb (Alexis) Craig of Grayson, Kentucky, C Sean May of Keystone Heights, Craig Spillman of Keystone Heights, James Spillman of Macclenny, Benjamin (Zavannah) Ackman of Colorado Springs, Colorado, Sarah Ackman of Lawtey, and Hannah Ackman of Middleburg. Great-grandchildren include: Caroline Craig, Everly Craig, Laney Craig, Adalyn Craig, Riley Craig, Lucas Xavier Barfield, Anastasia Raye Spillman, Brantley Permenter and Zandria Ackman. She also leaves three younger siblings: Harold (Joy) Doverspike, Ken (Judy) Doverspike and, Lyle (Barbara) Doverspike, all of Franklin, Pennsylvania.

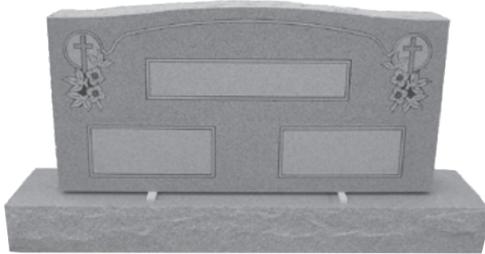
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State drill meet is part of BHS' upward trajectory

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Bradford High School JROTC cadets earned four top-10 finishes and placed in a total of 11 events at the Florida State Drill Championships on April 2 in Lakeland.

The highest finish came in Male/Mix Armed Dual Exhibition, with BHS placing fourth. BHS also took seventh in Male/Mix Armed Squad Exhibition, nine in Male/Mix Armed Platoon Exhibition and 10th in Female Armed Squad Exhibition.

Bradford, which was competing against some programs up to four times its size, also had the following results: 16th Female Armed Dual Exhibition, 17th Female Armed Solo Exhibition, 17th Male/Mix Armed Platoon Regulation, 21st, Male/Mix Unarmed Platoon Regulation, 22nd Male Armed Solo Exhibition, 22nd Female Unarmed Squad Regulation and 31st Female Armed Squad Regulation.

Competing cadets were Kevin Acree, Damarian Burch, Monique Burr, Coveyon Desue, Jacilyn Gaudette, Carson Halsey, Winston Herring, John Hendricks, Brianna Isaacs, Hagen Kadlec, Andrew King, Justin Knights, Lysa McKenzie, Madison Miller, Hayden Powell, Ronniann Roode, Leilani Santos-Pulu, Tyler Shaffer, Hayden Starling, Noah Stoehr, Cameron Vaughn, Nathaniel Woodcock and Reanna Wright.

Earning the right to compete in so many events at the state championships was just another part of what has been quite a notable year for the BHS program, which has had some down years recently.

"Honestly, Bradford High School is building back the brand of the name and the legacy it held years ago," said one of the program's instructors, Chief Warrant Officer 3 Johnnie Hickson. Hickson added, "That's like our motto for this year: Build back the brand for Bradford High School JROTC."

Cadet Carson Halsey said, "We've definitely made big steps. This is my first year here. I saw from the outside what the JROTC program was (in the past). They didn't really have a name for themselves."

Upward track

The program certainly made a name for itself earlier this year as it was designated an Honor Unit with Distinction, which is achieved by programs that demonstrate exceptional performance in all areas of operation. A program must score at least 95 percent on the JROTC Program of Accreditation Inspection.

Hickson said 5-10 percent of programs around the world achieve Honor Unit with Distinction, thus demonstrating how the BHS program is ascending.

It has been six years since BHS was designed Honor Unit with Distinction. Maj. John Crews, the program's other instructor, said, "We're on that upward track."

Crews credited the cadets' hard work and the amount of time they practice. Cadet Reanna Wright spoke to that as well. Regarding all of the program's highlights this year, she said, "We accomplished this together by working hard. We have practices Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and sometimes even Fridays and during the weekends. We're pushing hard to be on the map. We want Bradford to be known."

For Cadet Hayden Powell, the program began making a name for itself when it was able to place first in drill competitions ahead of two programs that are consistently near the top: Baldwin and Union County.

"We've made our mark," Powell said. "We've shown them that we're here, and we're not going to be messed with anymore."

Powell is a team commander, so the successes throughout this year have meant a lot to him.

"I take ownership of it," Powell said. "I view them as my cadets. With these competitions especially, I'm so proud of them and what they've done because we've completely changed the



The BHS JROTC color guard takes to the court at the start of the boys basketball/girls weightlifting state-championship pep rally held at the school on March 11. Pictured (l-r) are cadets Kailyn Gaudette, Brianna Isaacs, Leilani Santos-Pulu and Andrew King. File photo by Cliff Smelley.



Performing a drill exhibition at the March 11 pep rally are (l-r) cadets Ronniann Roode, Carson Halsey, Madison Miller and Coveyon Desue. File photo by Cliff Smelley.

direction of our battalion."

Rebranding the program began when Crews became the instructor in 2018. Crews admitted the drill part of JROTC is not an area of strength for him.

"I'll be honest with you. I'm more of a combat leader. I served a lot of time in combat," Crews said. "I know that (drill is) one of my weaknesses. I can do it, but it's not going to be pretty."

Therefore, one of the most important things he did was bring Hickson on board last year. Hickson, who came from Hawaii, has experience in taking drill teams to national-level events.

"That's what I needed," Crews said. "I was looking for him before the job even opened up."

