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Fire destroys Raiford home, minor injuries

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Times Staff Writer

RAIFORD — Firefighters fought an afternoon fire in a doublewide mobile home located in South County Road 229 in Raiford May 8.

The home (a rental) appears to be a total loss, but residents Stephanie Dubai and her partner, Chris McDougald, escaped with minor injuries and smoke inhalation.

Thanks to two Union County deputies, the family pet was also saved, although he was trapped in the burning structure for a time.

Union County Sheriff's Office got the call and when deputies Staci Stock and Caleb Evans arrived at the scene, they found both residents outside the burning structure. The deputies were informed that the couple's pet, an English bulldog, was trapped inside the burning home in a training cage.

They immediately took action, arranging access to the interior through a window, with a pool ladder and some car rims assembled



Response to the fire was quick, but the home was a total loss.

to assist with the entry. The animal was saved.

Union County Emergency Medical Services arrived at the scene and cared for the residents. Fire units from Union, Bradford and Baker counties responded, as did Forestry.

The home was a rental and appears to be a total loss. Dubai

and McDougald are now homeless and have lost almost everything they own. The American Red Cross is assisting, and a GoFundMe page has been set up in their names by Dubai's mother.

Deputy Evans is likely to remember the fire for quite some time — it was his first day on the job for UCSO.



UCSO Deputy Caleb Evans with the dog that he and UCSO Deputy Staci Stock rescued from the burning double-wide.

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WORTH NOTING

Food distribution announced

A communitywide food distribution hosted by Feeding Northeast Florida and True Vine Ministry will take place Tuesday, May 16, at 9 a.m. at the Bradford County Fairgrounds in Starke.

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

Food distribution at True Vine

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

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

Mother's Day Tea at the library

Join Bradford County Public Library for light refreshments on Thursday, May 11, at a 4 p.m. afternoon tea. Attendees are welcome to dress up or come casual. Anyone is welcome to attend to help celebrate mothers everywhere. Hot and cold beverages will be available.

Reserve your seat(s) by calling the library at 904-368-3911 and ask for Kathy.

Conservation board to meet

The Bradford Soil and Water Conservation District will meet at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16, at the Bradford County Extension Office.

Mechanisms to implement a flood early warning system for Bradford County will be discussed. One option could be to have volunteers monitor water levels of Bradford streams at key locations.

These meetings are open to the public. Contact Paul Still at 904-368-0291 or email stillpe@aol.com for more information.

Woman arrested for road rage and child cruelty

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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STARKE — Police and deputies from Bradford and Alachua Counties arrested a 25-year-old Starke woman after she was accused of shooting a motorist near Waldo.

O'livia Williene Davis was arrested on Saturday, May 6 for three counts of attempted murder, five counts of child cruelty and one count of discharging a weapon from a vehicle.

According to an arrest report from the Alachua County Sheriff's Office, the defendant was driving a red Toyota Corolla northbound on U.S. 301 around 8:34 p.m. when she cut off a blue Jeep near Waldo.

The driver of the Jeep responded by flashing his lights at the Toyota.



Davis

Davis then moved between the inside and outside lanes before slowing down and pulling alongside the Jeep.

The driver of the Jeep told his two passengers he saw a gun in the Toyota. He was then shot in the leg. The victim was transported to UF Shands in Gainesville.

The passenger in the Toyota later told Alachua deputies that the Jeep occupants were throwing things at the Corolla.

She added that Davis instructed her to lean back in her seat before the defendant fired the 9mm toward the Jeep.

Alachua deputies alerted Bradford authorities that the Toyota was likely entering Bradford.

According to a Bradford Sheriff's arrest report, Starke Police officer James David Hall spotted the Toyota before it turned into the Holiday Inn Express.

Officers conducted a multi-agency, felony traffic stop and took Davis and another adult passenger into custody. Also in the Toyota were five children.

Deputies located a 9mm handgun and a spent shell casing.

The defendant told deputies she had a concealed weapons permit and used the gun for target practice. When asked about the shell casing, Davis said she collects spent shell casings from the gun range.

Deputies reported that all of the children in the Toyota were under the age of five.

Cuts proposed to police and fire, future deficits projected

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

STARKE — Not all city commissioners were on board with the direction of the budget presented by City Manager Drew Mullins on May 3.

Last month, Mullins proposed a budget that would reduce funding transferred from utilities to general government in order to build the city's enterprise and address infrastructural needs.

Mullins received their blessing, but reducing revenue to the general fund meant reducing expenses. The cuts were largely made to the budgets for the police and fire departments.

Commissioners Andy Redding and Shannon Smith voted against proceeding with a budget that cut spending for fire protection.

Mullins budget for 2024 would expend 80% of revenue on utilities and transportation, 15% on public safety and 5% for all other government services.

Mullins has planned for increases in insurance costs as well as a 5% pay raise for employees and 5% for performance and competitive pay increases bring the total general fund budget for 2024 to \$4.3 million.

In addition to \$3.8 million in taxes and other general fund revenue, a \$500,000 transfer is planned from the utility fund. This is less, however, than has been transferred in previous years.

The fire rescue budget made up \$1.59 million of the general fund expenses in 2023. Next year, Mullins is proposing \$1.04 million, although changes may result from union negotiations. The primary reduction is in staffing expenses, which have been cut from nearly \$1.36 million to \$827,000.

Mullins' reasoning is that the city has a mutual aid agreement with the county, which has a full-time fire rescue agency of its own, and Starke citizens are paying to fund both departments.

The proposed police budget for

2024 is \$1.75 million, down from \$2.2 million. According to Police Chief Jeff Johnson, after hearing the need for spending cuts during the prior budget workshop, he felt a responsibility to help reduce the transfer of revenue from utilities to general government. He removed more than \$484,000 from the police budget by cutting two positions and other cuts to operating expenses and outside services.

While these cuts seem to do a lot for next year, Mullins offered the commission another reality check by offering projections for the utilities fund for the next four years. Given the rising costs of operations will be outpacing revenue increases, less than \$13,000 will be available to transfer to the general fund in 2025, and after that there will be no money to transfer after that. The city's business will be losing money.

According to Mullins, in 2026 the utilities fund will be short more than \$400,000. The deficit will grow to more than \$843,000 in 2027.

That means the general fund will be operating at a deficit as well between \$1.6 million 2025 to \$1.84 million in 2027 without the proposed cuts to police and fire. With those cuts, the deficit is reduced — \$566,250 in 2025 to \$748,726 in 2027.

"It's a touch situation we're in. A very frank discussion needs to be had," Mullins said.

Commissioner Redding asked about how the cuts to the fire department would affect staffing. Mullins said he gave Fire Chief Gary Wise the number he has to work with, but what the outcome will be will depend on negotiations with the union.

"I guess my question is will we have a lesser level of service from what we've got now?" Redding asked.

"It will have to be a decrease in staffing through attrition," Mullins said.

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While the city works on infrastructure to prepare for growth, Redding asked what will happen when Starke, the hub of the county, sees a population

spurt and doesn't have a fire department with a significant funding source? The city might need multiple stations by that time, he said.

As for the police department, Commissioner Smith said he would like Sheriff Gordon Smith to come to a commission meeting

with a presentation on merging the law enforcement agencies. (See related story.)

Otherwise, commissioners commended the work of the city manager, Clerk Jimmy Crosby and finance staff.

Mayor Scott Roberts said the budget cuts requested, they are

making up for the past.

"I wish we didn't have to cut, trust me. I guarantee you there are four other people who don't want to have to look at this either," he said. "The bottom line is where the city manager came from; we don't have the money."

Just as the commission now is making decisions based on the past, a future commission can make adjustments based on the decisions made now, Roberts said. The decisions need to be made with fiscal responsibility in mind. That doesn't mean that commissioners aren't also thinking about the personnel affected, he said.

"I can tell you that it does affect the personnel, but we're also responsible for doing our due diligence for the city the best we can, and we're not all going to agree."

Juneteenth Pageant announced

The Juneteenth Committee and Shirley Ann Brown Livingstone Scholarship Foundation are hosting the inaugural Juneteenth Pageant for young ladies, ages 15-18 years old.

The event will be held on June 17, from 5-8 p.m. This is a formal affair. The social hour will be from 5-6 p.m. and the pageant will begin promptly at 6 p.m.

All are invited to attend this community event for the cost of admission.

Juneteenth is a federal holiday to commemorate the emancipation of enslaved people in the U.S.

For more information about this event, please visit Eventbrite and search for the First Annual Miss Juneteenth Pageant 2023.

You will find the application for potential candidates, deadlines, information on admission and fees, donation options and more.

This event is sponsored by the Shirley Ann Brown Livingstone Foundation.

If you have questions after visiting the site, please reach out to event coordinator, Valara Petteway at 912-612-3942.

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The Bradford County School District and Cade Museum for Creativity and Invention are excited to offer two STEAM Summer Camps in Bradford County. This free, confidence-boosting STEAM Camp allows BCSD rising third- through fifth-grade students to build creative inventions and lasting friendships.

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Consolidation may be up for a vote

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

STARKE — Consolidation of police and fire services with Bradford County was discussed during the Starke City Commission's May 2 meeting.

Responding to proposed cuts to police and fire rescue, Commissioner Shannon Smith asked for the board request a presentation from Sheriff Gordon Smith on a possible law enforcement merger.

"I think that is a long-term solution that we should explore," he said, acknowledging it is a tough decision.

If they look at police, then the commission will look at fire rescue consolidation as well, according to Mayor Scott Roberts.

"As far as asking the sheriff to come down — to get the elephant out of the room, consolidation — we can go that route, but then we're going to look at all the services if we're going to start talking about consolidation," Roberts said.

Because the police chief is an elected position, and a vote of the people is required to change the city charter, Roberts will place consideration of a charter

referendum on the agenda for the city's May 16 meeting.

"We can get somebody down here, but ultimately it's in our charter we have a police chief," he said.

The charter places the appointment of a police force and funding that department in the hands of the commission, however.

Consolidation is something that needs to be considered prior to the next police chief election in 2025, according to the mayor, to leave time for a transition if consolidation moves forward.

Commissioner Janice Mortimer agreed consolidation needs to be discussed across the board, so it is not a one-sided issue.

"We're at a very critical point in the city with our financing, and with our moving forward, and we are making tremendous strides towards the future in improving our city for everyone. But we are responsible to the people that elected all of us collectively to make the hard decisions," she said.

"Let's lay everything on the table, and let's make those decisions once the citizens tell us by their vote on a referendum as

to what direction they want us go to go in," Mortimer said.

Commissioner Danny Nugent felt citizens had already expressed opposition to law enforcement consolidation, and he continued his opposition as well. (A 2017 charter referendum to remove the clerk as an elected position did not address the police chief. It failed by just six votes with just 16% of voters casting a ballot.)

Nugent said he knows the city is dealing with money issues, but there is no reason to jump the gun and give up its assets.

Commissioner Andy Redding, who joined Commissioner Smith in voting against proceeding with the city manager's budget as proposed (see related story), said the budget is giving up assets if the allocation for fire rescue results in two-person shifts instead of four.

Nugent saw that as streamlining and being more efficient. When you're more efficient, you can do more with less, he said.

While he supported law enforcement consolidation, Smith disagreed when it came to cutting fire rescue funding, saying they would be setting the department back by decades.



Retiring after 23 years

Bradford Solid Waste Supervisor Bennie Jackson and Public Works Director Jason Dodds recognized Brenda Trent, who is retiring after more than 23 years on the job. Jackson told county commissioners last week that Trent works at the State Road 100 solid waste collection site during the week with virtually no assistance. This location near Keystone Heights is one of the county's busiest collection centers. "The citizens that live in that area have always told me that Brenda is one of the hardest working women they know," he said. Jackson said Trent has worked for the county almost as long as he has, and it has been a privilege working with her and hearing her many stories. "Once you get to know Brenda, she's a lifelong friend," he said, adding that he county is going to miss her as an employee, but her retirement is well deserved.

Roberts said the discussion of the charter referendum would take place at the next meeting.

Placing a referendum on the ballot requires an ordinance passed by at least three

commissioners.

Questions about best use of inmate housing funds during workshop

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

STARKE — Who should be spending out-of-county inmate housing revenue and for what purpose was confronted during a county commission budget workshop with Sheriff Gordon Smith last week.

In 2009, Smith came to an agreement with the commission over the use of revenue generated by housing inmates for the U.S. Marshals and other out-of-county inmates. The revenue would be set aside in a special fund, and Smith would use the funds collected to accomplish repairs and modernization in the jail and safety complex, including communications, as well as catastrophic inmate health care expenses.

Spending requests from the fund were approved by the county commission, and unspent funds remained in the set aside account where they continued to accumulate.

In 2017, Smith returned to the commission seeking to retain half of the housing revenue for discretionary spending. The primary intended use of the revenue was always for law enforcement. Smith claims these funds have kept him from seeking budget increases from the commission.

Accounting for these funds and the lack of timeliness for budget amendments reflecting new revenue and expenditures meant auditors were making significant end-of-year adjustments and noting this in the sheriff's audit. This is further complicated by the fact that payment from the U.S. Marshals is delayed around two months, so some revenue is received after the end of the fiscal year.

At one point, a former commissioner suggested that the sheriff keep all the revenue since his office is earning it, but Smith cannot retain any of the fees he keeps and must turn any unspent revenue over to the commission.

Smith said the goal was to save, not spend it all each year.

The auditor suggested greater coordination with the clerk's office, and following completion of the 2021 audit, Smith suggested estimating the amount of revenue that will be earned and spent when building his budget to avoid the need for excessive budget amendments. Any unspent revenue would still be turned over to the commission at the end of the year.

Auditors have also noted the spending of fund balances by the county commission to balance the budget and pay for the rising cost of public services. While considering new revenue sources, the commission has also tapped the jail set aside revenue to pay for things like equipment for public works and employee pay raises.

Commission Chair Diane Andrews has questioned why the county has spent from its reserves while the housing revenue sits in a fund and isn't used to balance the budget.

During the budget workshop, she wanted to the 2009 agreement that is no longer being followed, discuss it and make needed changes.

There were apparently bad feelings related to an email from Andrews to the county manager that stated jail personnel were already being paid to house inmates and she didn't understand why the commission had to lose half of the proceeds. She went on to question whether there was documentation that a prior board agreed to allow

the sheriff to retain 50% of the inmate housing revenue.

Smith pointed out that corrections staff are among the lowest paid public safety employees in the county, and if there is conflict over his budget with the commission, that is something he can appeal.

"We do have to fight to make sure they have what they need to keep our community safe," Smith said. He continued to advocate for saving the revenue if it didn't need to be spent if enough was being spent to keep the community safe.

Andrews said it can be called a jail set aside fund, but it is the county's money, and when money is spent from there for whatever purpose, it results in a budget increase — including for the sheriff's use of those funds. Failing to show that was noted by the auditors.

She also said her words were not meant to offend any employee, and she apologized. But she said the sheriff had pointed out it was up to the commission to find the money and balance its budget. That's what she is trying to do.

Smith said he hasn't objected to the commission using funds as necessary if some money was being saved. Just as he rejected the idea of turning over all the proceeds to his office, he didn't want to see them absorbed into the county's budget.

He also has goals of his own. Corrections employees are worth as much as deputies, Smith said, and they should be receiving equal pay. He wants to

continue being able to use the funds he needs and turn the rest over to the commission.

Otherwise, he said, the county can keep all the revenue and raise his budget to what it should have been for years.

Andrews said the commission has always worked with him and his employees to provide what was needed.

"I don't want these people to think that what we're saying is we're going to take all that money and we're not going to give you nothing. Nothing could be further from the truth," she said.

Despite misconceptions and implications, Andrews said, the commission is simply talking

about the facts. The county may have been in a better financial position when the original agreement was made, but today, it's hard to talk about taking millions of dollars out of reserve funding to balance the budget when the housing revenue is there.

There was also talk of placing the money that has been saved in interest bearing accounts.

Commissioner Chris Dougherty said he is fine with things as they have been, with both the sheriff and the board using the funds as needed, but also with foresight that money will eventually be needed for further maintenance and upkeep at the jail.

"At the end of the day, like sheriff said, if we don't continue to house the inmates, at some point it's not going to be there, and then we'll be looking for another revenue stream like we're currently doing now just to be able to provide the services to the citizens of Bradford County," he said, adding if they look for other sources of revenue, they wouldn't have to touch the set aside funds at all.

There was further talk of how the funds should be accounted for to comply with the auditor's recommendations. Clerk Denny Thompson said he would reach out to the county's new accounting firm, James Moore, for a recommendation.

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Lake Region

Sheriff: Biggest complaint is traffic

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Telegraph Staff Writer

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — Sheriff Michelle Cook said traffic tie-ups and reckless driving generate the largest number of complaints to her agency.

Cook made the comments during a Sheriff's Net town hall meeting on April 27 at St. William Catholic Church in Keystone Heights.

"Right now, the biggest complaint that we get every year, every day is traffic," she said. "Traffic is our biggest complaint."

Cook added that the fact that traffic leads the number of complaints is a sign that her jurisdiction is safe, particularly when compared to the county's northern neighbor.

"I'll take that all day long because you go to the north, I'm thinking their biggest complaint's not traffic; it's people dying," she said.

Cook said her deputies made 30,000 traffic stops last year and issued 24,000 citations.

"We are committed to staying on top of the traffic," she said. "We are committed to making sure people are driving like they're supposed to."

The sheriff added that many of the citations deputies issue are warnings.