On Jan. 18, BHS competed at the Baldwin/Camp Blanding drill meet — its first as a program in two years. BHS won the Individual Exhibition Drill, placed second in six drills and placed third in another.

A program has to earn at least a win at the regional level to qualify for the National Drill Championships, which BHS did. That competition will be held April 15-16 in Daytona Beach.

Hickson said "another feather in our cap" was when BHS placed in 12 of 14 events at the Area 1 drill meet, which qualified its various teams and individuals for the state championships that recently took place.

"That was amazing," Hickson said of the performance. "A lot of schools didn't even place in one (event). You had to place in the top three to even be qualified (for state). Bradford High School almost did a complete sweep of the whole thing to qualify for state, which is a feat in itself."

Though he is a championship drill coach, Hickson said his previous teams lacked "grit," which he said the BHS cadets have.

"I don't know if it's because of the rural area around here, but

my (past) teams just didn't have what these guys have," Hickson said. "I think that's going to make a difference in bringing back a trophy from nationals."

An eighth-grade JROTC program has been started at Bradford Middle School. Four of the 22 eighth-grade cadets are actually part of BHS drill teams.

"They're doing stuff out of the normal character of what an eighth-grader would be doing, not only the leadership, but doing things that 12th-graders are doing," Hickson said.

Powell said, "These eighth-graders are awesome. They're some of the best cadets I've seen."

Both of are Squad Regulation Unarmed are commanded by eighth-graders: (Ronniann) Roode and (Noah) Stoehr.

"You have other programs where when they have an eighth-grade program, it's more like, 'Oh, we have an eighth-grade program,' but they don't use the eighth-grade program. It's there, but it's not utilized. Some of our best cadets who are showing up are our eighth-graders."

Crews said it's hoped that the eighth-graders will eventually be able to go to BHS for their classes.

"That way, they can get the full experience of the senior cadets teaching them," Crews said.

Powell said, "They're a bit younger, so sometimes they get down on themselves, but that's why we have senior leadership here — to help them get past that and to continue to motivate them."

"They're showing so much promise," Hickson said.

Specific goals, broad impact

Qualifying for state and national events give cadets goals to work toward, but Hickson said there's more to it than that.

"This gives them a sense of belonging," Hickson said. "It gives them a sense of family. Most importantly, it gives them the ability to do something that actually helps them build their self-esteem."

"They're doing that. You can just see them light up."

Powell talked of the impact being in JROTC has had on his him, saying, "This program has changed my life, honestly, and turned it in the complete other direction."

He didn't have a clear picture of what he wanted to do after

high school, Powell said. He had a general goal of going to college, but not what he would study once he got there.

Joining JROTC last school year as a junior helped give him a more specific goal. Powell gives thanks to Crews and Hickson for seeing in him qualities he didn't even know he possessed.

"Chief and Major have defined what I can do and all the things I'm capable of as a person," Powell said. "I never realized I could be a leader before. They saw in me that I had what it took to be a leader and the fact that I was a good one."

"I'm planning on joining the Army as an officer. That's because of what they've done for me. This program as a whole is just something I've kind of fallen in love with. It's what I do."

Halsey knew he wanted to join the military before he joined JROTC. Being a part of that program, though, is what'll help him make that happen.

"This year, Major and Chief have really helped get me into the steps toward achieving that goal instead of it just being a thought," Halsey said. "Major helped me out with applications. Chief helped me out with really getting my mindset there. 'This is what I'm getting into. That's what I need to stay focused on.'" What Halsey has discovered is that being in JROTC has had a broader impact on his life and is teaching him skills that are useful in any walk of life.

"This is my first year since like fourth grade getting straight A's. I've held straight A's consistently this entire school year," Halsey said. "Just learning everything in here, you see how you're like a part of something bigger than yourself, and then you realize

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UCHS QB Club to host alumni football game on April 23

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

Former players are still needed. The cost to play is \$25, which covers equipment and liability. If interested, please email Head Football Coach Andrew Thomas at thomasan@union.k12.fl.us. Include your graduation year and a playing-days photo, if possible. Practices will take place at 6 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, April 18-19, and Thursday, April 21.

Tiger teams combine for 12 wins at Chiefland track and field meet

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

The Union County track and field teams each placed first in the team standings at a March 18 meet at Chiefland, with the boys team winning seven events and the girls team winning five.

Thomas Williams had three individual wins for the boys team, which earned 175 points to finish ahead of Williston (164.5), Chiefland (128.5) and Taylor County (30). Williams won the high jump (5-1), the 110m hurdles (19.08) and the 300m hurdles (55.63).

Williams also teamed up with Daylyn Diston, Malcolm Odum and Martin Odum to win the 4100m relay with a time of 44.68.

The Odum brothers each won an event as an individual while also running as part of the winning 4x400m relay team. Malcolm Odum ran a first-place time of 22.81 in the 200m, while Martin Odum had the top time in the 400m at 53.23. They joined Brycen Boney and Daquan Diston in the 4x400m relay, posting a winning time of 3:54.

The long jump saw Williams and Boney take second and third, respectively, while Robert Thomas was fifth. Three Tigers tied for seventh: Daquan Diston, Ibn Williams and Demarius Williams.

Boney and Joseph Harris placed second and third, respectively in the 800m with times of 2:40.18 and 2:40.87, while Thomas and Demarius Williams were second and third, respectively, in the high jump, clearing 4-11 and 4-10.

Daylyn Diston was runner-up in the 100m with a time of 12.01, while Williams (12.16) and Davien Pressley (12.30) were

fourth and sixth, respectively.

In the triple jump, it was Demarius Williams taking third (29-3.75), while Ibn Williams (26-5.5) and Daquan Diston (26-3.75) were fifth and seventh, respectively.

Thomas placed third in the 400m with a time of 57.80, while Pressley was fifth (59.41). Pressley also earned a fourth-place finish in the 110m hurdles (20.17) and a fifth-place finish in the 200m (26.39).

Harris and Conner Atwater were third and eighth, respectively, in the 1600m with times of 5:52 and 7:28. Robert Smith placed sixth in the shot put (24-7.25).

Ny'asia Jones won two events for the girls team, which earned 134.5 points to finish ahead of Chiefland (125), Taylor County (67) and Williston (62.5). Jones ran a first-place time of 13.85 in the 100m and topped the 200m with a time of 28.79.

Kaitlyn Pafford won the 1600m with a time of 7:20 and teamed up with Emma Jeffers, Holly Halfacre and Mackenzie Ring to win the 4x800m with a time of 12:09.

Jailyn Simmons won the 400m with a time of 1:13, while Pafford was fourth (1:15).

Rachel Harris earned a pair of runner-up finishes in the 800m (3:25) and the 1600m (7:32).

Taleyah Smith, Aliyah Smith, Taliyah Harper and Mia Odum teamed up to place second in the 4x100m with a time of 56.38.

The Tigers were second, third and fourth in the shot put. Jaiiah Hatcher had a distance of 23-3.5, followed by Taleyah Smith (22-11.25) and Deashia Gainer (21-11).

Amia Bethea was runner-up in the 100m with a time of 14.06, while Jahlvah Woodall (14.94) and Ta'riah Hunter (14.96) were seventh and eighth.

Simmons and Halfacre were third and fourth, respectively, in the 100m hurdles with times of 24.23 and 28.0.

In the long jump, Simmons and Halfacre placed third and fourth, respectively, while Woodall and Celeste Thomas tied for sixth.

KHHS' Gagnon and Moncrief earn 2nd places at Don Hall track meet

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Keystone Heights High School got a pair of runner-up finishes from Caleb Moncrief and Kendall Gagnon at the April 1 Don Hall Track and Field Invitational at Orange Park High School.

Moncrief earned his second-place finish in the discus with a distance of 134-1. He also placed third in the shot put with a distance of 44-5.25.

Gagnon was second in the javelin with a distance of 99-4. She also placed sixth in the discus with a distance of 85-1.

Tyler Griffin also earned a top-eight finish, placing fifth in the 1600m with a time of 4:49.

Kiersten Shaw placed ninth in the long jump with a distance of 15-2.

Moncrief competed at the April 1-2 Pepsi Florida Relays at the University of Florida, placing sixth in the high school discus event with a distance of 141-5.

Earlier results

Shaw and Moncrief participated in the March 19 Bob Hayes Invitational at Raines High School in Jacksonville. Moncrief placed sixth out of 58 in the discus (138-9) and was 19th out of 63 in the shot put (44-2). Shaw tied for eighth out of 22 in the high jump (4-10.25) and was 26th out of 62 in the long jump (14-6.5).

On March 22, Shaw won two events at a meet hosted by Palatka. She took the high jump at 1.42 meters and the long jump at 4.57 meters.

Alyssa Sanford and Alexis Taylor were second and third in the high jump, each clearing 1.32, while Shaw added a third-place finish in the 400m (1:10).

The girls 4x400m team of Parker Collins, Brook Graudons, Olivia Griffin and Kherrington Norman was third (5:20), while

the 4x100m team of Kaylee Park, Madeline Sweezy, Sanford and Taylor was fourth (58.81).

Fifth-place finishes were earned by Ella Hutchins in the 400m (1:13) and Rebecca Lasca in the 800m (3:13), while Emily Weiner was sixth in the javelin (14.96).

Park was seventh in the long jump (3.98), while Kinslee Burnaw was eighth in the discus (17.20).

The boys team earned 19 top-eight finishes, with Griffin and Moncrief each placing second in two events: Griffin in the 800m (2:15) and 1600m (5:01) and Moncrief in the shot put (13.93 meters) and discus (43.10).

Bryce Miller was second in the long jump (5.40) and third in the high jump (1.72), while the following placed third: James Thomas was third in the 3200m (12:11), while two relay teams finished fourth: the 4x100m team of Brayden McCall, Jason Parales, Ryeland Wahl and Dakota Leach (53.39) and the 4x400m team of Clark Byrnes, Garrett Jones, Will Begue and Acaden Nilsen (4:45).

Shepherd Rozier earned fifth-place finishes in the 200m (25.32) and the 400m (57.53). Ayden Graff was fifth in the 3200m (12:22).

Four sixth-place finishes were earned: Jaden Park in the 200m (25.57), Jacob Stahman in the 800m (2:37), Thomas in the high jump (1.37) and Rozier in the long jump (5.13).

McCall was seventh in the high jump (1.32), while Josiah Durrenberger was seventh in the 400m (1:01). Park took eighth in the 1600m (5:38).

Keystone got second-place finishes from Gagnon and Griffin at the March 25 Bronco Bob Track and Field Invitational at Middleburg High School.

Gagnon was runner-up in the girls javelin with a distance of 95-7, while Griffin ran the second-best time in the boys 800m (2:08). Griffin also had a third-place finish in the 1600m (4:54), while Gagnon was seventh in the discus (74-8).