"I do allow deputies on the street to have the discretion of whether or not they give a paid citation or a warning," she said. "They're there; they know the infraction; they know the attitude of the driver."

Cook said 32 people died on Clay County roads last year, and her agency made 227 DUI arrests.

Training

The sheriff also highlighted the amount of training her officers receive. She said the average Clay County deputy has five years of experience and has received 3,200 hours of training.

Cook said the amount of

training her force undergoes is reflected in the low percentage of arrests in which force was used.

She said that of the 4,192 arrests, her deputies made last year, only 65 involved officers using force.

"That is an indicator of a well-disciplined, well-trained and professional organization," Cook said. "Our deputies put a lot of people in jail, and very few times do we have to put our hands on them."

Cook credited the sheriff's office patrol leadership for its professional performance, including Director of Patrol and Community Affairs David Barnes, Chief of Patrol Baylor Alexander and Jeremy Clark, assistant chief of patrol south.

Priorities for 2023: relationships

Cook then talked about her agency's priorities for this year, in which relationships top the list.

"That's why we're here tonight," she told the Keystone Heights crowd. "We know that you cannot build relationships in crisis," she said. Relationships are like a marriage. There are good days, and there are better days, but at the end of the day, you all have to know that you can pick up the phone and call us."

Cook added that quality relationships build trust and that trust helps her agency fight misinformation.

"I know people put stuff on Facebook that's not real," she said. "If those things were really happening, you'd see me doing Facebook Live going: 'It's horrible, it's terrible.'"

"So, I would just be mindful of what you hear: rumors and stuff," she added, "and if you have a question, call us. We'll answer them. We have no problem answering."

Growth

Cook said her agency's second priority is responding to the

county's growth.

"We can't be everywhere, all the time," she said of her personnel.

The sheriff also said that while Clay is the 25th largest county in the state, the county ranks 65th out of 67 counties in public safety funding.

She added that the county's fiscally conservative population and policies put a premium on efficiency.

Cook said her agency is using technology to fill the gap of Clay's growing population that is outpacing the number of deputies she is adding to the force. She added that the agency can add private security cameras to its own camera network.

"If you have a camera at your business or at a church," she said, "we can tie (our system) into your camera, and through the cameras, we can provide an additional layer of security to your establishment."

The sheriff said another way her office increases efficiency is through the nimble allocation of resources.

"And so, if Assistant Chief Clark or Chief Alexander or Director Barnes see something happening in the community, they don't have to come ask me if they can move resources around," she said. "They know that they can move resources around, and in our world, things happen very quickly. Part of managing and being effective in a growing community is allowing the leadership team to manage their teams and be flexible and responsive to the needs of the community."

Crime

Cook said the agency's third priority for 2023 is crime, which she acknowledged is the office's core mission.

"Crime is why law enforcement exists," she said. "The number one responsibility and duty of any government is to keep the community safe, and we take that job very seriously."

Cook said that Clay County is a low-crime community.

"Our (crime) numbers are very low; our raw numbers are very low," she said. "If you hear people say: 'Well, this went up 50%,' it probably went from four to six."

Cook cautioned that although crime rates decreased in 2021 and 2022, she does not expect that trend to continue.

"The challenge we have right now is our community is growing very fast, and I think we have probably plateaued out," she said.

The sheriff added that property crime is the major area that is plateauing out.



McRae Elementary's "The Nerds Return" team of Linnie Kubisiak, Emma Bauer, Jaylynn Gayle, Kendall Cambron, Paisyn Finch and Scarlet Fernandez won the regional Sunshine State Battle of the Books competition at McRae Elementary. Photo: McRae Elementary School.

McRae students win Battle of the Books

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Telegraph Staff Writer

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — McRae Elementary's team: "The Nerds Return," won the Sunshine State Battle of the Books regional competition held at McRae Elementary on Tuesday, March 29.

The team of Linnie Kubisiak, Emma Bauer, Jaylynn Gayle, Kendall Cambron, Paisyn Finch and Scarlet Fernandez took first place in the four-school competition, which also included students from Thunderbolt Elementary, Patterson Elementary and Keystone Heights Elementary. Students from Keystone Heights Elementary placed second in the quiz show-like competition, in which students were asked questions about the content of 15 books selected by state education officials.

Broadband phase nears completion

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Telegraph Staff Writer

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — Clay County Commissioner Betsy Condon said Phase 1 of the county's broadband expansion project is complete in Clay Hill and nearly finished in the Keystone Heights area.

She added that the county and Xfinity held an internet community sign-up event on Saturday, May 6, inside the Clay Hill Elementary School cafeteria.

Condon said she anticipates a similar event in the Lake Region soon.

"This project is more than just the internet—it touches education, careers, entertainment, and resources," Condon said. "Our goal is to eliminate the digital divide across Clay County, so our residents won't have to be burdened with the worry of not being able to connect for online education, work, or family entertainment."

The county said that during the sign-up events, residents will learn what Xfinity internet services are available to them and if they qualify for the Affordable Connectivity Program, a federal program that provides low-income households a credit of up to \$30 a month toward their



Phase 1 of the county's broadband project in the Lake Region included the area north and east of County Road 214, south of White Sands Road, and west of Appomattox Avenue and Casa Grande Boulevard.

internet or mobile services. The commissioner added that the county and Comcast have already applied for Phase 2 funding from the state Department of Economic Opportunity. Comcast expects to have those grants in place and have permits and construction projects approved before the end of the year.

"Phase 2 includes more of Clay Hill and Middleburg," Condon said, "as well as McCrae going further out County Road 214 into County Road 315."

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Donation, security to restore and protect Hampton park

BY CAROL MOSLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

HAMPTON — Hampton's portion of the Palatka-to-Lake Butler State Trail is moving along, but damage to Bobby Shepherd Park has become an issue demanding attention. The bleachers, which were in bad shape, were recently run over by a truck and totally destroyed.

City Administrator/Clerk, Mary Lou Hildreth, put a call in to local business, Dar Pro Solutions, seeking a contribution to help with the replacement costs. Cameron Hicks, Environmental Health and Safety coordinator, made the announcement at the April 25 city council meeting.

Dar Pro will purchase, assemble and deliver new sturdier bleachers. The city will contract with ADT Security for installation of cameras and monitoring in hopes of deterring future destruction.

Deterrence was also a key part of the discussion regarding policing services. Hampton currently pays \$1,500 per month to the county since the city has no police force of its own. Mayor Dale Wiseman says it is important that vehicles patrol the area and not just focus on sitting stationary with radar guns to catch speeders.

He also said it makes a difference when an officer "knows the people" as a member of the community. There are not currently any specific officers assigned to Hampton, so it can be a different officer at any given shift.

The council asked that Hildreth discuss the situation with Sheriff Gordon Smith to see what options there might be for resolving these concerns.

Other business

The council also authorized Hildreth to continue ongoing negotiations on grants pending and other community projects in the works. She is currently negotiating options for property suitable for placement of a new city well and is in the process of obtaining grants for internet



Cameron Hicks, Environmental Health & Safety coordinator for Dar Pro Solutions, shakes hands with Hampton Mayor Dale Wiseman.

services and park projects, among others.

The playground mulch, which needs replacing, must be a certain thickness and made of expensive approved material. A recent estimate was around \$4,500, so obtaining the grant funding for it is important. A private company's quote for sign replacements seemed high, so Hildreth is in dialogue with the county, whose quote for materials was lower but does not include a price for labor.

Hampton is moving forward with the contract for the Funtastic Fire Brigade to take over the old fire station. And, the contract for legal services was renewed for another year with attorney William Sexton at a base rate of \$750 per month and \$250 per hour for any litigation services that might be required.

Playground, roads, tech on Brooker agenda

BY CAROL MOSLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

BROOKER — As Brooker Town Council members arrived for the April 11 meeting, Clerk Suzanne McCree set up the connection to the new "virtual meeting" equipment.

The new connection will allow attorney John Maines, and others, to attend remotely. The equipment was purchased with federal ARPA funds for \$6,400. Launch of the new

website rounded out the tech improvements for the month.

Other ARPA funds purchased a new see-saw and merry-go-round, both now in place in the expanded playground. Bradford County Road Department provided fill dirt and labor, which was greatly appreciated by the council and "eagle-eye" Bookkeeper Charlene Thomas. It was voted to approve spending \$1,000 for tree removal that is at risk of damaging the new playground fence.

Approximately \$44,000 remains of ARPA funds. The council voted to set aside \$10,000 for emergency expenses before the fund is depleted.

Lawtey council faces ditch, hydrant, vehicle questions

BY MELISSA PYLE
Telegraph Staff Writer

LAWTEY — It's that time of year when many households are working on home cleaning and repair projects. The city of Lawtey is facing similar issues. The city held its monthly meeting on May 1 where several items were discussed and approved for repair and replacement.

When questions were open to the public, John Mercier asked about the grant money for ditch repair. City Clerk Lisa Harley said that they are incomplete due to questions about environmental review. Mercier complained that

this process has been going on for three years.

Another citizen, Sheri Wilson questioned the fire hydrant that needs repairing on Carter Road. Councilwoman Virginia Warner said they are working to find a contractor to tell them if it needs a riser or if it needs replacement. Harley interjected and said they have found someone, but the fire hydrants must be dug up to make sure there is a shutoff valve, and the contractor can't give a price unless he knows there's a shutoff valve.

Wilson replied by asking if the hydrant problem was by one of the councilmembers homes, would they have it fixed already? She also asked if there is enough water to put out fire if the hydrant is not working properly? Harley deferred the question to the fire department, who stated that the tanker trucks would have sufficient water available. The hydrants continued to come up as a main concern for the citizens throughout the meeting. There is a need for nine to be inspected and possibly repaired.

Another citizen thanked the police chief for addressing a prior issue about stray dogs in the area.

Vyunda Strong addressed the council about a SUV police vehicle that has not been seen. Chief Jerry Feltner said, "It's being fixed." Strong said she is "asking a question about a city property" and the citizens deserve an answer. She pushed the issue and the response from Mayor Jimmie Scott and Chief Feltner was that it is in the shop, but the SUV has reportedly been in the shop, awaiting diagnosis for at least three months. Strong said she wants to get a different answer when she asks about it again next month.

The meeting proceeded and items about repairs and replacing mowers, trailers, carpet and air conditioning were presented and approved by the council.

Scott discussed the monthly financials and then asked if Harley could present the cost for city hall carpet and AC repairs. These repairs are made possible by ARPA funds. The cost to repair the old flooring is \$11,509. That covers the entire city hall. To replace the two existing AC units, it will cost \$11,300. Council approved both items.

Councilwoman Amy Blom presented the information about the maintenance worker

job description and handbook. The city is still searching for a maintenance worker. The job is posted and the final day to submit applications is May 12. Blom stated that they have received applications and will be setting up interviews after the deadline to apply passes.

Blom presented quotes for mowers, a trailer and a backhoe ditch bucket. The council approved the purchase of the mowers at a cost of \$21,341. The council approved the purchase.

A member of the public asked if the old mowers will be scrapped or auctioned off. Scott said they typically put them up for bid. The purchase of the trailers was also presented and approved at a cost of \$4,007. A backhoe bucket needed for digging ditches was also presented and approved at a cost of \$1,542.

Warner presented bills for two water leak repairs that were \$865 and \$900. The council approved these repair costs. The DOC wastewater agreement amendment number four and resolution were presented and approved.

The fire department will also be receiving new flooring by use of available ARPA funds. The flooring will cost was presented and approved for \$14,497.

Councilwoman Debra Norman presented the events and needs of the Recreation Department. Norman stated that they have four board members and she wanted to nominate a fifth member. A citizen asked about the process to become a board member of the recreation department because there are seven seats and only four members. Norman said she would like to make it a five-member board and the council stated the bylaws will need to be changed to have the number of board members adjusted to five.

Several community events are being planned. One such event will be an outdoor movie night. The next recreation department meeting is scheduled for June 12. The recreation department will also be receiving new AC units. Norman stated that the current units are old and to rent the rec center the AC will need to be in working order. The cost of \$10,363 was submitted and approved. Norman stressed that she appreciates the volunteers as much as the board members.

The meeting was ending when the pastor of Macedonia Freewill Baptist Church, who was also accompanied by members of the

church, addressed the council about their request for ARPA funds. They had been told at the last meeting that the council would discuss and return to the May meeting with an answer to their request for funds to repair the church's leaking roof. The council stated that they don't know if they will have any available ARPA funds available for public requests after the repairs to major city projects were finished.

The council stated that they had not sent a public notice to everyone in the city that ARPA funds would be available. This would have to be discussed again and presented. When the council was asked if this ARPA money was already public information, the pastor of Macedonia Freewill Baptist interjected and stated that they have been aware of the possibility of funds for public use because they attend all council meetings.

The members of the church wanted a direct answer at the May meeting. The pastor was frustrated with the lack of a clear answer to her prior request. Mayor Scott said they will work on their budget and plan to have an answer in the next thirty days.

The funds were received by the city in August of 2022. City Clerk Harley said Lawtey did not put funds aside for citizens to receive money. Scott stated that if any funds are available, they can set up guidelines to determine if that will be possible to offer them to private citizens. Harley said that there are still several major repairs needed within the city of Lawtey, including a hole in the bridge that will be a very expensive.

Warner also said they are awaiting several contractors to give them bids, but getting contractors to come out has been challenging.

Let's Talk About It

Come join the Let's Talk About It Club every third Thursday of each month at 11 a.m. at Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church, 2496 Lake St. in Lawtey. Mark your calendar for the next gathering on May 18. Everyone is invited.

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School Board recognizes employees

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Times Staff Writer

LAKE BUTLER — The Union County School Board met May 8 to handle a number of routine items and to honor a number of long-time district employees for their years of service.

The board makes it a regular practice to acknowledge the time and effort its employees have provided to the school system. Many of the employees have spent their entire careers working for the district and the board.

First honored were those retiring at the end of this school year. Each was given an engraved clock to commemorate their service. First called was Margie Coburn, who has taught in the district for 32 years. Next was John Dawson, who has worked 17 years in the transportation department. Pam Pittman was honored for her 14 years of service and Lisa Cunningham was then recognized for her 31 years with the district.

Three groups were presented with plaques commemorating their years of service. These are district employees who are continuing their employment. Five were recognized for having logged 20 years of service to the district. They were Kelly Andrews, Kelly Dorsey, Melda



Superintendent Ripplinger with two of the four employees who were recognized for serving the school district for 30 years. Pictured are: Chrystal Woodall and Kelly Dukes. Not pictured: Sheri Fortune and Missy Lynch.

Howell, Kelly Neal and Lynn Trowell.

Employees with 25 years of service were Rita Baker (not present at the meeting), Margaret Clyatt (not present), Kyler Cohen, Pat Cunningham, Pam Higgenbotham, Tana Lawson, Mary Anne O'Steen (not present) and Christie Whitehead.

Four were honored for 30 years of service. These were Kelly Dukes, Sheri Fortune

(not present), Missy Lynch (not present) and Chrystal Woodall.

Superintendent Mike Ripplinger presented the recognitions and spoke about each recipient as they came to shake his hand. Board members commented on their experiences with the honorees as well. Family members in the audience showed their pride in their applause as each honoree shook Ripplinger's hand and received their award.



Mike Ripplinger with staff retiring at the end of the school year. (r-l) John Dawson (17 years), Pam Pittman (14 years), Lisa Cunningham (31 years) and Margie Coburn (32 years).



Mr. Ripplinger with five of the eight employees recognized for serving the district for 25 years. (l-r) Christie Whitehead, Tana Lawson, Kyler Cohen, Pam Higgenbotham and Pat Cunningham. Not pictured: Rita Baker, Margaret Clyatt and Mary Ann O'Steen.



Superintendent Mike Ripplinger with district employees who have served for 20 years.



The UCHS FFA Ag Issues Team when they spoke to the Union County Board of Commissioners last month (April). Pictured are: Tanner Connell, Jordan Hendricks, Rylie Parrish and Cailynn Boggs.

FFA Team educating about Farm Bill

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Times Staff Writer

LAKE BUTLER — The Union County High School FFA Ag Issues Team has been making the rounds, giving informative presentations about the new 2023 Farm Bill at several public

meetings.

They have made their presentation at the meetings of both the Board of County Commissioners and the Lake Butler City Commission, as well as the Union County School Board.

The team of four must do five presentations of their program locally, as well as perform it in competition. The students worked together to design the program and each gives a portion of the talk.

According to the information given in the presentation, the previous 2018 Farm Bill did not address current agriculture issues and does not adapt to change. The same is feared for the 2023 bill, which is still being drafted and is not expected to be finished and become law until September of this year.

Members of the UCHS FFA Ag Issues Team are Cailynn Boggs, Tanner Connell, Jordan Hendricks and Rylie Parrish.

Union County 4-H plans camps to keep youngsters busy this summer

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Times Staff Writer

Meagan Daniel, Union County 4-H extension agent, has been wearing her thinking cap this past winter and has devised a number of summer day camps that promise to be both fun and educational for all in attendance. Just announced a few weeks ago, the camps are already filling up and, by press time, some may already be at capacity.

The June camps offer seven different themes and experiences to broaden the horizons of the young ones participating.

On June 6, the camp focus will be "Bring on the Butterflies," for ages 5 and up. Attendees will learn about the life cycle of these interesting insects then travel to Gainesville to the Florida Museum of Natural History's Butterfly Rainforest for a visit and to see the great diversity in the butterflies of the world. The fee for this camp is \$20.