The girls team had seven top-eight finishes in all. Shaw was fourth in the high jump (4-9.75), sixth in the long jump (14-0.5) and sixth in the 100m hurdles (18.98). She was also a member of the 4x400m relay team, which

placed fourth (5:10).

Hutchins took fifth in the 400m (1:11).

On the boys side, Park placed sixth in the long jump (16-7.25), while Graff was seventh in the 3200m (12:01).

Booker earns a 3rd place for Tornados at Don Hall meet

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Bradford High School girls track and field member Kaelyn Booker placed third in the 400m at the April 1 Don Hall Invitational at Orange Park High School.

Booker ran the 400m in 1:03. She earned one of four top-eight finishes for the girls team. Natalie Thomas and Alissa Reddish were sixth and seventh, respectively, in the 3200m with times of 15:23.60 and 15:23.65. The 4x800m relay team of Layne Loper, Reddish, Thomas and Lindsey McCoy ran a sixth-place time of 13:45.

The boys team came close to a top-eight finish in the 4x100m relay. Ne-O Addison, Jeremiah McKenzie, Gavin Cook and Jamearius Pringle ran a ninth-place time of 46.15.

Pringle entered the invitational off an eighth-place finish in the high jump at the March 25 Bronco Bob Invitational at Middleburg High School. He cleared 5-8.

On March 22, Bradford earned four top-five finishes in boys relays at Ridgeview High School.

The 4x100m A team of Cook, Willie Pollard, Chalil Cummings and Pringle finished as runner-up with a time of 46.50, while the B team of Bryson Bowen, Sincere Hankerson, McKenzie and Jarrin Alexander placed fifth (49.20).

Alexander, Cummings, Pringle and Pollard teamed up to run a second-place time of 1:38 in the 4200m.

The 4x400m team of Cook, McKenzie, Bowen and Hankerson was third (4:14).

Bradford will host a mini-relays meet on Tuesday, April 12, at 5 p.m.

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Starke Rotary's beast of a feast



The Rotary Club of Starke held its annual Beast Feast on March 26 at the Bradford Sportsmen's Farm. The evening consisted of prize drawings, musical entertainment by Ben Carter and, of course, a lot of food. The fundraiser helps Rotary with its support of North Florida Technical College's fire program, Starke Police Department's Shop With a Cop, Santa Fe College scholarships, Bradford Food Pantry, Boy Scouts and families in need during Christmas as well as helping on an international level through the Guatemala Literacy Project (see story below). **LEFT:** Debbie Meyers (left), pictured with Jeff Johnson, successfully bid on what proved to be the winner during the "pig" auction, which resulted in her winning a Windham 5.56 rifle. **RIGHT:** Know how to make a table full of hors d'oeuvres stand out? By including a smoked alligator full of crab meat.

Chera Ferguson won a gas fire pit and table.

Creating a lasting change in Guatemala

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BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

"Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities and in ourselves." So reads Rotary International's vision statement, which is perfectly exemplified by an effort to improve the futures of children in Guatemala.

The Rotary Club of Starke has joined 130 other clubs to sponsor a Rotary International grant of \$568,321 to support of the nonprofit Cooperative for Education and its Guatemala Literacy Project. This marks the 10th year the Starke club has participated in this effort through a \$1,000 donation.

Each donation made by a Rotary club is matched by the Rotary International Foundation.

What does the money do? It supports students in Guatemala through four sustainable programs: the Rise Youth Development Program, which consists of providing students with scholarships as well as such things as peer mentoring, social work and academic support; the Spark Reading Program, which trains teachers to effectively teach reading; the Computer Program, which establishes computer centers in schools; and the Textbook Program, which provides books to schools and trains teachers to effectively use them as teaching tools.

Starke Rotarian John Smith had the chance to see the impact of the Guatemalan Literacy Project in person. As part of a group of approximately 30 Rotarians, he visited approximately 10 schools as part of a 10-day trip to Guatemala in February 2017.

"It encouraged me," Smith said. "I saw what the results are. I don't know any other project we could do that would be more rewarding."

Smith was able to witness the presentation of textbooks to schools, which was cause for a great deal of excitement in the community the school was located in, bringing in local dignitaries to give speeches, while the schools created a festive atmosphere. Smith said some of the schools displayed U.S. flags, while children sang "The Star-Spangled Banner." One school didn't have the funds to purchase U.S. flags, but its students remedied the situation.

"The kids made one," Smith said. "They got a piece of paper, and they put the stripes on it and had the stars drawn on it. They marched in carrying the flag while they played the national anthem."

Cooperative for Education's website states that Guatemalan's Western Highlands exhibit one of the most extreme combinations of systemic poverty, illiteracy and inequality in the western hemisphere. Some statistics demonstrate why Guatemala was chosen as a focus for Cooperative for Education's efforts: 79 percent of indigenous Guatemalans live in poverty, 90 percent of poor children never

RIGHT: A student reads to Starke Rotarian John Smith from one of the books provided by the Guatemala Literacy Project. **BELOW:** Smith observes a student using a computer donated to his school as a result of the Guatemalan Literacy Project. Photos provided courtesy of Smith.



graduate from high school and 33 percent of indigenous adults can't read or write.

The website also states that the majority of the Maya people don't have access to affordable, quality education. Plus, teachers in rural schools often lack the formal training and resources — like books and computers — to facilitate learning.

Books weren't a common sight for Smith when he visited Guatemalan schools. He said he saw a library — a room consisting of four or five shelves of books — at only one school.