In the Focusing on Photography Day Camp, on June 7, participants will learn basic camera skills then travel around the county to several locations to practice these skills. Ages for the camp are 8 and up and the camp is free, funded by part of a Round-Up grant from Clay Electric.

On June 13 the topic will be All About Animals and will feature special guests, including animal handlers from the Santa Fe Zoo to teach about a variety of animals. Ages are 5 and up and

the fee for the camp is \$20.

June 14 is the date for the All About Agriculture Camp, for ages 8 and up, in which the participants will visit Union County farms to learn and understand local agriculture. Items collected at the farms will be used for various creative projects. The fee is \$20.

Creative Clovers will be the offering for June 20, with the day focused on arts and crafts. There will be a guided painting and small craft projects. This camp is for ages 5 and up, with a \$20 fee.

Camp attendees will learn about American and Union County History and then will create a historic display using local artifacts. This camp is for ages 11 and up and is a free camp.

June offerings will conclude with a three-day event, the Entrepreneurship/Shark Tank Camp. Beginning on June 27, and running through June 29, day one will have participants exploring entrepreneur activities — making soaps, jams, T-shirts and other items. Day 2 will be comprised of visits to several local businesses, with the third and final day letting the youngsters create a business plan and presenting in "Shark Tank" style. This camp is for ages 11 and up and the fee is \$50.

Five camps will be held in July, beginning with the Basics of Baking Camp on July 11. Youngsters will learn cake and cookie baking skills and will decorate their own goodies to take home with them. This camp

is designed for ages 5 and up with a \$20 fee.

The cooking will continue July 12 with Camp Chopped, where attendees will learn about food safety, then be divided into teams to create a dish working from a set recipe using cooking utensils and equipment. This camp is for ages 8 and up, with a fee of \$20.

July 18-19 will be the days for the Ready for Robotics Camp where participants will learn teamwork, problem solving, critical thinking and engineering and design skills. This camp is for ages 8 and up, with a fee of \$40.

July 25 will feature the Splash Bash Camp, where participants will engage in water related STEM activities. There will be some time for more fun at the end of the day on a water slide. This camp is for ages 5 and up with a fee of \$20.

The July Day Camps will conclude on July 26 with a Paddle the River Camp. Youngsters will get a chance to explore the state's natural resources as they paddle on the Santa Fe River. This camp is for ages 11 and up, with a fee of \$20.

Daniel is committed to helping young people learn while having fun doing it, and the proposed slate of summer activities seem designed to do just that. Camps are filling up quickly, so interested parents should call the Union County IFAS Extension Office as soon as possible at 386-496-4241 to get them signed up.

May sobriety checkpoints announced

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

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RESOLUTION 2023 - 07

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING, REVISING, AND REPLACING IN ITS ENTIRETY THE COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 1(e); PROVIDING REVISED COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS BASED ON THE 2020 CENSUS DATA; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF THE REVISED DISTRICTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 124.02(1), FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR FILING OF COPIES AND FURNISHING OF MINUTES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Article VIII, Section 1, Paragraph (e) of the Florida Constitution requires the Board of County Commissioners to divide the County into districts of contiguous territory as nearly equal in population as practicable following each decennial census; and,

WHEREAS, on January 23, 2023, March 13, 2023, March 27, 2023 and April 10, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners conducted joint workshops with the Bradford County School District, which allowed for public comment and considered alternative redistricting proposals including the recommendation attached hereto as Exhibit A which delineates five (5) commissioner districts and the legal descriptions for each district; and,

WHEREAS, on May 18, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners conducted a public hearing and considered the redistricting proposals including the recommendation attached hereto as Exhibit A which delineates five (5) commissioner districts and the legal descriptions for each district; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioner of Bradford County, Florida finds as a matter of fact that the following described districts with their boundaries as set forth herein meet the requirements of law.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida that there is altered and created in Bradford County, Florida five (5) County Commissioner Districts, with the legal descriptions and boundaries of said districts being as follows:

DISTRICT 1: County Commission and School Board District 1 in Bradford County, Florida being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the intersection of the centerline of NE County Road 125 with the Easterly boundary of Bradford County for the Point of Beginning and run Southerly, along said Easterly boundary, to an intersection with the Northerly boundary of Section 24, Township 6 South, Range 22 East; thence Westerly, along said Northerly boundary and along the Northerly boundaries of Sections 22 and 23, of said Township 6 South, Range 22 East to an intersection with the Northeast Corner of the City Limits of the City of Starke; thence Southerly, along said Easterly boundary, to an intersection with the centerline of State Road 16 (East Brownlee St.); thence Westerly along said centerline to an intersection with the centerline of Old Lawtey Road; thence South, along said centerline to an intersection with the centerline of Thomas Street; thence Westerly, along said centerline to an intersection with the centerline of St. Clair Street; thence Northerly, along said centerline, to an intersection with said State Road 16 (East Brownlee St.) thence Northwesterly, along said centerline, to an intersection with the centerline of West Weldon Street (County Road 229); thence Westerly, along said centerline, to an intersection with the centerline of State Road 223 (the Starke Bypass); thence Southerly, along said centerline, to an intersection with the Northerly boundary of Section 30, Township 6 South, Range 22 East; thence Easterly along said Northerly boundary of Section 29, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, to an intersection with the Westerly boundary of the City Limits of the City of Starke at the Northwest corner of Parcel #03996-0-00000; thence Southerly, Easterly and Southerly along said Westerly boundary of the City Limits of Starke, to the Southwest corner of parcel #04071-0-00000; thence South to the Northwest corner of parcel #04072-0-00100 on said Westerly City Limits line; thence Southerly along said city limits line to an intersection with the centerline of SW County Road 100A (Edwards Road); thence Easterly along said centerline, to an intersection with the centerline of State Road 200 (U.S. 301 and Temple Avenue); thence Northerly along said centerline to an intersection with the Northerly boundary of Section 33, Township 6 South, Range 22 East; thence Easterly along said Northerly boundary to an intersection with the centerline of State Road 100 (S. Water Street); thence Southerly along said centerline, to an intersection with the centerline of SE 144th Street; thence Westerly, along said centerline, to an intersection with the centerline of the CSX Transportation Railroad; thence Southerly, along said centerline, to an intersection with the Northerly boundary of Section 5, Township 7 South, Range 22 East; thence Westerly, along said Northerly boundary, to the Northeast corner of parcel #04691-0-00100; thence Southerly, along the Easterly boundary thereof, to the Southeast corner thereof; thence Westerly, along the Southerly boundary thereof, to an intersection with the centerline of SE 44th Avenue; thence Southerly along said centerline to an intersection with a Westerly prolongation of the Southerly boundary of parcel #04691-0-00401; thence Westerly, along said prolongation and along the Southerly boundary thereof, and along the Southerly boundaries of parcels #04701-0-00200, #04701-0-00000, #04701-0-00102, and #04701-0-00100 to the Southwest corner of said parcel #04701-0-00100; thence Northerly, along the Westerly boundary of said parcel #04701-0-00100, to an intersection with said Northerly boundary of Section 5, Township 7 South, Range 22 East; thence Westerly, along said Northerly boundary and along the Northerly boundary of Section 6, Township 7 South, Range 22 East, to an intersection with the centerline of said State Road 223; thence Northerly, along said centerline, to an intersection with the centerline of State Road 100 West (Madison Street); thence Northwesterly, along said centerline, to an intersection with the Easterly boundary of Section 24, Township 6 South, Range 21 East; thence Northerly along said Easterly boundary to the Southeast corner of the NE1/4 of said Section 24; thence Westerly, along the Southerly boundary of said NE1/4, to the Southwest corner of the E1/2 of said NE1/4; thence Northerly, along the Westerly boundary of said E1/2 to the Southeast corner of the NW1/4 of said NE1/4; thence Westerly, along the Southerly boundary of said NW1/4 of NE1/4 to the Southwest corner thereof; thence Northerly along the Westerly boundary thereof, to the Northwest corner thereof; thence Northerly along the Westerly boundary of the SE1/4 of Section 13, Township 6 South, Range 21 East, to the Northwest corner of said SE1/4 of Section 13; thence Easterly, along the Northerly boundary thereof, to the Southwest corner of parcel #00709-0-01200; thence Northerly, along the Westerly boundary thereof, to the Southwest corner of parcel #00709-0-00700; thence Northerly along the Westerly boundary thereof, and along a Northerly prolongation of said Westerly boundary, to an intersection with the centerline of NW 180th Street; thence Easterly, along said centerline, to an intersection with the centerline of NW County Road 229 (Weldon Street); thence Northerly, along said centerline to an intersection with the Westerly boundary of Section 18, Township 6 South, Range 22 East; thence Northerly, along said Westerly boundary, to the Northwest corner thereof; thence Easterly, along the Northerly boundary thereof, to the Northeast corner of the NW1/4 of NE1/4 of said Section 18; thence Southerly, along the Westerly boundary thereof, to the Southeast corner thereof; thence Easterly, along the Southerly boundary of the NE1/4 of NE1/4 of said Section 18 to an intersection with the Westerly Boundary of Connerly Estates as recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 37 of the public records of said County; thence Southerly, along said Westerly boundary to the Southwest corner of said Connerly Estates; thence Easterly, along the Southerly boundary thereof, to the Southeast corner of the NW1/4 of NW1/4 of said Section 17 (also the SE corner of Lot 33 of said Connerly Estates) thence Southerly along the Easterly boundary of the SW1/4 of NW1/4 of said Section 17 to an intersection with the centerline of NW 177th Street; thence Easterly, along said centerline, to an intersection with the centerline of State Road 16; thence Southerly along said centerline, to an intersection with the Northerly boundary of the City Limits of the City of Starke; thence Easterly, along said Northerly boundary, to the centerline of the right of way of State Road 200 (U.S. 301); thence North, along said centerline to an intersection with the centerline of NE County Road 125; thence Easterly, along said centerline, to the Point of Beginning.

DISTRICT 2: County Commission and School Board District 2 in Bradford County, Florida being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the Northeast corner of Bradford County for the Point of Beginning and run Southerly, along the Easterly boundary thereof, to an intersection with the centerline of NE County Road 125; thence Westerly, along said centerline, to an intersection with the centerline of the right of way of State Road 200 (U.S. 301); thence Southerly along said centerline, to an intersection with the Northerly boundary of the City Limits of the City of Starke; thence Westerly, along said Northerly boundary, to an intersection with the centerline of State Road 16; thence Northerly, along said centerline, to an intersection with the centerline of NW 177th Street; thence Westerly, along said centerline, to an intersection with the Easterly boundary of the SW1/4 of NW1/4 of Section 17, Township 6 South, Range 22 East; thence Northerly along said Easterly boundary to the Northeast corner thereof (also the Southeast corner of Connerly Estates Subdivision as recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 37 of the public records of said County; thence Westerly, along the Southerly boundary of said Connerly Estates to the Southwest corner thereof; thence Northerly along the Westerly boundary thereof, to an intersection with the Southerly boundary of the NE1/4 of NE1/4 of Section

18, Township 6 South, Range 22 East; thence Westerly, along said Southerly boundary to the Southwest corner of said NE1/4 of NE1/4; thence Northerly, along the Westerly boundary thereof, to the Northwest corner of said NE1/4 of NE1/4; thence Westerly, along the Northerly boundary of said Section 18, to the Northwest corner thereof; thence Southerly, along the Westerly boundary thereof to an intersection with the centerline of NW County Road 229; thence Northwesterly, along said centerline, to an intersection with the centerline of New River (also the Northwesterly boundary of Bradford County); thence Northerly along said centerline and along said Northwesterly boundary, to the Northerly boundary of Section 19, Township 4 South, Range 22 East and the Northerly boundary of Bradford County; thence Easterly, along said Northerly Boundary and along the Northerly boundaries of Sections 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24 of said Township 4 South, Range 22 East, to the Northeast corner of Bradford County and the Point of Beginning.

DISTRICT 3: County Commission and School Board District 3 in Bradford County, Florida being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the Northeast corner of Section 24, Township 6 South, Range 22 East on the Easterly Boundary of Bradford County for the Point of Beginning and run Southerly, along said Easterly boundary, to an intersection with the centerline of the CSX Transportation Railroad (Dupont Spur) in Section 1, Township 7 South, Range 22 East; thence Northwesterly, along said centerline, to an intersection with the centerline of SE County Road 100A; thence Northerly, and Westerly along said centerline, to an intersection with the centerline of State Road 100; thence Northwesterly, along said centerline, to an intersection with the Northerly boundary of Section 33, Township 6 South, Range 22 East; thence Westerly, along said Northerly boundary, to an intersection with the centerline of State Road 200 (U.S. 301 and Temple Avenue); thence Southerly, along said centerline, to an intersection with the centerline of SW County Road 100A (Edwards Road); thence Westerly, along said centerline, to an intersection with the Westerly boundary of the City Limits of Starke; thence Northerly, along said Westerly boundary to the Northwest corner of parcel #04072-0-00100; thence Northerly, to the Southwest corner of parcel #04071-0-00000 on the Westerly boundary of the city limits of Starke; thence Northerly, along said Westerly city limits to a jog in said Westerly boundary on the Southerly boundary of parcel #03966-0-00000; thence Westerly, and Northerly, along the boundary of said parcel to the Northwest corner thereof and the Northerly boundary of Section 29, Township 6 South, Range 22 East; thence Easterly, along said Northerly boundary, and along the Northerly boundary of Section 30 of said Township 6 South, Range 22 East; to an intersection the centerline of State Road 223 (the City of Starke Bypass); thence Northerly, along said centerline, to an intersection with the centerline of NW County Road 229 (Weldon Street); thence Southeasterly and Easterly, along said centerline, to an intersection with the centerline of State Road 16 (Raiford Road); thence Easterly, along said centerline, to an intersection with the centerline of St. Clair Street; thence Southerly, along said centerline to an intersection with the centerline of Thomas Street; thence Easterly, along said centerline, to an intersection with the centerline of Old Lawtey Road; thence Northerly, along said centerline, to an intersection with the centerline of said State Road 16; thence Easterly, along said centerline of State Road 16, to an intersection with the Easterly boundary of the City Limits of the City of Starke; thence Northerly along said Easterly boundary, to the Northeast corner of said City Limits of the City of Starke (also on the Northerly boundary of Section 22, Township 6 South, Range 22 East); thence Easterly along the Northerly boundary of said Section 22 and along the Northerly boundaries of Section 23 and 24 of Township 6 South, Range 22 East to the Point of Beginning.

DISTRICT 4: County Commission and School Board District 4 in Bradford County, Florida being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the Southeast corner of Bradford County for the Point of Beginning and run Northwesterly along the Southwesterly boundary of Bradford County to an intersection with the centerline of SW County Road 225A; thence Northerly, along said centerline, to an intersection with the centerline of SW County Road 18; thence Northeasterly, along said centerline, to an intersection with the centerline of SW County Road 227; thence Northeasterly, along said centerline, to an intersection with the centerline of SW 113th Street; thence Southeasterly, along said centerline, to an intersection with the centerline of State Road 200 (U.S. 301); thence Northeasterly, along said centerline, to an intersection with the Centerline of SE County Road 221; thence Southeasterly, along said centerline, to an intersection with the Centerline of SE 109th Street; thence Easterly, along said centerline, to an intersection with the centerline of State Road 100; thence Southerly, along said centerline, to an intersection with the centerline of SE 105th Street (Camp Road); thence Easterly, along said centerline and along the centerlines of SE 111th Ave and SE 2nd Lane (note: Camp Road is the locally accepted name for SE 105th St, SE 111th Ave, and SE 2nd Ln) to an intersection with the Northerly boundary of Section 24, Township 7 South, Range 22 East; thence Easterly, along said Northerly boundary to the Northeast corner thereof (said Northeast Corner being on the Easterly Boundary of said Bradford County); thence Southerly, along said Easterly boundary to the Point of Beginning.

DISTRICT 5: County Commission and School Board District 5 in Bradford County, Florida being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the intersection of the CSX Transportation Railroad (DuPont Spur) with the Easterly Boundary of Section 1, Township 7 South, Range 22 East (also being the Easterly boundary of Bradford County) and run South, along said Easterly Boundary of Bradford County to the Northeast corner of Section 24, Township 7 South, Range 22 East; thence Westerly, along the Northerly boundary thereof to an intersection with the centerline of SE 2nd Lane (Camp Road); thence Southwesterly, along said centerline and along the centerline of SE 111th Avenue and SE 105th Street (note: Camp Road is the locally accepted name for SE 105th St, SE 111th Ave, and SE 2nd Ln) to an intersection with the centerline of State Road 100; thence Northerly, along said State Road 100 to an intersection with the centerline of SE 109th Street; thence Westerly, along said Centerline, to an intersection with the centerline of SE County Road 221; thence Northwesterly, along said centerline, to an intersection with the centerline of State Road 200 (U.S. 301); thence Southwesterly, along said centerline, to an intersection with the centerline of SW 113th Street; thence Northwesterly, along said centerline, to an intersection with the centerline of SW County Road 227; thence Southwesterly, along said centerline to an intersection with the Centerline of SW County Road 18; thence Southwesterly, along said centerline, to an intersection with the centerline of SW County Road 225a; thence Southerly, along said centerline, to an intersection with the Southerly boundary of Bradford County; thence Westerly, Northerly and Northeasterly, along said Boundary of Bradford County to an intersection with the centerline of NW County Road 229; thence Southeasterly along said centerline, to an intersection with the Centerline of NW 180th Street; thence Westerly, along said centerline to an intersection with a Northerly prolongation of the Westerly boundary of parcel #00709-0-00700; thence Southerly, along said Northerly prolongation and Westerly boundary, and the Westerly boundary of parcel #00709-0-01200 to the Southwest corner thereof (also on the Northerly boundary of the NE1/4 of SE1/4 of Section 13, Township 6 South, Range 21 East); thence Westerly, along said Northerly boundary, and along the Northerly boundary of the NW1/4 of SE1/4 of said Section 13 to the Northwest corner thereof; thence Southerly, along the Westerly boundary of said SE1/4 of Section 13 and along the Westerly boundary of the NW1/4 of NE1/4 of Section 24, of Township 6 South, Range 21 East to the Southwest corner of said NW1/4 of NE1/4; thence Easterly, along the Southerly boundary thereof, to the Southeast corner of said NW1/4 of NE1/4; thence Southerly along the Westerly boundary of the SE1/4 of NE1/4 of said Section 24, to the Southwest corner thereof; thence Easterly, along the Southerly boundary thereof, to an intersection with the Easterly boundary of said Section 24; thence Southerly, along said Easterly boundary, to an intersection with the Centerline of State Road 100 West; thence Southeasterly, along said centerline to an intersection with the centerline of State Road 223 (City of Starke Bypass); thence Southerly, along said centerline to an intersection with the Northerly boundary of Section 6, Township 7 South, Range 22 East; thence Easterly, along said Northerly boundary and along the Northerly boundary of Section 5, Township 7 South, Range 22 East to the Northwest corner of parcel #04701-0-00100; thence Southerly, along the Westerly boundary thereof to the Southwest corner of said parcel; thence Easterly along the Southerly boundary thereof and along the Southerly boundaries of parcels #04701-0-00102, #04701-0-00000, #04701-0-00200, #04691-0-00401 and along an Easterly prolongation of the southerly boundary of said parcel #04691-0-00401 to an intersection with the centerline of SE 44th Avenue; thence Northerly, along said centerline to an intersection with a Westerly prolongation of the Southerly boundary of parcel #04691-0-00100; thence Easterly, along said Westerly prolongation and along said Southerly boundary to the Southeast corner thereof; thence Northerly along the Easterly boundary of said parcel to an intersection with the Northerly boundary of said Section 5, Township 7 South, Range 22 East; thence Easterly, along said Northerly boundary of Section 5, to an intersection with the Centerline of the CSX Transportation Railroad; thence Northeasterly, along said Centerline, to an intersection with the Centerline of SE 144th Street; thence Easterly, along said centerline to an intersection with the centerline of State Road 100; thence Easterly along SE County Road 100a and Southerly along SE County Road 100A to the intersection with the CSX Transportation Railroad DuPont Spur in Section 35, Township 6 South, Range 22 East; thence Southeasterly, along said centerline, to an intersection with the Easterly Boundary of Bradford County and the Point of Beginning.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution was advertised and published once a week for 2 consecutive weeks in a newspaper published and circulated in Bradford County, Florida, as required by law, on May 4, 2023 and May 11, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be furnished forthwith to the Department of State of the State of Florida, and the Bradford County Supervisor of Elections.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 18th day May 2023 at a regular meeting of the Bradford County Board of County Commissioners.

ATTEST:

Denny Thompson, Clerk
Diane Andrews, Chair

Crime

Recent arrests in Bradford, Union and Clay

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

Bradford

Asia Bernae Aiken, 26, of Waldo was arrested on May 2 for an out-of-county warrant.

Cicera Deneise Barnett, 29, of Baldwin was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 2 for a probation violation.

Jose Guillermo Bruno Santiago, 38, of Orlando was arrested on May 5 for failure to appear.

Jonathan Eugene Cain, 51, of Fernandina Beach was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 4 for a probation violation.

Kimberly Paige Cruce, 31, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 1 for a probation violation.

Brenton Chase Davis, 21, was arrested on May 4 for criminal mischief with property damage and burglary.

Pedro Juan Delgado, 25, of Ocala was arrested on May 2 for a probation violation.

James Bernard Emkens, 69, of Brooker was arrested on April 30 for firing a weapon, simple assault and aggravated assault.

Travaris Wade Fulse, 35, of Jacksonville was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 1 for failure to appear.

Christopher James Gibbs, 44, of Hampton was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 2 for possession of drugs, possession of marijuana and possession of drug equipment.

Ryan Michael Hewitt, 29, of Lawtey was arrested on May 5 for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Millie Judell Holton, 43, was arrested by Bradford deputies on April 30 for battery, abuse, neglect or exploitation of an elderly or disabled person.

Matthew Ross Houchin, 33, of St. Petersburg was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 5 for a conditional release violation.

Aaliyah Lu'gina Lee, 27, of Starke was arrested by state troopers on May 4 for driving with a revoked or suspended license.

Bruce Austin Lee, 43, of Jacksonville was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 1 for resisting an officer, driving with a suspended or revoked license, selling drugs, possession of drugs and unlawful use of a two-way communication device.

Cherlynn Camellia Levy, 58, of Tampa was arrested by Lawtey

police on May 5 for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Robin Danielle Lusk, 21, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 4 for burglary and larceny.

Jeffrey A. Malston, 36, of Gainesville was arrested on April 29 for a probation violation.

Ross Alan Miller, 57, of Melrose was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 4 for vehicle theft and fraud-insufficient funds check.

Matthew Alan Moore, 41, of Starke was arrested on May 1 for larceny.

Shane Christopher Newton, 21, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 2 for possession of cocaine, possession of drug equipment and possession of marijuana.

Kristin Anne Parker, 26, of Starke was arrested on April 29 for DUI.

Cedrick Lanard Pittman, 33, of Starke was arrested on May 1 by Bradford deputies for child cruelty.

Tatianna Latrice Shannon, 25, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 1 for a probation violation.

Mark Ashley Thomas, 42, of Lake Butler was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 4 for a probation violation.

Joshua Ethan Wilkerson, 34, of Lawtey was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 5 for selling synthetic narcotics, possession of synthetic narcotics and unlawful use of a two-way communications device.

Alexa Lenora Williams, 33, of Gainesville was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 1 for a probation violation.

Charles Earnest Williams, 50, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 1 for battery.

Dominique Tre'von Williams, 23, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 3 for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Eric John Williams, 52, of Glen St. Mary was arrested on May 6 for DUI.

Union

Ricky Duane Barrett, 44, was arrested by Union deputies on May 1 for failure to appear.

Samantha Dawn Dover, 24, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on May 7 for a probation violation.

Sh-ron, Antonio Ellison, 24, of Chiefland was arrested by Union deputies on May 2 for felony battery and an out-of-county warrant.

Jay Joseph Fournier, 22, of Leesburg was arrested by Union deputies on May 7 for a probation violation.

Jerry Edward Osteen, 31, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on May 3 for possession of a controlled substance without a prescription,

possession of drug equipment and driving with a suspended or revoked license-habitual offender.

Mark Ashley Thomas, 42, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on May 4 for an out-of-county warrant.

Clay

Serenity Devynne Browning, 20, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on April 30 for domestic battery-dating violence.

Briana, Marie Donley, 21, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on May 2 for animal cruelty.

Jasmine Danielle Poore, 41, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on May 4 for possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, aggravated battery on a pregnant female and possession of drug equipment.

Shonda Janine Riley, 47, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on April 29 for possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug equipment.

Rosalio Hernandez Rios, 39, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on May 4 for trafficking in methamphetamine and the unlawful use of a two-way communication device.

Angela Jonique, Marie Winslow, 28, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on April 29 for DUI.

20 years for burning down motel

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Telegraph Staff Writer

STARKE— A Jacksonville Beach man was sentenced to 20 years in prison after admitting to starting a fire at Lawtey's Economy Inn in 2021, making a bomb threat that prevented firefighters from extinguishing the blaze and attacking law enforcement officers that were trying to interview him.

In April, Christian Singleton signed a plea agreement with the State Attorney's Office agreeing to a prison term of 10 to 20 years. During a May 3 hearing, Circuit Judge James M. Colaw sentenced Singleton at the high end of the plea agreement.

Before Colaw announced the sentence, Assistant State Attorney Mark Dobo told the judge that Singleton's actions were the result of a breakup with his companion of 13 years, with whom he shared a child.

"There was violence in that relationship that escalated," Dobo said. "That's when the relationship ended, and then behavior on behalf of Mr. Singleton escalated into other attention seeking behavior, trying to get (his companion's) attention as well as accusing her of things that ultimately led to his homelessness and hotel hopping."

The prosecutor added that the now-44-year-old man went from hotel to hotel and found himself in Lawtey the night of May 19, 2021.

The following morning, Singleton told one of the establishment's owners that there was a fire in his room. The woman's husband found Room 120 fully engulfed in flames.

Firefighters forced to stand by and watch

Bradford Deputy Michael Garmon wrote in an arrest report that when he arrived at the Economy Inn, the structure was fully engulfed in flames and that deputies and Lawtey police officers were trying to get control of the defendant while Singleton was in the back of a patrol vehicle.

The lawman added that he believed Singleton to be under the influence of a narcotic and appeared unphased when Garmon touch-tased him.

Garmon wrote that during the struggle, Singleton kicked him in the face. He added that the defendant also bit another lawman and kicked a third in the testicles. A fourth officer suffered a back injury during the fight.

A store clerk at Lawtey's Community Store told officers that Singleton purchased a pack of cigarettes from her, and asked where he could buy gasoline. He then returned to the store, across County Road 125 from the motel, and obtained a second pack of Newport but refused to pay for the merchandise. He then told the clerk to call the police because he claimed he had just blown up the building next door. Singleton also claimed to have bombs in a backpack lying in the store's parking lot, and in his truck parked at the motel.

Bradford Fire Rescue Director Allen Parrish said firefighters had the blaze under control within 12 minutes of arriving on scene.

"Initially our crews were able to knock down the fire," he said shortly after the event, "where most of the heavy flame and extension is controlled. They were in the process of mopping that up when it was reported by law enforcement that there was a device of some type in the vehicle that was parked immediately in front of one of the rooms. So, we had to pull everybody back."

Parrish provided a timeline that showed crews paged to the fire at 7:40, firefighters on scene at 7:44, water on the fire at 7:49 and the fire under control or "knocked down" at 7:56.

At 8:11, fire rescue was advised to cease operations due to an unknown explosive device, and the Alachua County Sheriff's Office bomb squad deemed the area safe at 9:16. That allowed the fire to rekindle and spread for over an hour while firefighters were forced to stand by and watch.

Paranoia and schizophrenia

One month after Singleton's arrest, Colaw ruled the defendant incompetent to proceed, based on a report by a forensic and clinical psychologist who determined Singleton suffered from an unspecified disorder on the schizophrenic spectrum and another psychotic disorder.

A year later, the judge ruled the defendant competent to proceed with his defense.

During the May 3 hearing, Dobo said that while the defendant's mental state has been in question during the adjudication of his case, Singleton's actions on the day of the fire indicate that he planned the fire and the bomb threat.

Dobo recalled that Singleton walked with a gas can to the Lawtey Community Store, bought a pack of cigarettes, and asked the clerk where he could purchase gas. He then walked an additional mile to another convenience store to obtain the accelerant for his crime before starting the blaze at the motel.

"We believe that that sequence of events shows very much that he had a plan from the beginning," the prosecutor said, "carrying a gas can to the store where he



Circuit Judge James M. Colaw tells Singleton he made serious choices that resulted in serious consequences. Photo: Dan Hildebran, Telegraph Staff Writer.

actually paid for the cigarettes, knowing the difference between right and wrong."

Dobo said the defendant further revealed his awareness of his culpability when he raised his hands in the air upon the arrival of Lawtey police officer Michael Gillick.

The defendant remained in the back of Gillick's patrol vehicle for 30 to 45 minutes.

When officers opened the car door to ask Singleton questions about alleged bombs in his backpack and truck, Singleton lunged at the men, with the ensuing fight injuring the four officers.

Insurance not enough

Dobo, when describing the impact of Singleton's actions, told Colaw that Lawtey Police, the Bradford County Sheriff's Office, Starke police, the Alachua County Sheriff's Office bomb squad, Clay County Fire Rescue, fire rescue units in Bradford County, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement Crime Lab and the State Fire Marshal's Office were all involved in the incident.

He added that the motel's owners, Indian immigrants who had resided in the U.S. for 14 years, lived in a two-bedroom apartment behind the motel office. They were rendered homeless after the inn's total loss. The facility's approximately 35 other occupants were displaced.

"The hotel was completely destroyed," Dobo said. "The (victims) represented to us they did receive an insurance reimbursement on this for whatever they were insured for. They, however, did state that it was not enough to get another business off the ground and really make themselves whole. They, in the immediate aftermath of this, got by on the kindness of their friends who also owned the Best Western in (Starke). They stayed in a room in the Best Western with their two kids for a couple of months before another friend of theirs offered them an opportunity to manage a hotel that they owned."

Dobo said the couple now manages a motel in Biloxi, Mississippi.

"They no longer own a hotel," he added. "They no longer own any significant property real or otherwise."

The prosecutor added that Singleton's actions in Lawtey were part of an escalating pattern of violence.

He said that the defendant broke up with his companion two to three months before the fire, and two days prior to the blaze, Singleton rammed his pickup into his former companion's residence, colliding with her front porch before driving off.

Believed phone company was spying on him

Assistant Public Defender Susan Ward argued that her client did not have any significant contact with law enforcement prior to the fire.

She blamed Singleton's actions on his paranoia and schizophrenia as diagnosed by court-appointed mental health professionals.

"This is a situation that didn't happen a couple of weeks ahead of time," she told Colaw. "This is a situation that suddenly began to build and escalate for Mr. Singleton over the course of several months before this event."

Ward also pointed to a letter from Singleton's former companion, in which the woman described her efforts in trying to get Singleton treatment for his deteriorating mental health while the couple resided together in Duval County.

Ward also disagreed with Dobo's characterization that the romantic breakup triggered Singleton's behavior.

"This had very little to do with his relationship with (his companion) and everything to do with the fact that he believed the telephone company was spying on him at all times," Ward said.

"Everything was driven by this schizophrenia," she added, "which gradually escalated over the course of several months until (the companion) said this is not a safe situation for our child."

The lawyer added that Singleton claimed he had a bomb in his backpack to keep police away from the knapsack because in it was evidence he thought proved the telephone company was spying on him. However, his plan backfired when the Alachua County bomb squad blew up the backpack to neutralize any explosives that might have been in it.

Ward said that after spending 18 months in a state mental hospital, receiving treatment and medications for his mental illness, her client is now making sensible, responsible and well-considered decisions.

In arguing for a 10-year sentence, she said her client remembers nothing of the events of May 20, 2021, but nonetheless accepts responsibility for his actions.

Serious choices, serious consequences

When announcing the sentence, Colaw noted that Singleton pleaded to five felonies.

"Here's the real problem for the court," Colaw told the defendant. "Having considered everything that's been presented on your behalf here, at the end of the day, you're before me, not really on a single choice or a single act or a single decision, but instead it's... a series or a number of different acts or decisions that spanned at least some period of time that included decisions that ended up destroying other people's property and people's homes."

Colaw told Singleton that in addition to destroying the motel, he committed acts of violence against law enforcement officers and threatened additional violence with his false bomb threats.

"They were very serious choices," the judge said. "They ended up with very serious consequences."

Colaw sentenced Singleton to 20 years for arson, 15 years for the bomb threat, and five years each for resisting an officer with violence and two charges of battery on a law enforcement officer. As part of the plea agreement, the state dropped an additional bomb threat charge, two battery charges, one resisting charge and the offense of obstructing fire extinguishing equipment.

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RIGHT: Jack Hendrix is pictured at the Sunshine State Scholar program in Orlando. **BELOW:** Hendrix (right), pictured at a table representing Florida Polytechnic University, had the opportunity to network with college representatives and business professionals.



Keystone Heights High School basketball players Dezaray Bright and Rexi Lewis are joined by their families and KHHS Head Coach Jessica Carter at their May 4 signing ceremony. Pictured (l-r) are Destiny Bright, Crystal Bright, Esau Bright, Dezaray Bright, Carter, Rexi Lewis, Keri Lewis, Jason Lewis and Luke Lewis. Photo by Cliff Smelley.

Bright, Lewis to play college hoops

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Keystone Heights High School seniors Dezaray Bright and Rexi Lewis signed letters of intent to play college basketball during a May 4 ceremony in the KHHS gym.

Bright is going to Cairn University, a private, Christian school in Langhorne, Pennsylvania, that competes at the Division III NCAA level, while Lewis is going to Oak Hills Christian College, a school in Bemidji, Minnesota, that competes at the Division II level in the North Region of the National Christian College Athletic Association.

"Right now, I don't really feel it yet," Bright said. "I've still got two months before I have to go up there. It's a great opportunity. I didn't think I was going to be going that far, and it hasn't hit that I'm going that far yet, but I am so excited to go."

Lewis described her opportunity as "unbelievable."

"I wasn't ready for it to be over, so I started looking into college ball," Lewis said. "I didn't think I could do it. Then, I got a call from Coach (Bryant) Tucker at

Oak Hills. It's amazing."

Bright said she likes the atmosphere at Cairn, citing the small classrooms and how "loving" everyone she met was.