"Now, I'm not sure I just didn't see any (others)," Smith said, "but I'm pretty certain there wasn't a library in any of the other schools."

The goal of the Textbook Program is to not only put books in the hands of students and teachers and train the teachers how to use them effectively, but to also start a cycle in which communities provide the means for schools to buy more books. Smith said children's parents sign an agreement to pay the use of the books initially provided by the Guatemala Literacy Project (approximately \$1.50 per month). That money goes toward buying more books.

"They've given parents ownership of the thing," Smith said. "The ownership is what makes this work. Everybody's involved."

The Textbook Program proved to be invaluable during 2020

when Guatemalan schools closed at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. Online learning wasn't an option for many students, yet 26,800 students in 207 schools still had access to Guatemalan Literacy Project textbooks so they could continue their studies.

Also, approximately 500 Guatemalan teachers received online training via Zoom in May 2020 through the Guatemala Literacy Program.

During his 2017 trip, Smith visited homes of some of the children who were receiving scholarships through the Guatemala Literacy Project. One home belonged to a family that consisted of eight children, though four had already moved out. The father was a farmer, who grew broccoli, corn and English peas on approximately 3 acres, Smith said.



Mike Reddish (left), who's pictured with his daughter, Dana Bell, was the winner of one of the guns.

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Cohen homers twice in Tigers' 5-3 win over Indians

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Jay Cohen hit two solo home runs, with the second coming as part of a two-run seventh inning as the Union County High School baseball team defeated host Keystone Heights 5-3 on March 29.

Keystone tied the score at 3-3 in the bottom of the sixth when Ryan Jones scored on a

wild pitch. Jones reached on a single and moved to second on a subsequent error. He then advanced to third on Connor Guy's ground out.

The Tigers were down to their last out in the top of the seventh when Cohen sent a ball over the fence in right field. Ayden Elixson and Blake Agner reached on a single and a walk, respectively, before Elixson

scored on Trevor Holtzendorf's line drive into right field.

Keystone went three up and three down in the bottom of the inning against pitcher Luke Johns, who struck out the first two he faced.

It was the home team that got on the board first, thanks to back-to-back doubles by Guy and Dalton Hollingsworth in the first. Guy's hit scored Jones,



Leah Clark drove in two runs, including the go-ahead run in the sixth, in the Tigers' 6-4 win over Gainesville. File photo by Cliff Smelley.

Top-ranked Tigers bounce back from loss, defeat GHS 6-4

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Leah Clark hit the go-ahead run as part of a two-run sixth inning for the Union County High School softball team, which recorded a 6-4 road win over Class 6A Gainesville on April 4.

Union (10-1), which is the top-ranked team in Class 1A, scored the final three runs of the game as it bounced back from its first loss.

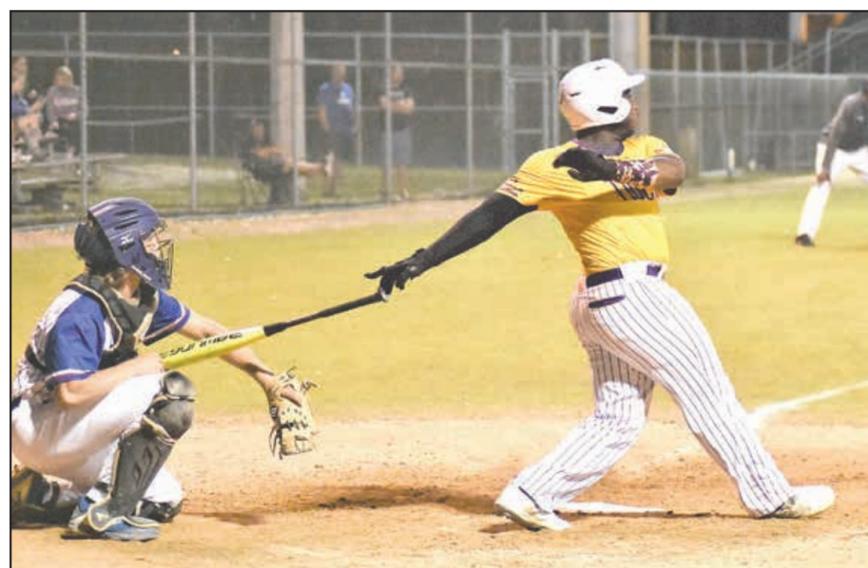
Run-scoring singles by Clark and Nyasia Williams gave Union a 2-0 lead in the first. It was a 2-2 game going into the third when the Tigers got a run-scoring double from Hailey Rivera. The Hurricanes, though, scored two in the bottom of the third to take a 4-3 lead.

Union took the lead for good when Hannah Rivera, Angela Tucker and Tamia Young all singled with two outs, with Young's hit scoring Rivera.

Hannah Rivera led off the top of the sixth with a single. After a ground out, Young reached on an error. Rivera scored on a single by Clark, making the score 5-4. Hailey Rivera singled to load the bases. Williams ground into a fielder's choice, with Young put out at home on the force play. With the bases still loaded, Hayley Burke drew a walk to force in the game's final run.

Clark went 2 for 3 with two RBI, while Young and Hannah Rivera each went 3 for 4, with Young hitting a double and

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Jay Cohen (right) hits the first of his two home runs in Union County's 5-3 win over Keystone. Also pictured is Keystone catcher Dalton Hollingsworth. Photos by Lisa Holtzendorf.

Rawls scores winning run for UCHS baseball team in 8-7 win

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

With the bases loaded in the bottom of the eighth, Quinten Rawls scored on a wild pitch, giving the Union County High School baseball team an 8-7 win over visiting Oak Hall on April 4.

The Tigers (7-6) trailed 7-6 entering the seventh. Jake Walker drew a one-out walk. One out later, Eli Rimes was hit by a pitch. Jay Cohen then hit a single into right to score courtesy runner Devin Diggs to tie the score.

Oak Hall went three up and three down against pitcher Luke Johns in the top of the eighth. The Tigers then led off the bottom of the inning with three straight singles by Blake Agner, Trevor Holtzendorf and Johns. Walker

fouled off the first two pitches he saw and then took a ball before Rawls, who entered to run for Agner, scored on a wild pitch.

The game got off to an explosive start. After Oak Hall scored three runs in the top of the first, Union plated five in the bottom of the inning. Agner

drove in two runs on a single, while Ayden Elixson drove in two on a double. Agner scored the inning's fifth run on a steal of home.

Bryson Huggins, a courtesy runner for Rimes, who walked, scored a run on a Cohen ground ball in the second, putting the Tigers ahead 6-3.

Oak Hall scored a run on an error in the third before scoring three runs in a fourth inning that consisted of two errors, a walk, a hit batter and just one hit (a single).

The Eagles had only one baserunner the rest of the way. Johns, who pitched the final five innings, gave up two runs on two hits and no walks, striking out nine. He struck out six of the 13 batters he faced in the final four innings.

Agner and Elixson went 3 for 4 and 3 for 5, respectively, while Johns went 2 for 3.

Union entered the game off a 9-5 loss to visiting Oakleaf on March 30.

Oakleaf scored the first seven

runs, including four on a grand slam in the third.

The Tigers, after scoring a run in the fourth, made it a two-run game with a four-run fifth. Agner and Rimes each drove in a run in the fifth, which also consisted of two runs scoring on an error.

Union was unable to put any runners on base in the final two innings.

Agner finished with two RBI overall, but the Tigers managed only four hits as a team.

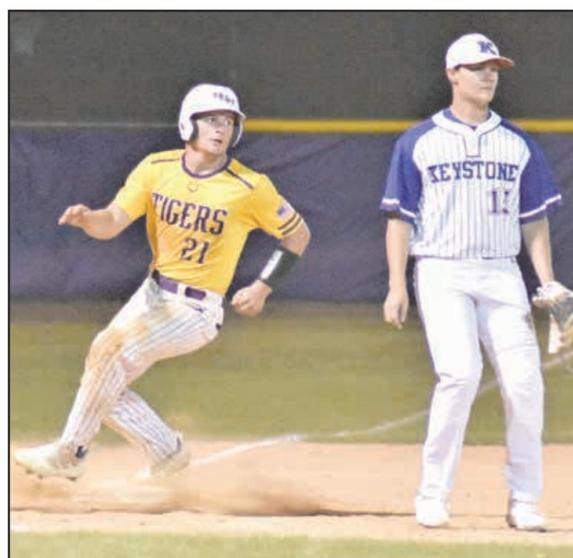
The Tigers travel to play Dixie County on Thursday, April 7, at 7 p.m. They then host Keystone Heights on Tuesday, April 12, at 7 p.m.

Indians score 10 in 4th for 12-1 baseball win over Yulee

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Dalton Hollingsworth drove in two of his three runs as part of a 10-run fourth inning, helping the Keystone Heights High School baseball team defeat host Yulee 12-1 in five innings on April 4.

With the game tied at 1-1, Noah Branch led off the top of the fourth with a single. Bryce Hart reached on an error that



Union's Trevor Holtzendorf (left) advances to third. Keystone third baseman Ty Glenn is also pictured.

who reached on a single, while Hollingsworth's hit scored Guy.

Union cut into the Indians' lead when Cohen hit a two-out home run in the third to make the score 2-1.

The Tigers took the lead with two runs in the fourth. Agner, who was hit by a pitch, scored on a single by Bryson Huggins. Huggins later scored on a two-out single hit by Tre'von Lee. That made the score 3-2 in favor of Union before Jones scored a

run for the Indians in the sixth.

Cohen finished 3 for 3, while Holtzendorf and Lee went 2 for 3 and 2 for 4, respectively.

Johns, who pitched two innings of relief, gave up one run on one hit and no walks, striking out three.

Union starting pitcher Eli Rimes gave up four hits and no walks, striking out four.

Guy and Jones each went 2 for 3 for Keystone.

scored Branch. After Alex Addington reached on an error, Hollingsworth hit an RBI single. It was the first of three consecutive singles, with Conner Guy driving in two runs on one and Ryan Jones driving in one run on the other. After Jeremy Miller reached on an error, Gage Smith drove in a run on a sacrifice fly. Chase Packham and Branch then hit back-to-back RBI singles. Keystone loaded the bases when Hart walked and Addington singled. Hollingsworth then hit his second RBI single of the inning, while Hart would later score on a passed ball.

Hollingsworth went 3 for 5, while Packham went 3 for 4 with an RBI.

Guy finished with two RBI, while Addington, Branch, Jones and Smith each had one. Branch and Addington went 2 for 3 and 2 for 4, respectively.

Cole Cumbus pitched a complete game, giving up three hits and no walks, while striking out four.

Keystone (5-7) entered the game off a 9-6 road win over Baldwin on March 30.