One of the biggest reasons she chose Cairn is because she felt that was where God was leading her, even though she had the chance to also go to Oak Hills with Lewis.

"It would've been great to go there with one of my teammates, but I felt like God was pushing me toward Cairn," Bright said.

Lewis said Bright has been more than a teammate, describing her as "my best friend for like forever." She would've loved to have continued her playing career alongside Bright, but is happy that Bright has the chance to play at Cairn.

"It's a higher division. She deserves to play up there," Lewis said.

As for why Oak Hills was right for her, Lewis said she likes the fact that everyone there feels like they're part of a "huge family." On a visit, she heard people say nothing but good things about the other people they were on campus with, whether they be students, teachers or coaches.

"I was like, 'This is definitely

the place for me,'" Lewis said.

She also likes the fact that it's a Christian school.

"That was pretty important," Lewis said. "I was willing to go anywhere to play basketball, obviously — (Oak Hills) is in Minnesota. It being a Christian school made it even better. I get to go and explore my faith, get deeper into it and really figure out what God wants me to do."

Bright had a career that consisted of 1,000-plus rebounds. She was the team's leading rebounder each of the past four seasons and averaged double-digit rebounds per game the last two years. Keystone Head Coach Jessica Carter said you wouldn't think Bright's 5-10 or 5-11 the way she battles against taller

players.

"She was going to bump you out of the way, even if you were her own teammate," Carter said. "She was going to for it. She knew that's what her job was, and she knew how to do her job."

Scoring was also something Bright was good at, though she had to be encouraged to take her shots. It's a role Carter said her team needed Bright to embrace the last three years.

"She should've had 1,000 (career) points," Carter said. "She really should've, but she was so unselfish when she first came to varsity."

As it was, she led the team with 142 points as a sophomore

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BHS' Hendrix attends Sunshine State Scholar event

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Bradford High School junior Jack Hendrix participated in the Sunshine State Scholars program, which was held April 13-15 in Orlando.

"It was a really good experience," Hendrix said. "It definitely was a good opportunity to network and talk with like-minded people. I met a lot of people there and made some good friends."

Participating school districts in Florida select their top 11th-grade students in the areas of science, technology, engineering or math (STEM). The Sunshine State Scholars program connects students with employers that specialize in the STEM fields and create a networking opportunity between the scholars and schools from Florida's College and State University System.

Hendrix was looking forward to making connections with students from throughout the state, but also admitted the prospect caused some anxiety.

"I was definitely nervous," he said. "I really did not know what to expect. I just didn't know what they were going to be like. It was scary at first, but once I started talking with them, I did get more comfortable."

Hendrix said one of his most enjoyable experiences was listening to a discussion by a panel made up of presidents of companies, who shared their life experiences. He described the opportunity as "valuable."

It was good to hear what they did when they were younger," Hendrix said.

Hendrix said the experience taught him that putting yourself in front of others is a factor in future success.

"I learned that it's not hard to get internships and make connections with people," he said. "One of the most important things is just to put yourself

out there. If you don't apply yourself, you're not going to go anywhere."

Along those lines, he heard something a company president said during the panel discussion that stuck with him: "Don't let the box you're in define you. Create the box that defines you." Hendrix said he's going to make it a point to create that box in and out of the classroom.

"I'm definitely going to try to apply myself more in my classes and even outside of school," he said. "I'm going to try to put more effort into bettering myself and knowing my worth to companies and even to other people in general."

To be selected as a Sunshine State Scholar, a student must meet the following minimum requirements: have an interest in pursuing postsecondary education opportunities in Florida, expressed and/or demonstrated an interest in STEM-related studies, have a weighted grade point average of at least 3.9 and should be on track to qualify for the Florida Academic Scholars Award according to the current guidelines established for the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program (specifically, the student should have a minimum of 25 hours of approved community service).

Hendrix said he wants to pursue a career in computer science, an area he's already shown proficiency in. During his sophomore year, as a student in North Florida Technical College's Computer Systems and Information Technology program, he placed second in the area of Information Tech Services at the SkillsUSA Florida State Leadership and Skills Conference.

"I've been around computers all my life," Hendrix was quoted as saying in a May 19, 2022, Telegraph-Times-Monitor story about his performance at the SkillsUSA event.

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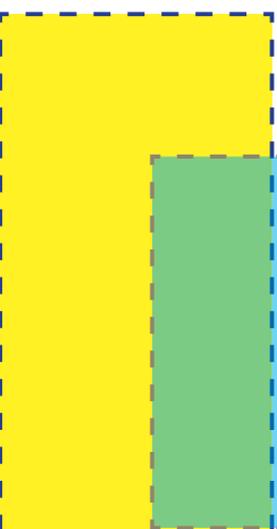
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UCHS is district runner-up after battle of 1A's top teams



Ethan Moody had a strong effort on the mound, allowing two unearned runs and four hits in four innings of relief. The Tigers played a Region 3-1A quarterfinal against Madison County on Wednesday, May 10. If they win, they'll play again Saturday, May 13.

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Despite taking a 6-0 lead in the first, the Union County High School baseball team lost 9-8 to Lafayette in a battle of the top two Class 1A teams in the state in the District 6 championship game on May 4 in Branford.

Thanks to the Florida High School Athletic Association power rankings, the second-ranked Tigers (17-8) still played at home to begin the Region 3 playoffs. Union played Madison County (15-8) in a semifinal game on Wednesday, May 10. If

the Tigers won, they'll play for the championship on Saturday, May 13, at 7 p.m. They'd either travel to play Lafayette (19-4) or host Wakulla Christian (17-7).

If the Tigers win the Region 3 title, they'll play a state semifinal game on Wednesday, May 17, at Hammond Stadium at the Lee County Sports Complex in Fort Myers.

Union, which defeated Lafayette 4-3 during the regular season, got off to a hot start. Jeremy Miller led off the top of the first with a walk. Ayden Elixson hit a double before Tucker Hardee drove in a run on a ground ball. Hardee reached safely on an error on the throw to first. One out later, Preson Bonsall hit a run-scoring single. Blake Agner then hit a double to plate another two runs. Lafayette committed an error on a throw to third in an attempt to catch Bryson Huggins stealing. Huggins, who entered to run for Agner, scored on the play, making it a 6-0 game.

Lafayette (19-4) scored in its first at-bat when Dawson Mock, on an 0-2 count, hit a ball over the fence in center for a home run. Matthew Jenkins was hit by a pitch, while Lane Brock singled. The runners advanced on a passed ball before Kevin Posada, who entered to run for Jenkins, scored on Karolos Murphy's ground out. The



Jeremy Miller (right) prepares to dive back to first during the Tigers' six-run first inning.



Union's Ayden Elixson (right) prepares to receive a throw as Lafayette's Kevin Posada dives back to first. Photos by Cliff Smelley.

Hornets added another run on a single by Hyatt Richardson to cut Union's lead in half.

The second inning began the same way as the first for the Tigers, with Miller drawing a leadoff walk. After Elixson singled, Hardee walked to load the bases. Tre'Von Lee ground into a fielder's choice, with Lafayette recording the force

out at home. With the bases still loaded, Erick Lasseter walked to force a run in. Bonsall hit a single to score Hardee, but Riggs Davis, who entered to run for Lee, was put out at home when he attempted to score as well.

Jenkins, who started on the mound for the Hornets before exiting in the second, hit his

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and was the second-leading scorer the past two seasons with totals of 211 her junior year and 301 her senior year.

Bright is used to getting her points around the basket, but Carter said Bright is most likely going to play a guard position or possibly at small forward in college.

"I definitely need to work on being more than just a post player," Bright said. "I need to be more of a guard, too. I have to make sure I can spread around the whole court and help my team as much as possible."

Carter said, "She's going to be working on her outside shots, but she already has been. She's in the gym almost every day working her outside shots. She shot a couple of threes this

year just to start transitioning into that. That's going to be her biggest obstacle, learning how to hit those shots outside and be confident in those shots outside."

Working on her game will be nothing new for Bright.

"She works nonstop outside the gym," Carter said. "She played travel ball with another coach to get even better. She went to camps. She was always working on herself to get better."

The same could be said for Lewis, who is really still learning the game of basketball. She decided it was a sport she wanted to try out for as a seventh-grader. She didn't make the team, but served the role of manager that year, which allowed her to practice with the team. Her eighth-grade tryout was successful.

Lewis said she admitted to her first coach that she had no idea what she was doing, but was put

at ease when the response she received was that it was OK, that she would be taught what to do and receive help in developing into a player.

She may not have thought she knew much then, but Lewis knows plenty now, if you ask Carter. The coach said Lewis was like an extension of her on the floor during games and was able to get her teammates to play the way they needed to play.

"Rexi knows the game," Carter said. "She was the one where I would put her in (the game) and say, 'I need you to help get this back together because we have gone crazy.' She knew where to tell somebody to go. She knew all our plays. She knows the game, and she's smart about it."

Carter said Lewis had the knack of always being where she needed to be. If she didn't come up with a steal, she'd at least get a hand on the ball and

force a turnover that one of her teammates would recover.

Lewis' court savvy has Carter proclaiming, "She is probably going to be one of the best coaches ever if she ever coaches basketball."

Carter said one of the things Lewis needs to do at the next level is to stop second guessing herself and be more confident as a player. Carter believes Lewis will have the perfect coach to continue her development.

"I think she's becoming more confident in her game, and that's just going to build with this coach," Carter said, adding, "I think he's going to develop her into a phenomenal player."

Lewis said, "I just need to keep working on my confidence and build up my ability to shoot and dribble and be a team player."

She's willing to do whatever it takes to get better because she wanted the opportunity to play at

the next level and now is ready to embrace the challenges when it appeared as if her dream might not come true.

"It came to a point where I had honestly given up," Lewis said. "(The offer from Oak Hills) was perfect timing. I just felt like God put it right in front of me and said, 'This is where you need to go.'"

When it comes to thinking about what it's going to feel like to step onto the court for the first time as a college player, Lewis said, "Terrifying." However, she said it'll probably be like her first-time experience as a junior varsity player at KHHS. That, too, was terrifying, but it eventually became exciting because it was a chance to play at a higher level.

"After the first few seconds, you get into it, and you're like, 'This is even better than before.' I can't wait to see how much

better college ball is than high school," Lewis said.

That first time on a college court is something Bright has been thinking about.

"I'm imagining it now," Bright said. "Every time I go to bed, that's the first thing I think about. 'How am I going to play? How am I going to do this? I honestly don't know.'"

Whatever happens on the court remains to be seen. Carter, though, isn't hesitant to say that things are going to work out just fine for Bright and Lewis when it comes to their future in general.

"They are two who are going to make their place in this world," Carter said. "They're passionate. They're determined. They're dedicated. More than that, they know, 'Hey. I want to be somebody.'"

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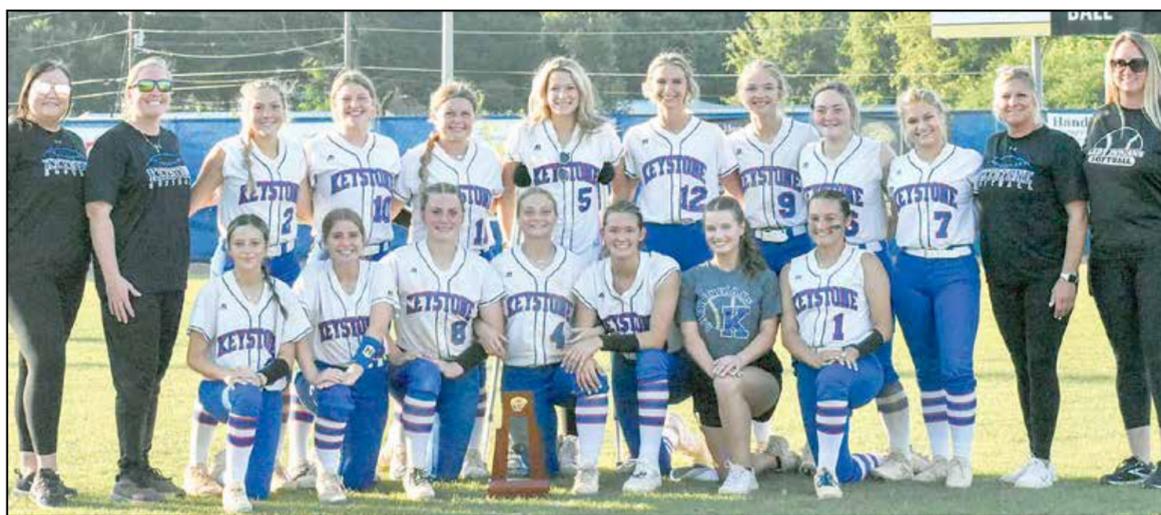
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The District 3-3A champion Indians: (front, l-r) Bella Cumbo, Kaylee Buchanan, Ashley Nugent, Madallynn Glinski, Abbie Roach, Cassidy Sprattlin, Alaina Kinsall, (back, l-r) assistant coaches Kaitlyn Walker and Arielle Driggers, Kiley Channell, Ashlyn Brown, Laralei Booth, Caitlin Frampton, Kadence Massey, Riley Shuford, Amber Wagner, Nattalie Glinski, Head Coach Jessica Marquart and Assistant Coach Cherish Lowery. Photos by Andria Frampton.

Carter steps down as Keystone girls basketball coach

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Jessica Carter is passionate about basketball and passionate about coaching it.

Now, it's time for her to support her son's passion for the sport, which he plays at KHHS.

Carter is stepping down as the Keystone Heights High School girls varsity head coach after 15 years, saying that the decision is all about her son, Steven, who's in seventh grade.

"I knew at some point it was going to happen," Carter said of resigning. "When I first saw him on the floor, and I saw the love of basketball in him, I knew that it was coming. I wasn't sure when."

Carter said she was able to attend most all of her son's games, but she missed the one when he was pulled up to play in a junior varsity game.

"I'm never going to get that back," Carter said.

During her 15 seasons, the Indians were district champions three times and district runners-up four times. Keystone won two straight titles in 2016 and 2017, with the first of those being the program's first district championship in 10 years.

The Indians qualified for the regional playoffs six times under Carter.

As far as record, Keystone's best season under Carter was 2022, when the Indians went 19-6 and earned their district's runner-up trophy.

In her final two seasons, Keystone went a combined 35-15, with Carter being named the Florida Athletic Coaches Association District 6-4A Coach of the Year. She was also Clay County's Coach of the Month in December 2022.

Carter, whose maiden name is Dykes, graduated from KHHS in 1995 and was part of two state-championship basketball teams her junior and senior seasons. The point guard continued playing at Warner University in Lake Wales.

She had several coaching stints at the high school and junior college levels before moving back to Keystone. She coached the KHHS junior high team for three years before taking on the varsity position.



Jessica Carter

Carter described the opportunity to coach her alma mater as "amazing." She has also enjoyed her return to the Keystone community.

"It's totally different from back in the day when I was here, but it's still Keystone," Carter said. "It's a great place to raise kids. It's a great school. We have something pretty special here."

Something else that's pretty special has been the support of her husband, Neil. Carter said they've joked each year about how basketball season is their "annual separation," but in all seriousness, Neil takes care of everything at home so she can focus on coaching. Plus, he's there at the games as well.

"He's always supported me," Carter said. "He's been right behind me — right behind my bench."

Carter has been teaching at Keystone Heights High School Elementary School, but will move to KHHS next year.

She may no longer be the KHHS varsity coach, but when you love the game as much as Carter does, you don't stop coaching. For example, she'll still be a part of the Youth Basketball Association program, which she has worked hard to build back up to where it was when she was a youth.

"I love coaching," Carter said. "I'm not going to stop coaching. That's never going to happen."

Will she ever return to coach a KHHS team or perhaps coach somewhere else? Carter can't tell you that. All she can speak of is the here and now.

"I don't know what the future holds for me, but I do know it was the right thing to step down," Carter said.

Indians dominate in winning district

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Keystone Heights High School's softball team played a tough schedule this year, with not a lot of to show for it, but the hope was that it would pay off after the regular season.

So far, it has paid off in a big way.

The third seed Indians (9-17) defeated top seed Pierson Taylor 10-0 in five innings to win the District 3-3A championship. In three tournament games, they outscored their opposition 29-2.

"It feels good," said freshman pitcher Kadence Massey, who was two outs away from a no-hitter in the championship game. "As a team, we've come a really long way from the beginning (of the season). We've worked as a team, and we worked really hard to get here."

Senior shortstop Kiley Channell said, "It's just a good feeling because you prove everyone wrong — everyone who's looking at your record and not knowing the teams you're playing."

Channell was referring to a regular-season schedule that consisted of 11 schools in larger



Kadence Massey gave up one hit and no walks in the complete-game victory.

classifications that made the playoffs as well as five teams in 3A or below who also made the playoffs. Last year, 11 of the teams Keystone played this year won at least one regional playoff game, with one winning a state title, two finishing as a state runner-up and another two who made it to the Final Four.

"They never really gave up," Head Coach Jessica Marquart said. "I know sometimes when you're not winning, it can be kind of depressing, but they stuck with it. They stuck with it at practice. They really believed in themselves and that they could do this."

The Indians earned the seventh

seed in the Region 1 playoffs and hosted second seed Florida High (17-5) in a quarterfinal game on Wednesday, May 10. If Keystone won, it will travel to play either third seed Episcopal (20-4) or sixth seed Fernandina Beach (15-7) in a Tuesday, May 16, semifinal game at 7 p.m.

In the District 3 championship game, Keystone scored all but two of its runs in the first two innings.

The Indians had two on with two outs in the first, with Abbie Roach hitting a single and Channell reaching on an error. Both scored on an Amber Wagner single.

Keystone got four straight singles from Riley Shuford, Madallynn Glinski, Bella Cumbo and Alaina Kinsall to start the second, with Kinsall's hit driving in a run. The Wildcats did put Cumbo out at second, but the Indians kept the bats swinging. Roach drove in two runs on a triple, while Channell dove in another on a single. Ashley Nugent then singled before Wagner hit a two-run triple to make it 8-0.

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KHHS baseball team loses 8-6 in district semis

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Third seed P.K. Yonge scored four unanswered runs in the final two innings in handing the fourth seed Keystone Heights High School baseball team an 8-6 loss in the District 4-3A tournament semifinals on May 3 in Ocala.

The Indians (16-8) had a 5-0 lead, with three of those runs coming in the first inning. Chase Packham and Austin Musgrove both singled before Connor Guy hit the first pitch he saw over the fence in right for a home run.

P.K. Yonge (19-7) loaded the bases in the top of the second with one out. Lane Sparkman reached

on an error, Aidan Mansfield walked and Luke Sparkman was hit by a pitch. Mack Todd then hit a ground ball that was the start of a 6-4-3 double play.

In the bottom of the fourth, Keystone put two on when Gage Smith walked and Andru Siemer singled. Both runners advanced on Aiden Screen's bunt. Wil Rogel ground into a fielder's choice, which resulted in Smith being put out at home. An error on a ground ball hit by Packham, though, allowed a run to score. After Musgrove walked to load the bases, Guy drew a walk to force a run in and put the Indians up 5-0.

The Blue Wave cut the

Keystone lead to one run in the top of the fifth. Micah Gratto and Jacob Pridgen both singled before Lane Sparkman hit an RBI double. An error allowed two more runs to cross. Another error and a walk loaded the bases before Todd hit an RBI single to make the score 5-4.

Keystone added a run in the top of the fifth when Siemer, who went 2 for 3, hit a single to score Noah Branch, who walked.

P.K. Yonge scored three runs in the sixth to take the lead. Gratto and Xander Santez both singled. An error allowed a run to score, while another error loaded the bases. Luke Sparkman hit a two-run single to put the Blue Wave

up 7-6.

Keystone committed seven errors in all.

Lane Sparkman drove in the game's final run on a single in the top of the seventh.

Guy, who went 3 for 3 with four RBI, led off the bottom of the seventh with a single. Ryan Jones then hit a line drive that was caught by third baseman Gratto, who then caught Guy off first for a double play. Branch reached on a double before a ground out to third ended the game.

Starting pitcher Musgrove gave up four runs (two earned), six hits and just two walks in 4.2 innings.



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Local cemetery in need of financial help

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Crosby Lake Cemetery still needs your help.

Last summer, the Telegraph-Times-Monitor published a story in which Carolyn Eaves and Steve Futch — two longtime members of the Crosby Lake Cemetery Association — encouraged the community to help support the efforts to maintain the cemetery.

“The bottom line is that we are floundering for finances,” Eaves said. “We really do need some help.”

The cost of mowing the cemetery, which consists of approximately 50 acres, is \$2,000, which will be quite a hardship for the association during the spring and summer months.

“We still want to maintain the cemetery for the people who are there,” Eaves said. “We feel that maybe families and friends are not aware that there are no existing incomes for that cemetery except for the sale of lots.”

Sales of lots have decreased over the years. Futch remembers a time when people bought 12-15 lots per month, but with cremation becoming a more popular option, people are either not buying lots or buying fewer of them.

“Cremation people aren’t buying lots, or people are buying one lot for two people,” Futch said. “One guy bought one to put all four members of his family. People aren’t coming out and buying four, five, six or eight or 10 lots like they used to.”

Futch and Eaves unsuccessfully appealed to the city of Starke and Bradford County commissions for help, though aides for local legislators have been receptive in providing some ideas, such as applying for grants.



Maintenance of Crosby Lake Cemetery, which was established in the 1850s, is becoming difficult due to the fact that the cemetery isn’t generating the monies it used to. Sales of lots have dwindled over the years. File photo by Cliff Smelley.

A historical-preservation grant could be part of the solution, but the association needs the names of some of the prominent people interred at the cemetery.

“So far, the only one I can come up with is (former Florida Sen.) Charley Johns,” Eaves said. “I’m sure there are others we might could put in that category. That would enhance our position to get that (grant).”

Futch said in many cases, it’s hard to know who is buried at the cemetery, due to the record-keeping system, especially before 1970. A name of a person who bought a lot may be on file, but that doesn’t necessarily tell you who’s buried in the lot. Futch said sometimes it might be known who’s buried there, but not exactly where they’re buried.

Eaves said it would help the cemetery’s efforts if family members of those buried there could be required to pay an annual maintenance fee, but in many cases, it’s simply not

known who to contact.

“We’re not blessed to have those records,” Eaves said. “We have no way of letting you know there’s a need.”

Eaves and Futch are the remnants of what used to be a nine-member Crosby Lake Cemetery Association board of directors. The association was incorporated in 1971 — one year after DeWitt C. Jones, the founder of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, transferred his control of the property to the community. The original board consisted of three members who each represented a Starke church: O.L. Hazen (First Baptist), Eugene L. Matthews (First United Methodist) and Arch Thomas (Madison Street Baptist).

The board eventually grew to consist of multiple members from each of those churches. At some point, the two Baptist churches decided to no longer be

involved.

Futch said it has been difficult to get people to help, even though a lot of people in Starke and Bradford County have loved ones buried at Crosby Lake Cemetery. The cemetery was established sometime in the 1850s.

“Nobody wants to seem to worry about it,” Futch said

If anyone would like to make a monetary donation toward upkeep of the cemetery, please contact Eaves at 904-964-5812 or Futch at 904-966-6535 or mail donation to Crosby Lake Cemetery Association, Care of Carolyn Eaves, 613 Colley Road, Starke, FL 32091.

Of course, anyone is welcome to provide physical labor in helping to maintain the grounds or simply take care of family gravesites.

Futch encouraged anyone who’d like to fulfill record-keeping and/or accounting duties to contact him or Eaves as well.

Catherine DeRoek



Mrs. Catherine Edna DeRoek, 96, of Keystone Heights, passed away at her home Tuesday, May 2, 2023. She was born Aug. 17, 1926, in Chicago, Illinois to Charles and Frances (Dion) Morrissey. She was a retired accountant for the City of Glenwood Springs in Colorado and was of the Catholic faith. She also enjoyed reading and volunteered many hours, assisting reading teachers for her great-grandson’s school. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 20 years, Leonard DeRoek.

Her survivors are children, Leonard (Patricia) DeRoek of Georgia, Connie (Marvin) Wilmot of Colorado, Mary (David) Gonzales of Florida, Lucy (Michael) Krause of Keystone Heights, John DeRoek of Colorado, and Eileen (Robert) Parker of Florida. Also left behind are two brothers, Ed Morrissey and Patrick Morrissey, both of Illinois. She was lovingly called ‘Nana’ by several grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; and great-great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, May 27, at her home. Interment will be at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Illinois at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the American Cancer Society to help fight Breast Cancer.

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

Janet McKinney



Mrs. Janet “Jeanie” Davis McKinney, 94, a longtime resident of the Starke and Keystone Heights area passed away Friday, May 5, 2023, at Roberts Care Center in Palatka. She was born Oct. 24, 1928, in Jacksonville to Joe and Opal (Sapp) Davis. She retired from the Duval County Property Appraisers office as the first female draftsman in Duval County. She was a longtime member of Trinity Baptist Church, Eastern Star, and the Senior Dance Club. She enjoyed oil painting and being outside working in the yard and the garden, but, most of all, she enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 52 years, Clinton Orville “C.O.” McKinney; and daughter-in-law, Lola McKinney.

Her survivors are three children, Deborah M. (Thomas) Johnson of Satsuma, Benjamin J. McKinney of Starke, and Victoria J. (Gordon) Bartholf of Midway, Georgia. She was lovingly called “Mee-maw” by nine grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, May 12, at the DeWitt C Jones Chapel with Pastor Scott Stanland officiating. Interment will follow at Hope Baptist Church Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Trinity Baptist Church for their Music Ministry.

Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 620 E. Nona St., Starke, 32091. 904-964-6200. www.jonesgallagherfh.com.
PAID OBITUARY

Barbara Reed

Mrs Barbara Marks Reed, 80 of Starke, passed away on Wednesday, May 3, 2023, at Shands Hospital at the University of Florida in Gainesville. She was a lifelong resident of Bradford County and a member of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church. She attended the local schools of Bradford County. She graduated from college and earned an associate’s degree and was of the Baptist faith. She served within the church choir, on the Usher Board, as Mother of the Church, and was a past Matron of the Heroines of Jericho Ruth Court #18 Starke.

She is survived by her sons, Quantavian Reed and Toddrecke Reed; daughters, Janett Heidelberg and Shi’Rena Reed; brothers: Tom Marks Jr. and Steven Marks; sisters, Gail Stockton and Maria Marks; and a host of grandchildren, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and sorrowing friends.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 13, at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. Alvin Green, Eulogist, conducting the services (no viewing at the church). Interment will be held at Oddfellow Cemetery, Starke, under the direction of Haile Funeral Home Inc., 802 N. Oak St., Starke, 32091, 904-964-7905. Visitation will be held on Friday, May 12, from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. at the Carl D. Haile Memorial Chapel/Haile Funeral Home Inc. The Cortege will form at the residence of Mrs. Barabra Marks Reed at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 13. There will be a viewing at the cemetery prior to the committal on Saturday.

PAID OBITUARY

Wallace Smith

Wallace “Wally” Nelson Smith, 72, of Keystone Heights died Wednesday, May 3, 2023, at St. Vincent’s Clay in Middleburg.

Survivors are his wife, Kathleen (Lecas) Smith, of Keystone Heights; children, Tiffany (York) Pasanen, Kristen (Rick) Waychoff, and Troy (Brittany) Smith; and many extended family members.

Graveside services were held Saturday, May 6, with his nephew, Rev. Corey Smith, officiating. Interment followed at the Smith Family Cemetery.

Arrangements were under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 340 E. Walker Drive, Keystone Heights, 32656. 352-473-3176. www.jonesgallagherfh.com

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Welding is the joining of two elements.

The Welding Technology program at North Florida Technical College results in the joining of two elements as well — knowledge and hands-on experience — with the result being a person who’s ready to enter a high-demand career field.

“All of the students who come out of here pretty well have a job, whether it’s in the welding field or something else,” said Mark Geiger, who’s taught the program for 20 years.

Students learn more than just welding, however. It’s one thing to have the skills that make you attractive to an employer. It’s another to possess the other qualities that go into making someone an ideal employee.

“This program works on job skills as a whole,” Geiger said. “Every day you’re here, you’re learning more employability skills.”

A student never knows where those welding and employability skills will take them. Jason Hunt, for example, went to work for a private company in Afghanistan



Eli Stewart performs a virtual weld, thanks to new equipment that, as instructor Jason Hunt says, allows students to train without the “sparks and arcs” and perfect their techniques before attempting to weld for real. Photo by Cliff Smelley.

after his time at NFTC.

Now, Hunt has returned to NFTC to serve as co-teacher with Geiger.

“I am here because I believe in the program,” Hunt said, adding, “The idea here is to get a job and support your family.”

Hunt said NFTC is a great place to go to get that welding job, mentioning the fact that it employs an instructor in Geiger who not only has 20 years of teaching experience, but also years of managing a welding shop.

Geiger said he’s unlike a lot of instructors in that he’s well-versed on all welding processes, whereas some are only knowledgeable in MIG (metal inert gas) welding, or

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Florida to have record 70-day red snapper season

Gov. Ron DeSantis announced the 2023 Gulf red snapper recreational season, which will total 70 days (46 in the summer, 24 in the fall) — the longest combined season since the state assumed management of red snapper.

Those fishing from private recreational vessels in state and federal waters in the Gulf and charter vessels without a federal

reef fish permit that are limited to fishing in state waters will be able to participate in the 2023 Gulf red snapper season.

“Florida is the fishing capital of the world, and the gulf red snapper season brings anglers from across the country to enjoy our waters,” DeSantis said. “It is a generational tradition for so many who call Florida home. I am happy that 2023 will be

by far the longest combined season since the state assumed management of red snapper.”

The 46-day summer season is June 16-July 31. The 24-day fall season will include all Friday-Sunday weekends in October and November: Oct. 6-8, Oct. 13-15, Oct. 20-22, Oct. 27-29, Nov. 3-5, Nov. 10-12, Nov. 17-19 and Nov. 24-26.

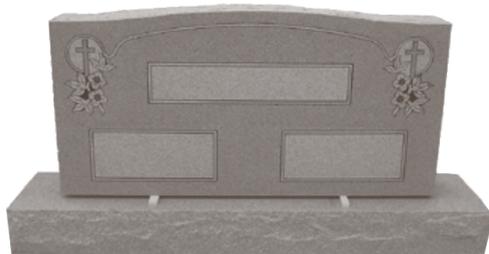
“Gulf red snapper season is one of Florida’s most iconic fishing opportunities, and anglers look forward to it each year,” Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Acting Director Thomas Eason said. “We want

to thank Gov. DeSantis, the legislature and our recreational anglers for their investment in the State Reef Fish Survey that has provided the science to allow these additional days for harvest in Gulf state and federal waters this season.”

If you plan to fish for red snapper in state or federal waters from a private recreational vessel (even if you are exempt from fishing license requirements), you must sign up as a State Reef Fish Angler (annual renewal required) at GoOutdoorsFlorida.com.

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some are only knowledgeable in TIG (tungsten inert gas) welding.

"Well, that's fine and dandy," Geiger said of those instructors, "but it's hard to transfer over to these other processes if you haven't used them. It's hard to train people on something you haven't done."

"I've done all of them. I can assure you of that. If it's in the welding industry, I've done it."

Geiger said NFTC students also benefit from the fact they learn how to maintain and repair their equipment.

"We're probably one of the best at showing the students how to service the equipment, service the welding machines," Geiger said. "It's a plus. I don't know of anybody else who's doing a lot of training on service and taking care of it."

Speaking of equipment, NFTC is keeping up with innovations in education, thanks to the purchase of AugmentedARC virtual machines, which, as Hunt described it, allow students to train without the "sparks and arcs." Hunt said the machines are "super realistic" in that every student's movement affects the weld, just as if he or she were doing it for real in a booth.

The virtual machines will allow students to practice and perfect what they've learned in the classroom. Then, they can go into the shop and weld for real.

In demonstrating one of the machines to a Telegraph-Times-Monitor journalist, Hunt had student Eli Stewart use it for the first time.

"He's never used this at all," Hunt said. "He literally walked up here, welded the same as what he does in the booth, and it wasn't that much different. The difference that he feels is there isn't a resistance here like he would feel in the booth. That's been the only thing that's slightly different."

According to Santa Fe College's Career Coach website, the median salary for welders, cutters, solderers and brazers within 50 miles of the school's Gainesville campus is \$37,834, with 187 annual job openings. Within a 100-mile radius from the college, the median salary is \$41,202, with 853 annual job openings; within 120 miles, the numbers are \$42,505 and 1,326.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported the median salary for welders, cutters, solderers and brazers throughout the U.S. in 2021 was \$47,010. The number of jobs in 2021 was 428,000. The bureau projects a slow rate of growth (2 percent) in jobs between now and 2031.

"There is so much work out there," Geiger said. "If you want to travel, welding is one of the best jobs to have. You can go all over the United States and abroad."

Students who come out of the NFTC program tend to advance quickly, Geiger said, adding, "Our students go right up the ladder when they get a job. They sometimes overly impress the boss or the owner. I've seen them move right up."

Geiger said it's certainly a plus that North Florida Technical College exists, preparing students for jobs, whether they be in welding or something else.

"Some people don't realize

what they have here," Geiger said, adding, "People who need a career — we have one here for

them." To find out more about the Welding Technology program or

North Florida Technical College in general, visit the NFTC campus at 600 N. Orange St.,

call 904-966-6764 or visit the website nftc.edu.

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team's second homer of the night in the bottom of the second. The two-run shot also scored Johntavious Cook, who hit a single to lead off the inning.

Union couldn't keep up its

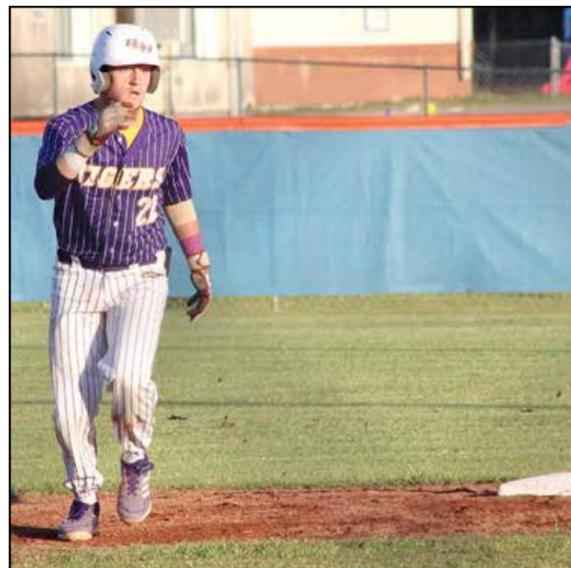
early success as Lafayette relief pitcher Richardson held the Tigers to three hits in the final six innings. Lee's single in the top of the fourth was Union's only hit after the second inning.