Guy's two-run single in the fourth helped the Indians take a 4-0 lead, but Baldwin scored three in the bottom of the inning.

In the top of the fifth, Miller was hit by a pitch, while Smith and Packham walked, loading

the bases. Hart hit a ground ball, driving in a run and reaching on an error. Addington then drove in a run on sacrifice fly to put Keystone ahead 6-3.

Two hit batters with the bases loaded resulted in two Baldwin runs in the sixth, making it a 6-5 game.

In the top of the seventh, Hart walked and advanced to second on Addington's sacrifice bunt. With two outs, Guy hit an RBI double. After Jones walked, Miller drove in two more runs on a single.

Baldwin scored the final runs in on a two-out RBI double in the bottom of the seventh. A fly out ended the game.

Addington and Guy each drove in three runs, with Addington going 2 for 3 and Guy going 2 for 5. Miller had two RBI, while Hart had one.

Packham and Hollingsworth went 2 for 3 and 2 for 4, respectively.

The Indians played Williston and Orange Park this past Tuesday and Wednesday. They travel to play Fort White on Thursday, April 7, at 6 p.m. before returning home to play Williston on Monday, April 11, at 7 p.m. On Tuesday, April 12, Keystone travels to play Union County at 7 p.m.

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BHS has big 4th inning in 5-run win over Orange Park

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Four players drove in a run each as part of a six-run fourth inning as the Bradford High School softball defeated host Orange Park 8-3 on April 4.

With one out in the fourth, Hannah McFarland drew a walk and then scored on a Masey Padgett double. Padgett then scored on a Takeirra Bakken triple, while Bakken scored on a Cassidy Spratlin single. Amber Wynn walked before a ground out resulted in the Tornadoes' second out. Rylie Blankenship drove in a run on a single before an error allowed another two to score.

Spratlin went 2 for 2 with three RBI, while Padgett went 2 for 3 with an RBI. Bakken and Blankenship each went 2 for 4 with an RBI.

Bakken's fourth-inning hit was one of two triples hit by Bradford, with McFarland hitting the other.

Spratlin earned the win, giving up eight hits through 6.1 innings. Blankenship entered the game to face the final two batters in the seventh, forcing both to ground out.

The Tornadoes (7-4) entered the game off a 6-5 loss to visiting Williston on March 30.

Williston hit back-to-back homers to score three runs in the top of the third and go up 5-1.

Bradford, which failed to score after loading the bases with one out in the fourth, hit back-to-back solo home runs as part of a three-run fifth that made the score 6-4. Padgett and Bakken each launched a long ball over the fence in left. Then, after Spratlin and Kiersten Hodges walked, Wynn hit an RBI single.

With one out in the bottom of the sixth, Allie Funderburk walked, followed by Taylor Reddish hitting a single. One out later, Padgett hit an RBI single. A fly out then ended the inning.

Bakken and Padgett went 3 for 4 and 2 for 4, respectively, driving in two runs each.

The Tornadoes play two straight home games, hosting Suwannee on Thursday, April 7, at 7 p.m. and then Buchholz on Friday, April 8, at 7 p.m. Bradford travels to play Keystone Heights

on Monday, April 11, at 6 p.m. before then traveling to play Lake Weir on Tuesday, April 12, at 7 p.m.

KHHS softball team goes 2-1 in Kissimmee tournament

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Emma Rogel drove in a total of three runs and scored three in two wins on April 1 that put the Keystone Heights High School softball team into the ninth-place game in the Gold Bracket at the Roger Jones Kissimmee Classic, which was unable to be played to completion on April 2 due to the weather.

The annual tournament consisted of 32 teams divided evenly into two brackets: Gold and Blue. Because of the weather, a coin flip or run differential was used to determine the champion, runner-up and third-place team in each bracket.

Keystone (6-7) opened play with a 6-0 loss to Robinson on March 31. Robinson was held to three hits by pitcher Madi Mitzel

through the first four innings, but had five in the fifth. The Knights scored all of their runs in that inning, with three scoring on two errors.

The Indians bounced back, with Rogel going 3 for 3 in a 6-5 win over Space Coast on April 1.

Space Coast led 5-3 before Keystone scored three runs in the fourth. Kinley Carlton was hit by a pitch, while Delia Johnson singled. An error on a ball put into play by Jaiden Robinson scored a run. Rogel then hit a single that scored two.

The Vipers couldn't manufacture any runs against pitcher Caitlyn Frampton, who gave up two hits and struck out three in 3.1 innings of relief.

Keystone took the early lead with a three-run first inning. Rogel singled, while Alaina Kinsal walked. An error on a ball hit by Kiley Channell scored a run. Amberlea Wagner and Ashley Nugent each drove in a run as well as the Indians went up 3-0.

Like Rogel, Wagner was perfect at the plate, going 2 for 2.

Space Coast plated all of its runs with two outs in the second, taking advantage of two singles, a double, a hit batter and two walks.

Keystone played again on April 1, with Mitzel holding Orlando Christian Prep to four hits in a 3-1 win.

Mitzel, who went the distance, gave up only one walk.

Rogel, who went 3 for 3, scored the game's first run in the first inning. After hitting a leadoff single, she stole second and advanced to third on Kinsal's ground out before scoring on Channell's two-out single.

Channell finished the game 2 for 3.

In the third, it was Kinsal who hit a two-out, RBI single, scoring Rogel, who singled and then stole second to put herself in scoring position.

The Warriors scored a run in the top of the fifth on an error, but Keystone answered with a run of its own in the bottom of the inning. Robinson singled and was able to advance to third on the play because of an error. She scored on a Rogel single.