The Hornets scored four runs in the third to take the lead and end the scoring for the game. Richardson reached on an error

to lead off the inning. Garret Taylor walked before Coen Severance and Cook hit back-to-back RBI singles. Mock walked to load the bases before Union, with two outs, committed an error on a throw to second after a ground ball hit by Jenkins. Two runs scored to put the Hornets up 9-8.

From there, it was stellar effort from both teams' relievers. Ethan Moody, who replaced starter Lee on the mound in the third, gave up no earned runs and four hits, while striking out five.

Bonsall (2 for 3) and Elixson (2 for 4) had all but three of the Tigers' hits.



Blake Agner rounds second after hitting a two-run double in the first inning.



ABOVE: Third baseman Tre'Von Lee settles under a foul pop-up.

LEFT: Preston Bonsall went 2 for 3 with two RBI. He drove in the Tigers' final run in the top of the second, which put them up 8-3.

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Bradford County School District
Office
501 West Washington Street,
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POLICY NUMBER: 5.030+
POLICY TITLE: Student Assignment
PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The
School Board shall establish
residential attendance zones for each
school based

SUMMARY: REVISION: The
Superintendent may assign a student to
any district school or educational
program if it is in the best interest of the
school district.

POLICY NUMBER: 5.032
POLICY TITLE: School Zone
Boundary Descriptions

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The
purpose of this policy is to make
aware of the school zone of where
one resides.

SUMMARY: NEW: The policy explains
in detail the School Boundaries
for, Bradford Elementary, Lawtey
Elementary and Starke Elementary
Schools.

POLICY NUMBER: 5.150*
POLICY TITLE: Administration of
Medication

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: Awareness
of Opioid Antagonist Naloxone
("Narcan")

SUMMARY: REVISION: Adding the
Ability for schools to maintain and
dispense Narcan. Policy is required
but the Narcan language is district
choice.

POLICY NUMBER: 5.190*+
POLICY TITLE: Student Records

POLICY NUMBER: 6.451
POLICY TITLE: Drug Free Workplace

- Pre-Employment Drug Screening
PURPOSE AND EFFECT: An effort
to meet its commitment to provide
children with a quality education and
eliminate future substance abuse
related costs from its operation.

SUMMARY: REVISION: General
review and corrections to the last
update.

POLICY NUMBER: 7.170*
POLICY TITLE: Authorized Travel
Expenses

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: Addresses
travel for officers and employees of
the school board and reimbursement

SUMMARY: REVISION: To establish
the maximum rate established by
Florida Statutes for public employees

POLICY NUMBER: 7.400*#
POLICY TITLE: Online Educational
Services Agreement /Contracts

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The
district is committed to maintaining
the privacy and security of student
data and teacher and principal data
and will following all applicable laws
and regulations

SUMMARY: REVISION: Pursuant
to Administrative Rule change 6A-
1.0955

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF
ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS
AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:
The School Board has determined
that this policy will not have an
adverse impact on small business
or likely increase directly or indirectly
regulatory costs in excess of
\$200,000 in the aggregate within
one year after the implementation of
the policy. A statement of estimated
regulatory costs ("SERC") has not
been prepared by the School Board.
The School Board has determined
that the proposed policy is not
expected to require legislative
ratification based on no SERC being
required at this time by F.S. 120.54 or
F.S. 120.541. In the event a SERC
becomes required, the School Board
will promptly prepare one.

Any person who wishes to provide
information regarding the statement
of estimated regulatory costs, or to
provide a proposal for a lower cost
regulatory alternative must do so in
writing within 21 days of this notice.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY:
1001.41, 1001.42, F.S.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED
REGARDING THE PROPOSED
RULE IS: For information regarding
the proposed rule, how to present
evidence and argument as to the
proposed rule, and how to obtain a
copy (at no charge) of the proposed
rule, please contact: Lila Sellars,
sellars.lila@mybradford.us and 904-
966-6018. Any request to present
evidence and argument must be
received within twenty-one (21) days
after the date of this notice.

DATE AND PLACE OF THE NOTICE
OF RULE DEVELOPMENT: April 10,
2023, 5:00 P.M. Bradford County
School District Office 501 West
Washington Street, Starke Florida
32091

All policies can be found on the
Bradford County School District web
page @ www.bradfordschools.org -
School Board - Agenda tab

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
A HEARING REGARDING THE
BELOW RULE WILL BE HELD
May 15, 2023
5:01 P.M.

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

TITLE: Redistricting Map "D2"
PURPOSE: To stay in compliance
per statute. It is required to Redistrict
every 10 years. The School Board and
The Bradford County Commissioners

met and work together during
scheduled workshops creating a map
that would represent the residents of
Bradford County fair and equally in
each district.

DATE AND PLACE OF THE NOTICE
OF RULE DEVELOPMENT: April 10,
2023, 5:00 P.M. Bradford County
School District Office 501 West
Washington Street, Starke Florida
32091

Between the Bradford county
Commissioners and The Bradford
County School Board -Redistricting
Map "D2"

The map can be found on the
Bradford County School District web
page @
www.bradfordschools.org - School
Board - Agenda tab

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AMENDED NOTICE OF
APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

Certificate Number: 902
Year of Issuance: 2020
Parcel Number: 04318-0-00300
Case Number: 04-2023-TD-0005

Description of Property: North one-
half of Lot 3 of Block 5 Lincoln City in
S1/2 of SE1/4 W of Ry., Sec. 32 Twp.
6 S.R. 22 E. (Per Warranty Deed
recorded in Deed Book 60, Page 373)

South one-half of Lot 3 of Block 5
Lincoln City in S1/2 of SE1/4 W of
Ry., Sec. 32 Twp. 6 S.R., 22 E. (Per
Warranty Deed recorded in Deed
Book 48, Page 354)

Name in Which Assessed: ALBERTA
COLLINS

Name on last tax roll, if different:
COLLINS ALBERTA EST

All of said property being in the
County of Bradford, State of Florida.
Unless such certificate or certificates
shall be redeemed according to
law the property described in such
certificate or certificates will be sold to
the highest bidder at the BRADFORD
COUNTY COURTHOUSE, STARKE,
FL on 06/14/2023, at 11:00 AM, or
any subsequently scheduled sale
date,

Denny Thompson,
Clerk Of The Circuit Court
Bradford County, Florida

BY: L Brannon
LISA BRANNON, Deputy Clerk

DATED: April 17, 2023
DATE OF PUBLICATION: APRIL 20
2023, APRIL 27 2023, MAY 4, 2023,
MAY 11 2023

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND
FOR BRADFORD COUNTY
CASE NO.: 2022-CP-000015

PROBATE DIVISION
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
FREDERICK R. PHILLIPS,
DECEASED

FORMAL NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of
FREDERICK R. PHILLIPS deceased,
whose date of death was August 20,
2021, is pending in the Circuit Court
For Bradford County, Florida, Probate
Division, the address of which is 4779
SE 109th Street, Starke, FL 32091 to-
wit:

A parcel of land containing 1.08 acres,
more or less, and lying in the SE1/4 of
Section 20, Township South, Range
22 East, Bradford County, Florida,
said parcel being more particularly
described in Exhibit A attached.
Parcel Indication Number: 04943-0-
00405.

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
DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF
THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN
THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH
IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE
FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE
FOREVER BARRED.

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

The date of first publication of this
notice is April 27, 2023.

CHARLES DANIEL SIKES
817 W. MacMahon Street
Starke, Florida 32091

Email: dan.sikes30@gmail.com
(904) 964-2020

Florida Bar No: 0886858
Attorney for Petitioner
Tina Phillips
Personal Representative

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

FILE NO.: 04-23-CP-037

In re: THE ESTATE OF
NANCY JOYCE MOODY,
also known as JOYCE M. MOODY,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of
Nancy Joyce Moody, also known as
Joyce M. Moody, deceased, whose
date of death was March 10, 2023,
and whose Social Security Number is
***-**-8121, is pending in the Circuit
Court for Bradford County, Florida,
Probate Division, the address of which
is Bradford County Courthouse, 945
N Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida
32091. The name and address of the
personal representative and the
personal representative's attorney
are set forth below.

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

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WITHIN
THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH
IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE
FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE
FOREVER BARRED.

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

The date of the first publication of this
Notice is May 4, 2023.

Personal Representatives:
Timothy T. Moody
6056 SW 150th Street
Starke, Florida 32091

Jeffrey S. Moody
6001 Millhopper Road
Gainesville, Florida 32653

Attorneys for Personal
Representatives:
TAYLOR ARRUBLA HARDWICK P.A.

By /s/ Jennifer T. Arrubla
James J. Taylor Jr.
Florida Bar No. 334057

Jennifer T. Arrubla
Florida Bar No. 98904

420 S. Lawrence Blvd.
Keystone Heights, Florida 32656

Primary Email: Jennifer@tah-law.
com

Secondary Email:
Jim@tah-law.com

Kim@tah-law.com
352-473-8088 (telephone)

352-473-8161 (facsimile)

Attorneys for the Personal
Representatives

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
BRADFORD COUNTY FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION

File Number: 2023-CP-000003

IN RE: ESTATE OF
Sterling Ross Peugh
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of
STERLING ROSS PEUGH,
deceased, whose date of death was
JULY 21, 2022, is pending in the
Circuit Court for BRADFORD County,
Florida, Probate Division, the address
of which is 945 N. Temple Ave., Starke
FL 32091. The names and addresses
of the personal representative and
the personal representative's
attorney are set forth below.

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

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN
THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH
IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE
FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE
FOREVER BARRED.

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

The date of first publication of this
notice is: May 4, 2023.

Attorney for Personal Representative
ANDREW DICKMAN, Esq.
Florida Bar No. 0238820

DICKMAN LAW FIRM
P.O. Box 111868
Naples, FL 34108

T: 239.434.0840 / F: 239.434.0940
andrew@dickmanlawfirm.org
service@dickmanlawfirm.org

Personal Representative
STERLING ROSS PEUGH, JR.
14168 NE CR 199
Raiford, FL 32083

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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 17th day of May;
2023 and continuing day to day
thereafter until sold: the household
goods and misc. contents of the
following:

01050 Antarial Hill
0J077 Valaria O'Neal

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN
AND

FOR BRADFORD COUNTY,
FLORIDA

CASE NO. 22000273CAAXMX
AMERIHOM MORTGAGE
COMPANY, LLC;
Plaintiff,

VS.
JOHN A. RUEBER, ET.AL;
Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE
(BRADFORD CO TELEGRAPH INC)

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in
accordance with the Final Judgment
of Foreclosure dated March 22, 2023,
in the above-styled cause, I will sell to
the highest and best bidder for cash
beginning at 11:00 AM at Bradford
County Courthouse, in the LOBBY
of the Bradford County Courthouse,
945 North Temple Avenue, Starke,
FL 32091, on May 25, 2023, the
following described property:

A parcel of land lying in the SW 1/4
of the NE 1/4 of Section 2, Township
6 South, Range 21 East, Bradford
County, Florida; said parcel being
more particularly described as
follows:

Commence at the SW corner of said
SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 and run North
0°06'30" West, along the Westerly
boundary thereof, 528.15 feet to the
Northwesterly boundary of the right
of way of State Road 229; thence
South 53°32'30" East, along said
Northwesterly boundary, 322.4 feet to
an iron stake for point of beginning.

From point of beginning thus
described continue South 53°32'30"
East, along said Northwesterly
boundary, 299.2 feet to a concrete
monument located at the beginning
of a curve concave to the Southeast
and having a radius of 5779.65 feet;
thence in a Southeasterly direction,
along said Northwesterly boundary
and along arc of said curve, 44.25
feet as measured along a chord
having a bearing of South 53°19'20"
East; thence North 34°34'30" East,
249.68 feet to an iron stake; thence
North 24°00'30" East, 308 feet to an
iron stake; thence North 68°20'30"
West, 263.15 feet to an iron stake;
thence South 38°10'30" West, 483
feet to Point of Beginning.

Property Address: 9377 NW COUNTY
ROAD 229, STARKE, FL 32091

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and
correct copy of the foregoing was
delivered via US Mail and/or Federal
Express this 26th day of April, 2023,
to the following

Andrew Arias, Esq. FBN: 89501
Attorneys for Plaintiff

Marinosci Law Group, P.C.
100 West Cypress Creek Road, Suite
1045

Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309
Phone: (954) 644-8704; Fax: (954)
772-9601

ServiceFL@mlg-defaultlaw.com
ServiceFL2@mlg-defaultlaw.com

Copies to:
MARINOSCI LAW GROUP, P.C.
Attorney for the Plaintiff

100 WEST CYPRESS CREEK
ROAD, STE 1045
FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33309

Telephone: (954) 644-8704; Fax:
(954) 772-9601

ServiceFL@mlg-defaultlaw.com
ServiceFL2@mlg-defaultlaw.com

JOHN A. RUEBER
(PUB'D)

UNKNOWN TENANTS
9377 NW COUNTY ROAD 229
STARKE, FL 32091

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
FILE NO.: 04-2023-CP-36

PROBATE DIVISION
IN RE: ESTATE OF
GASTON GERARD VEZINA,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of
GASTON GERARD VEZINA,
deceased, File Number 04-2023-CP-
36, is pending in the Circuit Court
for Bradford County, Florida, Probate
Division, the address of which is 945
Temple Ave., Starke, Florida 32091.
The names and addresses of the
personal representative and the
personal representative's attorney
are set forth below.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE
NOTIFIED THAT:

All creditors of the decedent and other
persons having claims or demands
against decedent's Estate,
including unmaturred, contingent or
unliquidated claims, on whom a
copy of this Notice is served must file
their claims with this Court WITHIN
THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS
AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST
PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR
THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE
OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS
NOTICE ON THEM.

All creditors of the decedent and other
persons having claims or demands
against decedent's Estate,
including unmaturred, contingent or
unliquidated claims, must file their
claims with this Court
WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS
AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST
PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL
BE FOREVER BARRED!
The date of the first publication of this
Notice is May 4, 2023.

EXECUTED this 2nd day of May,
2023.

PAUL SANDERS, P.A.
Attorney for Petitioner
Florida Bar No.: 557463
115 E. Call St.
Starke, Florida 32091

Telephone: 904/964-2323 |
DANIELLE VEZINA (Petitioner)
161 Coffin Road
Epping, New Hampshire 03042

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY
CASE NO. 04-2023-CA-000053

DENNIS M. ROSATTO,
individually

Plaintiff,
v.

DOUGLAS FORNESS
individually;
UNKNOWN TENANT 1,
Individually; and
UNKNOWN TENANT 2,
Individually,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: DOUGLAS FORNESS whose
last known address is 820 Waikiki Dr,
Meritt Island, FL 32953; and who is
evading service of process and the
unknown defendants who may be
spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees,
assignees, lienors, creditors,
trustees, and all parties claiming an
interest by, through, under or against
the Defendant(s) who are not known
to be dead or alive, and all parties
having or claiming to have any
right, title or interest in the property
described in the mortgage being
foreclosed herein.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED
that an action to FORECLOSE
A MORTGAGE on the following
property in Bradford County, Florida:
Begin at a point 165 feet South of
NE corner of NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 in
Section 24, Township 7 South, Range
21 East, run South 152 feet; thence
West 1459 feet to East R/W line of
SR. 200 (formerly #13); thence N 9°
30' E along said East R/W line of SR.
200, 152 feet; thence East 1432 feet
to the Point of Beginning and lying in
NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 and NW 1/4 of SE
1/4, Section 24, Township 7 South,
Range 21 East, Bradford County,
Florida. Excepting that part of: Begin
at a point 165 feet South of NE corner
of NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 in Section 24,
Township 7 South, Range 21 East,
run South 152 feet; thence West
1459 feet to East right of way line
of State Road #200 (formerly #13),
thence North 9° 30' East along said
East right of way line of State Road
#200, 152 feet; thence East 1432 feet
to Point of Beginning and lying in NE
1/4 of SE 1/4 and NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of
Section 24, Township 7 South, Range
21 East, Bradford County, Florida,
lying Easterly of and within 60 feet
of the survey line of State Road 200,
Section 28010-2502, said survey line
being described as follows: Begin on
the South line of Section 24, Township
7 South, Range 21 East, Bradford
County, Florida, at a point 2033.4
feet West from the Southeast corner
of said Section 24, run thence North
8° 51' 27" East 5420.02 feet to the
beginning of a curve concave to the
Southeast having a radius of 3819.72
feet, run thence Northeasterly along
said curve through an angle of 0°
01' 55" a distance of 2.13 feet to
the North line of said Section 24, at
a point 1036.2 feet West from the
Northeast corner of said Section 24,
exclusive of

existing road right of way
has been filed against you and you
are required to serve a copy of your
written defense, if any, on BRICE
S. SHRADER II, ESQ., Plaintiff's
attorney, whose address is 1085 W.
Morse Blvd, Ste 210, Winter Park,
FL 32789, no later than 30 days from
the date of the first publication of this
Notice of Action and file the original
with the Clerk of this Court either
before service on Plaintiff's attorney
or immediately thereafter, otherwise,
a default will be entered against
you for the relief demanded in the
complaint or petition filed herein.

CHAMPS

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Wagner, a freshman, finished 2 for 3 with four RBI.