Keystone played Oakleaf this past Tuesday and will travel to play Middleburg on Thursday, April 7, at 7 p.m. The Indians return home on Monday, April 11, to play Bradford at 6 p.m.

On Tuesday, April 12, Keystone hosts Ridgeview at 7 p.m.

BHS baseball team ends its shutout streak, but loses 13-3

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Bradford High School's baseball team broke a three-game scoreless streak, but still lost by double digits, with host Fort White defeating the Tornadoes 13-3 on March 30.

The Tornadoes, who were outscored by a total 41-0 in their previous three games, fell behind 7-0 to Fort White before scoring two in the third. Luke Stucky (who went 2 for 4) and Foster Smith hit back-to-back singles. Two outs later, Kevin Crawford walked before Carson Knight drove in two runs on a single.

Bradford's Elijah Noonan scored a run in the fifth on a wild pitch.

The Tornadoes (0-9-1) travel to play Interlachen on Thursday, April 7, at 6 p.m. before returning home to play Branford on Friday, April 8, at 7 p.m. Bradford hosts Dixie County on Monday, April 11, at 7 p.m. and then hosts Ridgeview on Wednesday, April 13, at 7 p.m.

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Students welcome visitors at one of the schools John Smith visited with fellow Rotarians during a 2017 trip to Guatemala.

LITERACY

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If the man couldn't fetch a good price for his crops, he couldn't afford to plant more, Smith said, adding that if the man found himself unable to plant, then he was also unable to provide food for his family. During those times, he'd hire himself out as a laborer, making approximately \$4 per day.

Smith said the man's oldest daughter had the chance to go to college, thanks to a Guatemala Literacy Project scholarship.

"He was so thankful his child was going to be able to go to

school," Smith said. "What (the Guatemala Literacy Project) is doing is going to make a big difference in their lives."

A child who can receive a good education can get a good job. He or she can then help support their family and perhaps help their siblings become educated as well.

"It improves the life of the whole family," Smith said.

The cost of a yearly scholarship through the Guatemala Literacy Project is \$960. Individual members of Starke Rotary have provided two yearly scholarships, while an additional scholarship was sponsored by the Downtown Grill "Liars Club" in honor of Lee Sparks.

Harvey Baxter, who worked for many years as an attorney in Bradford, Baker and Union counties, has served as an inspiration for Starke Rotary to become involved, Smith said. Baxter (a member of the Rotary Club of Baker County) and his wife, Terry, have sponsored several scholarships over the years and attend their sponsored students' graduations when possible. Baxter is a member of Guatemala Literacy Project's advisory board and has made several trips to Guatemala to oversee the distribution of funds. If you'd like to learn more about the Guatemala Literacy Project, you may visit coeduc.org or guatemalaliteracy.org.

JROTC

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you can apply everything here to (other) classrooms. We learn study habits. We learn time management.

"Everything we learn here, we can apply to a certain area of our life."

Cadet Nathaniel Woodcock talked of how JROTC has impacted him, saying, "I've become more respectful. I've been able to be more socially active. I've had experiences in achieving goals."

Wright described JROTC as a family in which everyone is supporting each other. That's something she especially learned during competition on Raider teams. She admitted she wanted to quit, but Powell kept pushing her. She was told she could no longer say "can't," as in saying, "I can't do this."

"That's not in my vocabulary now," Wright said.

Being in JROTC has also helped Wright turn a childhood dream of wanting to be a photographer into reality. She's the program's public-affairs officer.

"I absolutely love taking pictures and capturing these wonderful moments with my fellow cadets," Wright said. "It's great."



Cadets Kevin Acree (left) and Kailyn Gaudette are pictured at the March 11 BHS pep rally. File photo by Cliff Smelley.



Cadet Nathaniel Woodcock (left) receives his gold-star pin from Maj. John Crews. The gold star represents BHS' designation as an Honor Unit With Distinction. Photo provided courtesy of BHS JROTC.

Support of JROTC

You can view some of Wright's photos and keep up with BHS JROTC activities and accomplishments via a public Facebook group: JROTC BHS

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Besides practicing, cadets have been participating in fundraisers. Crews said the program had \$1,200 in its account at the start of the school year, but the cost of participating in the National Championships is \$1,600. The

program has had to purchase new exhibition uniforms since the Army supplies the program with standard uniforms only.

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UCHS

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driving in a run. Williams and Hailey Rivera each had one RBI, with Rivera going 2 for 4.

Megan Sullivan earned the win, giving up two runs on two hits in 5.1 innings. She struck out five.

Union entered the game off a 4-1 road loss to fellow 1A team Fort White on April 1.

Fort White scored all of its runs in the third inning, taking advantage of three singles, a double and a walk.

The Tigers struggled against pitcher Kadence Compton, who gave up four hits and struck out 14. Compton also recorded 14 strikeouts in the Feb. 22 meeting between the teams, which Union won 2-1.

Union scored its run in the sixth. Williams walked and advanced on a Burke single and

a McKenzie Clemons sacrifice before scoring on a passed ball.

Lily Neal pitched three innings of scoreless relief, giving up one hit.

The Tigers played Dixie County this past Tuesday and will travel to play Trenton on Friday, April 8, at 7 p.m. Union then plays Hawthorne twice, traveling for a game on Monday April 11, at 6 p.m. and then hosting the Hornets on Wednesday, April 13, at 6:30 p.m.

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