“Amber’s struggled,” Marquart said. “She did well. Then, she struggled. Now, she’s doing good again. She actually has made a lot of adjustments

with her swing. It looks really good now.”

Channell said, “She’s got a big bat. I just try to tell her, “Keep your head up.’ Sometimes she gets down on herself mentally, but she’s a good player.”

The Indians scored their final runs with two outs in the fifth. Kinsall and Nattalie both hit RBI singles



Amber Wagner (pictured rounding the bases in the 8-2 semifinal win over Palatka) had four RBI in the championship win.

Madallynn Glinski finished 2 for 3, while Kinsall and Roach each went 2 for 4.

Massey, who pitched her third straight complete game, gave up no walks, with the only hit she allowed occurring on a one-out double in the bottom of the fifth.

“My confidence has really



Alaina Kinsall drove in two runs in the win over Pierson Taylor. She was one of four batters with multiple hits.

been up on the mound, especially with knowing that I have a team that can back me up around me,” Massey said. “I feel like I can pitch strikes and pitch to contact. It doesn’t matter where they hit it. We’ll get outs.”

Marquart said a big part of Massey’s growth this season has

been her believing in herself.

“She’s gained confidence on the mound,” Marquart said. “I think that’s a huge thing for her, especially being a freshman and facing all these tough teams.”

In the three district tournament games, Massey allowed a total of 10 hits and three walks. Only one of the two runs she gave up in those games was earned.

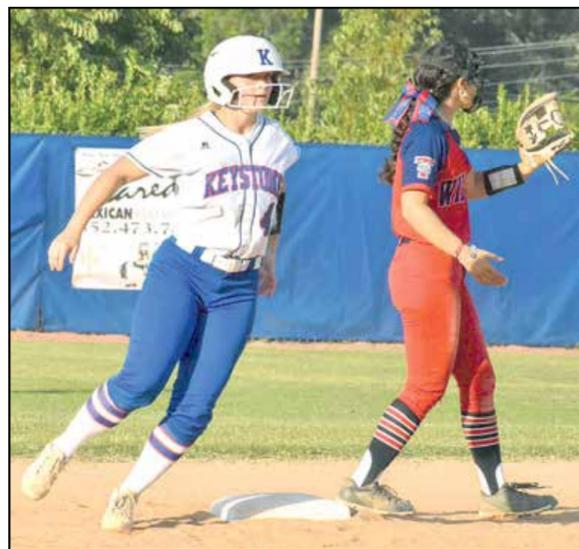
“She’s amazing,” Channell said. “I’ve told her if she keeps working, she’s going to be really good by her senior year.”

As for Channell’s senior

season, Marquart said it has been “rough” with all the losses, which was why she was glad Channell, who received a scholarship to play for Florida Atlantic University, gets to at least go out with a district title.

“I’m glad for her that we could do that,” Marquart said.

Keystone qualified for the regional playoffs for the fifth time in the last seven seasons (not counting the COVID-shortened 2020 season). The Indians advanced past the first round in all but one of those years.



Madallynn Glinski (left) rounds second base. She went 2 for 3 against Pierson Taylor.



Players celebrate the program’s second consecutive district championship.

Legal Notices

Legals for the week of May 11, 2023

BRADFORD

COUNTY ORDINANCE AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROHIBITING SMOKING AND VAPING IN PUBLIC PARKS WITHIN THE COUNTY; AND CREATING SECTIONS 38-1 THROUGH 38-3 OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. 5/11 2tchg 5/18-BCT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: MIRACLE AUTOMOTIVE & TRUCK SERVICE CENTER INC. gives notice that on 05/26/2023 at 12:00 PM the following vehicle(s) may be sold by public sale at 620 N THOMPSON ST to satisfy the lien for the amount owed on each vehicle for any recovery, towing, or storage services charges and administrative fees allowed pursuant to Florida statute 713.78. IFMEU17W13LB54192 2003 FORD. This notification is published in BRADFORD COUNTY TELEGRAPH on 05/11/2023. 5/11 1tchg-BCT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA FILE NO.: 04-2022-CP-23 IN RE: THE ESTATE OF SHARON JEAN SIMS, DECEASED.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS The formal administration of the

estate of SHARON JEAN SIMS, who died on November 19, 2021, is pending in the Circuit Court of Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is the Clerk of the Circuit Court, 945 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, FL 32091. The names and addresses of the PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE and attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the DECEDENT and other persons having claims or demands against the DECEDENT’S estate on whom a copy of this NOTICE is required to be served must file their claims with this COURT WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (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 the DECEDENT’S estate must file their claims with this COURT WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT’S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this NOTICE TO CREDITORS is May 11, 2023.

MELISSA GILLENWATERS-REDDISH PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE 1733 NE 154th Street Starke, FL 32091

Respectfully submitted, VeRonica R. Owens, Attorney at Law, P.A. By: /s/ VeRonica R. Owens, Esq. Fla. Bar No.: 73568 VeRonica@VeRonicaROwens.org 189 South Lawrence Boulevard Keystone Heights, FL 32656 2000 Henley Road, Suite B Middleburg, FL 32068 Telephone: (352) 473-5000 Attorneys for PETITIONER 5/11 2tchg 5/18-BCT

UNION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 8th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No.: 63-2023-DR-0029 Division:

SAVANTE EDWARDS Petitioner, and KELLY KEENE Respondent.

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE (NO CHILD OR FINANCIAL SUPPORT)

TO: KELLY KEENE 10960 SW 103RD STREET, BROOKER, FL 32622 YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for dissolution of marriage has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on SAVANTE EDWARDS whose address is 2657 NE 389TH AVE, OLD TOWN, FL 32680 on or before JUNE 1ST, 2023, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 55 WEST MAIN STREET, ROOM 103, LAKE BUTLER, FL 32054 before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may

be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition. The action is asking the court to decide how the following real or personal property should be divided: {insert “none” or, if applicable, the legal description of real property, a specific description of personal property, and the name of the county in Florida where the property is located} Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court’s office. You may review these documents upon request. You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court’s office notified of your current address. (You may file Designation of Current Mailing and E-Mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e-mailed to the address(es) on record at the clerk’s office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings. Dated: April 28, 2023 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT BY: C. NORMAN Deputy Clerk 5/4 4tchg 5/25-UCT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA 21000045CAAXMX Plaintiff, VS.

UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, SURVIVING SPOUSE, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEE, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY THROUGH UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF HENRY W. FILER, DECEASED, KING SOLOMON GRIGGER; ANTHONY J. FILER; CHARLIE FILER; HAROLD YOUNG; HENRIETTA WILLIAMS; SONYA FILER; ANGELA FILER; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sale will be made pursuant to an Order Resetting Sale entered on May 4, 2023 in Civil Case No. 21000045CAAXMX, of the Circuit Court of the EIGHTH Judicial Circuit in and for Union County, Florida, wherein, CITIMORTGAGE, INC. is the Plaintiff, and UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, SURVIVING SPOUSE, GRANTEES,

ASSIGNEE, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY THROUGH UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF HENRY W. FILER, DECEASED, KING SOLOMON GRIGGER; ANTHONY J. FILER; CHARLIE FILER; HAROLD YOUNG; HENRIETTA WILLIAMS; SONYA FILER; ANGELA FILER; UNKNOWN TENANT #1 N/K/A SHARON WILLIAMS are Defendants. The Clerk of the Court, Kellie Hendricks-Connell will sell to the highest bidder for cash at 55 W Main Street, Lake Butler, FL 32054 on July 13, 2023 at 11:00:00 AM EST the following described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

A PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINING A TOTAL AREA OF 1.2 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LYING, BEING AND SITUATE IN THE NORTH 1/2 OF GOVERNMENT LOT 1, SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 20 EAST, CITY OF LAKE BUTLER, UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID NORTH 1/2 OF GOVERNMENT LOT 1, SECTION 31, AND RUN NORTH 01 DEGREE 45 MINUTES 29 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 31, A DISTANCE OF 63.55 FEET TO THE INTERSECTION WITH THE CENTERLINE OF STATE ROAD NUMBER 121; THENCE CONTINUE RUNNING NORTH 01 DEGREE 45 MINUTES 29 SECONDS WEST, CONTINUING ALONG SAID EAST LINE OF SECTION 31, A DISTANCE OF 143.19 FEET TO A POINT, SAID POINT BEING A DISTANCE OF 1174.66 FEET SOUTHERLY OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 31; THENCE RUN SOUTH 85 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 34 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 19.27 FEET TO THE INTERSECTION WITH THE WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SOUTHEAST 5TH AVENUE (ALSO KNOWN AS EPPERSON STREET) AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED PARCEL OF LAND; THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 12 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SOUTHEAST 5TH AVENUE, A DISTANCE OF 88.35 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 42 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 48 SECONDS WEST, CONTINUING ALONG SAID WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 21.94 FEET TO THE INTERSECTION WITH THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SAID STATE ROAD NUMBER 121; THENCE RUN SOUTH 85 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 48 SECONDS WEST, ALONG SAID NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY

LINE OF STATE ROAD NUMBER 121, A DISTANCE OF 69.06 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 01 DEGREE 45 MINUTES 29 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 103.74 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 85 DEGREES 30. MINUTES 34 SECONDS WEST A. DISTANCE OF 315.00 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 01 DEGREE 45 MINUTES 29 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 105.00 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 85 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 34 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 402.45 FEET TO THE INTERSECTION WITH SAID WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SOUTHEAST 5TH AVENUE; THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 12 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SOUTHEAST 5TH AVENUE, A DISTANCE OF 105.10 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed. WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on May 8th, 2023

CLERK OF THE COURT Kellie Hendricks-Rhoades BY: C. Norman Deputy Clerk ALDRIDGE PITE, LLP Attorney for Plaintiff 5300 West Atlantic Avenue Suite 303 Delray Beach, FL 33484 Telephone: 561-392-6391 Facsimile: 561-392-6965 Primary E-Mail: ServiceMail@aldridgepите.com

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CITY COMMISSION MEETING The City Commission of the City of Lake Butler will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at 6:00 PM in the Commission Chambers at City Hall located at 200 SW 1st St, Lake Butler, FL 32054. 5/11 1tchg-UCT

PUBLIC NOTICE

As provided by Chapter 197 Acts of 1974, notice is given that tangible personal property taxes assessed for the year 2022 are now delinquent and beginning April 1st, such taxes are drawing interest at 18 percent per year plus the proportionate cost of publishing this notice and delinquent cost. Unless the amounts set opposite each name below are paid prior to the 1st day of May, 2024, warrants will be issued thereon and the Tax Collector will apply to the Circuit Court for an order directing levy and seizures of the tangible personal property of the taxpayers for unpaid taxes, penalties and additional cost. The name of delinquent personal property taxpayers and the amounts including the cost of advertising for the first month’s penalty of delinquent cost are as follows:

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05150-000 5 P-0103500 \$436.55 DISCOUNT BEVERAGE JAIMA OF STARKE, LLC 401 W BROWNLEE ST STARKE, FL 32091	06675-000 10 P-0108600 \$596.43 MOSLEY FARMS, INC PO BOX 293 HAMPTON, FL 32044- 0293	08336-000 15 P-0118800 \$322.66 SINGH MARGARET A 3370 SE 136TH ST STARKE, FL 32091	10235-000 20 P-0128800 \$972.88 WORKS OF FL CRACKER UNIT TWO 7845 BAYMEADOWS WAY JACKSONVILLE, FL 32256
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UCHS' Ross qualifies for track and field state finals

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Union County High School's Auntrell Ross earned a berth in the state finals after his performance in the long jump at May 3 Region 1-2A track and

field finals at the University of North Florida.

The top two finishers in each event automatically qualified for state, which will be held Thursday, May 13, at UNF. Ross placed sixth in the long jump with a distance of 21-9, which proved to be good enough to earn an at-large bid. He'll begin competing at the state meet at 2:30 p.m.

Ross was part of another sixth-place finish, as he teamed up with Dayquan Diston, Rayvon Durant and Thomas Williams to run a

time of 43.76 in the 4x100m relay. Ross also competed in the 200m, running a 10th-place time of 22.67.

Girls team member Leah Clark actually had the highest finish for the Tigers, placing fifth in both the 100m and 200m with times of 12.70 and 25.95.

The Tigers had an eighth-place finish in the girls 4100m relay, with Clark, Amia Bethea, Holly Halfacre and Ny'asia Jones running a time of 51.91.

Betha also competed in the

100m, finishing 11th with a time of 13.11.

Rozier is highest finisher for BHS, KHHS at track regionals

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Bradford and Keystone Heights high schools competed in five events at the May 3 Region 1-2A track and field finals at the University of North Florida in Jacksonville, with the Indians' Shepherd Rozier earning the highest finish.

Rozier competed in the 400m, placing eighth with a time of 52.80.

The Indians' Kiersten Shaw was 11th in the high jump, clearing 4-6, while Bradford's Kaelyn Booker was 12th in the

girls 400m with a time of 1:04.

Keystone's Marissa Dowell was 15th in the long jump (13-10.5), while the Tornadoes' Jordan Barton, Krystian Harris, Chayten Sanders and Hayden Starling teamed up for a 16th-place finish in the boys 4x800m (10:25).

Union County to play area's 1st spring football game

Union County High School will host a spring football game against The Villages on Friday, May 12, at 7 p.m.

The teams played each other last spring at The Villages, with the Tigers winning 42-20.

Bradford and Keystone Heights won't play their games until after their Friday, May 19, graduation ceremonies. Keystone will play in a jamboree at Santa

Fe High School on Monday, May 22, at 7 p.m. Santa Fe and Ridgeview will play each other first, followed by Keystone vs. Ridgeview and then Keystone vs. Santa Fe.

Last spring, the Indians played Middleburg, losing 28-6.

Bradford will host Buchholz on Thursday, May 25, at 7 p.m. Head Coach Jamie Rodgers, who's entering his second season, made a successful debut last spring, with the Tornadoes defeating Oakleaf 31-14.

KHHS Blue and White game to be held May 12

Get an early look at the 2023 Keystone Heights High School football team and new Head Coach Steve Reynolds at a Blue-and-White scrimmage, which will be held Friday, May 12, at 6 p.m.

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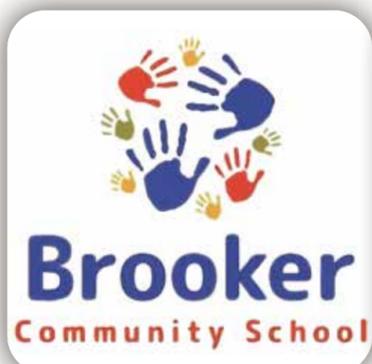
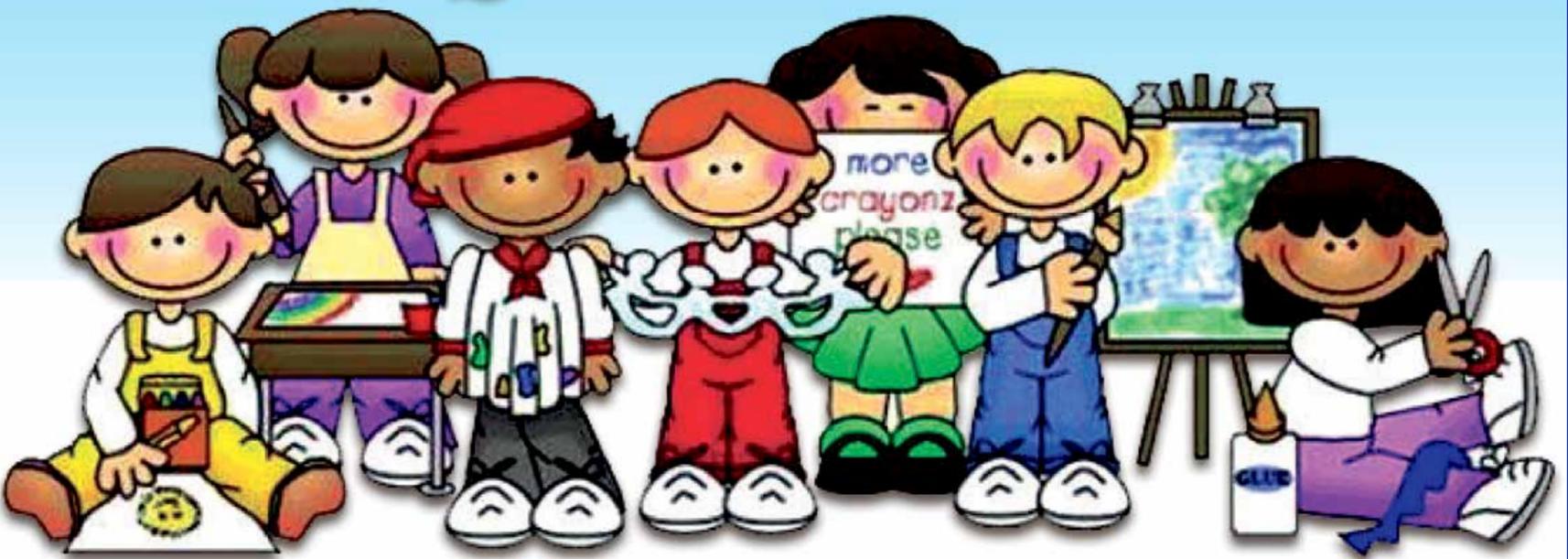
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- ✓ Meet the Teachers
 - ✓ Q & A with Principal Moss
 - ✓ Tour of Kindergarten classroom
- WHEN: Thursday, 5/18/23, 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
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